

# St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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## Confessions

Half an hour before Saturday & Sunday Mass; Other times upon request

First Fridays: 5:30 – 5:50 pm;

First Saturdays: 8:50–9:10 am



**Sunday after the Ascension**  
May 12<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

Sun 12 May	<b>SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION (II)</b> Comm: Ss Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancratius
9:00 am	Low Mass Server: Rocco Oliva
Mon 13 May	<b>St Robert Bellarmine (III)</b>
Tues 14 May	<b>Ferial (IV)</b> Comm: St Boniface of Tarsus
Wed 15 May	<b>St John Baptist de la Salle (III)</b>
10:00 am	Rosary
Thurs 16 May	<b>St Ubald (III)</b>
Fri 17 May	<b>St Pascal Baylon (III)</b>
11:00 am	Low Mass Server: Rocco Oliva
Sat 18 May	<b>Vigil of Pentecost (I)</b>
10:00 am	Low Mass Server: Ian Rayo
Sun 19 May	<b>PENTECOST (I)</b>
9:00 am	Sung Mass Servers: Rocco Oliva, Ian Rayo, Noel Eden, Gabor Matoricz

**Death anniversaries:** Of your charity, please pray for the souls of Santina Maria Pittiglio (10/5/2007) and Fr Carl Pulvermacher OFM Cap (29/5/2006)

**Upcoming Retreats:** Womens 14-19 October 2024.

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**SSPX Pilgrimages 2024:** Various pilgrimages to Europe, Holy Land and Mexico are available from Regina Pilgrimages for 2024. All pilgrimages include the company of an SSPX chaplain who offers daily Holy Mass.

Please visit their website: [www.reginapilgrimages.com/pilgrimages](http://www.reginapilgrimages.com/pilgrimages)

**Harvest Pilgrimage 2024:** St Philomena's Parish Pilgrimage to Italy accompanied by Fr Pepping SSPX. 21 Sept to 2 Oct 2024. Please visit their website: [www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2442](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2442)

From "The Church's Year" by Fr. Leonard Goffine

**EXPLANATION OF THE EPISTLE** The practice of the virtues which St Peter here prescribes for the faithful, is an excellent preparation for the reception of the Holy Ghost, for nothing renders us more worthy of His visit than true love for our neighbor, the good use of God's gifts, and the faithful discharge of the duties of our state of life. Strive, therefore, to practice these virtues and thus make yourself less

unworthy of the gifts of the Holy Ghost. Say daily during the week the following prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, who hast assembled the people of all tongues in unity of faith, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy divine love.

**Why is the Holy Ghost called the Paraclete?** Because He consoles those who suffer persecution for justice' sake, that is, those who are persecuted because of their truly Christian life, their defense of truth and justice whether by word or pen, or by their life, as did the apostles and other saints, who were filled with the greatest and sweetest delight when suffering for Jesus' sake.

**How did the Holy Ghost give testimony of Christ?** Through the apostles and disciples whom He made so eloquent and so courageous that they intrepidly professed and preached Christ to be the Son of God, and the true Messiah. This doctrine He confirmed by astounding miracles, and sealed it by their blood which they shed in its defense. The Holy Ghost still gives testimony of Christ through the Church, that is, the clergy, through whom He speaks, and who must, therefore, be listened to reverently. We must also give testimony of Christ and profess by our lives, by patience in crosses and afflictions that He is our Teacher, our Lord, and our God; for if we do not thus acknowledge Him in this world, He will deny us before His Father in heaven (Mt. 10:33).

**Did the Jews sin in persecuting and putting to death the apostles?** Undoubtedly; for although they erroneously believed they were doing God a service, their ignorance and error were very sinful and deserving of punishment, because they could easily have known and been instructed in the truth. Those Christians who neglect all religious instruction hardly know what is necessary for salvation, and make light of many things which are grievous sins; as also those who are in doubt whether they justly or unjustly possess certain goods, and yet through fear of being compelled to make restitution, neglect to settle the doubt, such are in culpable ignorance.

**What must every Christian know and believe in order to be saved?** That there is but one God, who has created and governs all things; that God is just judge, who rewards the good and punishes the wicked; that there are in the Deity three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; that the Son of God became man for love of us, taught us, and by His death on the cross redeemed us; that the Holy Ghost sanctifies us by His grace, without which we cannot become virtuous or be saved; that man's soul is immortal.

*PETITION:* Send us, O Lord Jesus! the Paraclete, that He may console and strengthen us in all our afflictions. Enlighten us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may learn and live in accordance with the truths of faith. Amen.

## INSTRUCTION ON SCANDAL

*These things have I spoken to you, that you may not be scandalized (Jn. 16:1)*

**How is scandal given?** By speaking, doing or omitting that which will be to others an occasion of sin. Scandal is given in different ways, for instance: if you dress improperly, speak improper words, or sing bad songs, by which you can see that your neighbor will be tempted to think, desire, or act wrongly; or what is worse, if you act sinfully in the presence of others, or bring bad books, books against good morals, or against the holy faith, among people; if you incite others to anger, cursing, and vengeance, or if you prevent them from attending church, the sermon, or catechetical instruction, *etc.* In all these things you become guilty of scandal, as well as of all the sins to which it gives rise. If at the Last Judgement we will be unable to give an account of our own sins, how then can we answer for the innumerable sins caused by the scandal we have given? Therefore Christ pronounces a terrible woe upon those who give scandal. Woe to that man, He says, by whom the scandal cometh! It were better for him, that a millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea (Mt. 18).

**How do parents give scandal?** By giving their children bad example; by excessive anger, cursing and swearing; by avarice, injustice and cheating; by discord and quarrels; by gluttony in eating and drinking; by extravagance and vanity in dress; by sneering at religion, good morals, *etc.*; by not keeping their children from evil company, but sometimes even bringing them into it; by not punishing and endeavoring to eradicate their children's vices. How much parents sin through such scandals, cannot be expressed; at the Day of Judgement their children will be their accusers!

**How do masters give scandal to their servants and those under their care?** In the same way as parents do to their children; by keeping them away from, or not urging them by their own example or command to attend church on Sundays and holydays; by giving them meat on fast-days; by commanding them to do sinful things, such as stealing, injuring others, *etc.*

## INSTRUCTION ON PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST

We should withdraw, after the example of the Blessed Virgin and the apostles, to some solitary place, or at least avoid, intercourse with others, as much as possible; speak but little, and apply ourselves to earnest and persevering prayer; for in solitude God speaks to man. We should purify our conscience by a contrite confession, become reconciled to our neighbor, if we have lived in enmity; for the Holy Ghost, as a spirit of peace and purity, lives only in pure and peaceful souls (Ps. 75:3).

We should give alms according to our means, for it is said in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10) of the Gentile centurion Cornelius, that by prayer and alms-deeds he made himself worthy of the gifts of the Holy Ghost. We should fervently desire to receive the Holy Ghost, and should give expression to this longing by frequent aspirations to God, making use of the prayer: "Come, O Holy Ghost, *etc.*"