

# *St. Michael the Archangel* **Maronite Catholic Church**

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## **7 - 8 November 2020**

**Divine Liturgy Schedule:** Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

**\*As of Sunday November 1, 2020 a 12:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy will be added. (mask mandatory)**

**Daily Liturgy Schedule:** Tuesday through Friday at 9:00 a.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Thursday 9:30 a.m. – to 7:00 p.m. Followed by the Recitation of the Rosary and Eucharistic Benediction.

**The Rosary** is prayed every weekend 30 minutes prior to Liturgy.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** If you wish to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Church Office.

**Mystery of Reconciliation:** In order to provide greater availability, the Mystery of Reconciliation is normally celebrated one half hour before Divine Liturgy, on Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:00 PM and by appointment.

**Mystery of Crowning:** Engaged couples must be registered, active members of the parish. Please make an appointment with the pastor at least six months prior to the requested date of marriage.

**Inquiry Sessions:** For those interested in finding out more about what it means to be Catholic, or seeking information toward the possibility of becoming members of the Catholic Church, please call the Church Office for more information.

**Hospital Calls** – If someone is in the hospital, please call the Church Office to inform Father Paul.

**Parish Trustees:** Lynn Vaughan, Tom Piner, Rick Criste, Don Matheson, Jessica Guerrero, and Mary Joan Fredette-Hahn.

**Ex-officio:** Deacon Chuck VanHeusen

**Knights of Columbus:** William Hoadley

**Church Musicians:** Francis Younger and Lou Mullin

**Financial Advisor:** Warren Hahn

**Ladies Guild:** Mary Joan Fredette-Hahn

**Sacristan:** Ray Miller

## Renewal of the Church

### SUNDAY READINGS:

Hebrews: 9:11 – 15  
 John 10:22 – 42  
 Divine Liturgy begins on page 7

### DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS:

**Saturday 11/7:** In Memory of **Joyce Swinson**

Requested by Blalock Family

**Sunday 11/8:** In Memory of **John Blalock**

Requested by Blalock Family

**Tuesday 11/10:** In Memory of **Frank Reale**

Requested by Marie Reale

**Wednesday 11/11: All Souls**

Requested by Thanh and Han Vo

**Thursday 11/12:** Memory of **Charlie & Eileen Cooper**

Requested by Chris Cooper

**Friday 11/13:** In Memory of **Rita Guzinski**

Requested by Reynolds & Fredette-Hahn families

### READERS

**11/7:** MJ Fredette-Hahn      **11/8:** Marie Reale

**11/14:** Youth                      **11/15:** Youth

**11/21:** Travis Blalock      **11/22:** Steve Kenny

\*Please contact Subdeacon Ron Foster (910) 818-8682 with preferred dates to read for the month of November.

### GREETERS AND USHERS SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Knights of Columbus  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Ladies Guild  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Youth of Parish  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Volunteer

### GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory/honor of someone for a \$25 donation.

### NOVEMBER GIFT OF THANKSGIVING

For a Special Intention Requested by Bert Andres

### SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF 2020

#### November 7th-8th - Maronite Patriarchal Charities

November 29th - Catholic University of America  
 December 13th - Catholic Home Missions Appeal  
 December 25th - Pastors Collection

<b>Yard Sale income to date</b>	<b>\$ 695.00</b>
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 2,788.00</b>
<b>Fuel Fund</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 96.00</b>
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 2,884.00</b>
<b>God Bless You for your support.</b>	

### 12:30 MASS ON SUNDAY

As of Sunday November 1, a temporary 12:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy will be added to accommodate the growing attendance. We are looking to keep all of you safe. Wearing a mask is mandatory during this mass. No EXCEPTIONS allowed.

### LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK & HALL

Every Sunday Divine Liturgy is being live-streamed in the Social Hall to help families who may need to take their little ones out of the Church for a time and for social distancing.

### ADORATION

Spend some time with our Lord in **Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 9:30am till 7:30pm** (recitation of the Rosary and Benediction begins at 7:00 PM).

*"We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfume, and we will undoubtedly regain our strength."* ~ **St. Padre Pio**

### PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Lucy Zahran thru the church office with all prayer requests.  
 ~ Let us pray for all who have called in to the prayer chain. May they have healing of body and soul.

### VOCATION CHALICE

**11/7:** Volunteer                      **11/8:** Jess & CJ Guerrero  
**11/14:** Volunteer                      **11/15:** Travis Blalock  
**11/21:** Volunteer                      **11/22:** Stoeckleys

\*Now, more than ever, the Church is in need of young men and women eager to commit their lives to serving the Church through the priesthood and religious life. As you know, this can-not be accomplished without prayer. Please consider taking the Vocation Chalice in-to your home. Saturday Liturgy is by volunteer, and to sign-up for Sunday please contact Ingrid Franklin at 910.867.8090.

### SAINTS ON VOCATION

*"GOD has not called me to be SUCCESSFUL. He called me to be FAITHFUL."*  
 ~ **St. Teresa of Calcutta**

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS, OUR SISTERS, AND FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD, RELIGIOUS LIFE AND OTHER MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday November 7th 10am-2pm and Sunday November 8th 11:30 am-1pm- FALL USED BOOK FAIR.** See flyer.

POC: MJ Fredette-Hahn 910-303-1732.

**Sunday November 8th at Noon – LADIES GUILD Meeting.** POC: MJ Fredette-Hahn 910-303-1732.

**Sunday November 8th at 5PM - MYO Meeting.** POC: Marie VanHeusen 910-988-3499

**IMPORTANT ALERT**

Several St Michael’s parishioners have received text messages that say they are from Fr. Paul asking for help. These are scam messages! Do not respond and report them to your phone carrier and the authorities!

**ST. JOSEPH BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Volunteers are needed** to help maintain and care for our buildings and grounds. Are you able to help? Please contact Deacon Chuck (910) 988-2421. Many varied tasks available, as much or as little as you can do in support of our Parish Family. *Many hands make the load light!* Thank you for your help, in whatever capacity you are able!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP:**

**Religious Ed** (3yr olds - 8th graders) is held every Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30pm.

**The Adult Discussion Group**, led by Deacon Chuck, also meets Wednesdays during Religious Education, all adults welcome!

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Plans have begun for a Christmas Pageant. This year we will be hosting a pageant of the Birth of Our Lord **Friday December 18th** so that more children can participate. There will be some rehearsals and costume preparation throughout November and early December. We welcome help from any parishioners as we prepare all our props costumes and music for this event. Call Marie 910-988-3499.

**BIRTHDAYS - NOVEMBER**

Ray Miller, Dean Venditti, Madison House, Dawn Hurley, Oliver Chapman, Lauri Mon-sour, Kathryn Monsour, Claire Chapman, Braxton VanWy, Greg Goulet, Ishod Nesbitt, Charlotte and Nicole Levine, Albert Andres, Susan Fiden Andrew Impson, Jess Guerrero, Chris Cooper, Zach Parkhurst, Colin Kenny, Marie VanHeusen Ryker VanWy

**ANNIVERSARIES - NOVEMBER**

Rick and Elizabeth Butcher, Phil and Emma Montaldo, Aniel and Angelique Comlan, Jake and Krista Lang, Tom and Shelia Delahunty, Justin and Anne Marie Ducote.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD CARDS**

The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations for Food Gift Cards. The Knights purchase \$35.00 cards from Carlie C’s IGA. The cards are distributed among the needy in the Parish, to Catholic Charities, and to Urban Ministries. Contact Bill Hoadley (910-574-0311) or Chris Cooper (910-850-4841) to make a donation. If you are writing a check make it payable to; **St Michael Church.**

**RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH**

This year we celebrate two Sundays of the Church, last week Consecration of the Church and this week Renewal of the Church.

Although not a liturgical “season” as such, these Sundays begin the Liturgical Year by focusing on the Church. It is a time when, as the Gospels focus on the Jewish Temple and Jesus as the New Temple (see John 2:19), we are asked to renew our lives and re-consecrate ourselves to Christ and his life of redemption. We also remember that in the Universal Church we are members of an Eastern Tradition. It is a fitting (liturgical) New Year’s beginning. In the cycle of the Lectionary (Qurbano) this annual commemoration focuses on the Assembly of Believers, in which faith is found and the Catholic Faith is practiced.

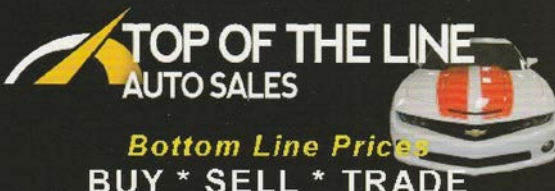


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## **Why the Church wants us to pray for the repose of the Souls in Purgatory?**

The theological doctrine of the “Communion of Saints” reminds us of the union of the faithful on earth (Church Militant) with the blessed in Heaven (Church Triumphant) and the Souls in Purgatory (Suffering Church). It includes our loved ones and all those throughout the world who have gone before us on their journeys toward the Heavenly Jerusalem: those who during their lives on earth hungered and thirsted for holiness and fought the good fight of faith.

The Second Vatican Council said: *“Very much aware of the bonds linking the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Pilgrim Church from the very first ages of the Christian religion has cultivated with great piety the memory of the dead. Because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from sins, she has always offered prayers for them.”* Then it says, *“This most sacred Synod accepts with great devotion the venerable faith of our ancestors regarding this vital fellowship with our brethren who are in heavenly glory or who are still being purified after death. It proposes again the decrees of the Second Council of Nicea, the Council of Florence and the Council of Trent.”*

On their way to Heaven, some souls may have to spend a while in Purgatory. The word purgatory is from the Latin verb *purgare* which means to “cleanse” or to “purify”. Purgatory is a state where souls suffer for a time after death on account of their sins. In other words, it is for the souls stained or spotted with venial sins which have not been forgiven during earthly life and for souls which still have temporal punishment to undergo for mortal sins which have been forgiven in this life.

**Yesterday is history, Tomorrow is a mystery, Today is a gift.**

**That's why it's called: The Present.**

If we pray for someone who is already in Heaven, God will use our prayers for other souls in need of prayer. There are, indeed, many deceased who have no one to pray for them. The souls in Purgatory are called *Poor Souls* because they stand in need of our help. They are also called *Holy Souls* because they are in a state of grace; they sin no more and they are sure of their salvation. They realize that nothing spotted or unclean can enter the pure white presence of the ALL-HOLY God. They accept their suffering with resignation to the will of God. Our Christian charity urges us to pray to God, the loving Father, to grant all our brothers and sisters who have left this world refreshment, light and peace. The Souls in Purgatory cannot pray to shorten the time of their *purification*. However, they can pray and offer their pain for the souls on earth. How long the souls remain in Purgatory depends on their guilt and the assistance we send them. The Church recommends various ways to help the Souls in Purgatory, including the Divine Liturgy (first and foremost); communion; almsgiving; charitable works; penance; mortification; indulgences; and all kinds of prayers, private or public. Some people become upset when they hear that their loved ones can be suffering in Purgatory. But the intense pains in Purgatory are mingled with intense joys. How joy can exist amid torment and pain is something of a mystery. There is mystery in the case of the martyrs who felt a sense of peace and joy beyond expression in their most terrible tortures. There is mystery in the case of the mother who, during delivery, endures the suffering of childbirth with the joy of giving life to her tiny loved one. If suffering and happiness can be mingled here on earth, how much more harmoniously can they be mingled in that other life of waiting for God? We pray for the Souls in Purgatory because they cannot pray for themselves. However, they can pray and offer their suffering for those on earth, and when they are in Heaven they see that those who have prayed for them are rewarded.

# ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL CHURCH FALL BOOK FAIR !

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