



St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church

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**A Community of Prayer,
Love and Fellowship.
We Welcome You!**

“The Eastern Churches are the treasures of the Catholic Church” Saint John XXIII

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

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Tuesday of Month 6:30 p.m. Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

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 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 Sam.

Parish Trustees: Chairperson – Lynn Vaughan, **Members:** Eileen Hicks, Dr. John Handley, Mary Joan Fredette-Hahn, and Michael Gamble. Ex-officio: Subdeacons Ron Foster and Chuck VanHuesen.

Knights of Columbus: William Hoadley **Ladies Guild:** Marie Reale

Youth Advisors: Chuck and Marie VanHeusen **Altar Guild:** Betty Morgan

Young Adult Advisor: Michael Gamble **Sacristan:** Ray Miller **Organist/Choir Dir:** Francis Younger

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK
SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD
DECEMBER 5-6, 2015

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sat. December 5 5:00 p.m. +Linda Lewis – 40-Day Mass.
Sun. December 6 10:30 a.m. +Leonard “Shelby” Kannan by Carol & Chris Kannan.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)

Readings: Heb. 7:11-17; Luke 11:27-32; Liturgy begins on page 454.

Mon. December 7 6:30 p.m. (Vigil) +Ralph W. VanHeusen by Chuck & Marie VanHeusen.
Tue. December 8 12 Noon +Jim Rorke by Mary Rorke.
Wed. December 9 9:00 a.m. +George VanHeusen by Chuck & Marie VanHeusen.
Thu. December 10 9:00 a.m. +Juanna, Lacson, Maxima, Pineda and Salpicio Torres
by Martes & Greg Torres-Goulet.
Fri. December 11 9:00 a.m. +Juanna, Lacson, Maxima, Pineda and Salpicio Torres
by Martes & Greg Torres-Goulet.

DECEMBER 12-13, 2015

REVELATION TO JOSEPH

Readings: Eph. 3:1-13; MT 1:18-25; Liturgy begins on page 57.

Sat. December 12 2:00 p.m. Parade of Saints & Blessing of Baptismal Font.
Sun. December 13 10:30 a.m. Parish Family: Living and +Deceased.

Tithes & Offerings	(2 weeks)	\$3,985.00
Candles		83.00
Fuel		<u>94.00</u>
		\$3,162.00

Building Fund (Restricted): \$55.00

God Bless You for Your Support

SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE – DECEMBER

In Memory of Jack & Gladys & David & Florence & Linda Lewis.

VOCATIONS CHALICE

	Saturday		Sunday
Dec 5	The VanHeusens	Dec 6	Mary Louise Barefoot
Dec 12	John Handley	Dec 13	Ed Baez
Dec 19	The Cristes	Dec 20	Francis Younger
Dec 26	Mary Rorke	Dec 27	Chris Cooper

READERS – Contact Subdeacon Ron Foster (910) 818-8682.

LOVE LUNCH: First Wednesday at the Salvation Army on Alexander Street.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: First Sunday at 12 Noon. Contact Grand Knight William Hoadley at (910) 867-1010.

ST. MICHAEL LADIES GUILD MEETING: Second Sunday at 12 Noon. Contact President Marie Reale at (910) 723-1093.

USHERS & GREETERS – DECEMBER: Zahran & Susan Zahran.

REFRESHMENTS – DECEMBER: Marie Reale and Lucy Zahran.

ROSARY is prayed every 2nd weekend of the month 30 minutes prior to Liturgy.

BIRTHDAYS – DECEMBER: Jimmy Monsour, John Page, Bill Hoadley, Chris Kropik, Tom Delahunty, John Thetford, Don Matheson, Tom Piner, Carol Kannan, Teresa Piner, Declyn Hurley, Steve Berti, Alexis Rager, Henry Phillips, David Librande, Padraic Kenny, Erica Talley, Heather Talley, Laura Mortensen, Ian Weiser, and Ryan Palmer.

ANNIVERSARIES – DECEMBER: Zahran & Susan Holt; Ron & Wanda Foster, and William & Susan Fiden.

+IN MEMORIAM – DECEMBER: Jim Rorke, Ingrid Novack, Shelby Kannan, Lucy Zahran, Bobby Kozma, Juliet Zahran, Stephen Fredette, Jim Reale, and Ingrid Handley.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS WHO ARE DEPLOYED& THOSE IN UNIFORM:

Chaplain Tim Meier, Peter Shamatta, Neil Milan, Edwin G. Rosales, C.J. Guerrero, Scott Miller, and Robert Roccio.

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES: St. Michael’s has been asked to contribute 32 oz. jars of jams or jellies and sample size personal toiletry items. Please place your items in the basket located at the entrance to the Church.

PRAYER CHAIN: Contact for the prayer chain is Lucy Zahran at 910-868-1147.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE AT HOME AND IN HOSPITALS: Pray for all who have called in to the prayer chain. May they have a speedy recovery.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office. Adult discussion group continues at the same time.

TEXTING IN CHURCH: You got the message about **TEXTING** during Liturgy. My promise to post names in the bulletin still stands.

RELIGIOUS GOOD STORE: The Ladies Guild has opened a religious goods corner in the parish hall. The inventory is limited but the items have been requested in the past, so they decided to stock on a limited basis. Special orders are also available. Please see any of the ladies or Fr. Sam.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR MARONITE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – 2016: Our Youth & Young Adults are involved in fundraisers and sponsorships for their trip to Poland next year for World Youth Day 2016 with Pope Francis. Each is required to contribute \$1,000 per person for their portion of the trip. Also, required is they must be active in the Youth/Young Adult groups and be present for all fundraisers. Thank you in advance for your support.

CHRISTMAS TABLE: A section of the Hall has been set up for the **CHRISTMAS STORE**. The children have had their opportunity to shop. It is now open to everyone!!!!

PASTOR'S CORNER:

The Knights of Columbus are selling "Keeping Christ in Christmas" Christmas Card. Available in the Parish Hall. Father Sam has "Keep Christ in Christmas" auto magnets: \$5.00 each!

The Knights of Columbus is collecting for Christmas Basket Gift Cards: \$35.00 each or whatever you can donate. All contributions accepted.

Envelopes are available for your Christmas Flower Offering.

Weekly Offering Envelopes for 2016 are now available. If you are new and take a set, please be sure that you print your name clearly the first few times you use them so you will receive proper credit.

Help yourself to the 2016 Maronite Calendars.

God Bless and Have A Wonderful Week,

DATES TO REMEMBER

2015

- 9 December – Decorating the Church for Christmas, 6:00 p.m.
- 12-13 December – Bishop Gregory's Visit.
- 12 December – Parade of Saints & Consecrating the New Baptistry followed by a luncheon. Please sign-up, sheet available.
- 13 December – Pontifical Liturgy followed by luncheon. Also, sign-up sheet available.
- 20 December – Open House at the Rectory following the 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy.
- 24 December – Vigil of the Birth of Our Lord: Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m.
- 25 December – Birth of Our Lord: Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

ICON OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



2016

Happy New Year

- 1 January – Circumcision of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Divine Liturgy 12 Noon
- 5 January – Vigil of the Epiphany: Divine Liturgy 6:30 p.m.
- 6 January – Feast of the Epiphany: Divine Liturgy 12 Noon

"The Church (like so many other things in life) is not so much something we inherit from generations past or take over from our predecessors as it is something on loan to us from future generations" (Matthew Kelly)
