



## 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:** Dr. John Handley, Mary Joan Fredette-Hahn, Michael Gamble, Rick Criste, & Cristina Francescon. Ex-officio: Subdeacons Ron Foster and Chuck VanHuesen.

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

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

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

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**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK  
SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD  
DECEMBER 23-24, 2017**

**GENEALOGY OF JESUS**

Readings: Rom. 1:1-12; MT 1:1-17; Liturgy begins on page 66.

Sat. December 23 5:00 p.m. +Vocations.  
Sun. December 24 10:30 a.m. +Youth of the Parish.

**THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD**

Sun. December 24 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) For the Parish & +Our Faithful Departed.  
Mon. December 25 10:30 a.m. For the Parish & +Our Faithful Departed.

**NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES  
DECEMBER 30-31, 2017**

**THE FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

Readings: Heb. 7-11-19; Luke 2:41-52; Liturgy begins on page 87.

Sat. December 30 5:00 p.m. Gordon & Patti Evans 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Marie Reale & Lucy Zahran.  
Sun. December 31 10:30 a.m. +All Souls in Purgatory.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2018**

**THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

Readings: Eph. 2:11-22; Luke 2:21; Liturgy begins on page 97.

Mon. January 1 12 Noon Our Parishioners & +Faithful Departed.  
Tue. January 2 9:00 a.m. World Day of Peace.  
6:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
7:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction.  
Wed. January 3 9:00 a.m. Family Peace — by Han & Thanh.  
Thu. January 4 9:00 a.m. +Joseph Dahdah by the Family.

**SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY**

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Readings: Titus 2:11-3:7; Luke 3:15-22; Liturgy begins on page 107.

Fri. January 5 12 Noon For the Feast Day.  
6:30 p.m. For the Feast Day

**JANUARY 6-7, 2018**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Readings: 2 Cor. 10:1-11; John 1:29-34; Liturgy begins on page 107.

Sat. December 23 5:00 p.m. For the Parish & +Our Faithful Departed.  
Sun. December 24 10:30 a.m. For the Parish & +Our Faithful Departed.

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Tithes & Offerings \$1,936.00  
Fuel 45.00  
Candles & Devotions 57.00  
\$2,054.00

Christmas Flowers: \$765.00 Total Collected

Building Fund (Restricted): \$30.00

God Bless You for Your Support

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE, BREAD & WINE – DECEMBER:**

In Memory of Jimmy Monsour by Sheila Monsour and Family.

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**VOCATIONS CHALICE**

|          | Saturday |                |          | Sunday |                |
|----------|----------|----------------|----------|--------|----------------|
| December | 23       | The VanHeusens | December | 24     | Miriam Johnson |
| December | 30       | The Fosters    | December | 31     | The Kinnerups  |
| January  | 6        | The Montaldos  | January  | 7      | TBA            |
| January  | 13       | Ben Jenkins    | January  | 14     | TBA            |

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

|                | Saturday |                     |          | Sunday |                 |
|----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| December       | 23       | Tom Piner           | December | 24     | Kathy Criminger |
| Vigil December | 24       | Cristina Francescon | December | 25     | MJ Hahn         |
| December       | 30       | Steve Kenny         | December | 31     | Marie Reale     |

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**LOVE LUNCH:** First Wednesday at the Salvation Army on Alexander Street. They are back in business.

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

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**ST. MICHAEL LADIES GUILD MEETING:** Second Sunday at 12 Noon. Contact President Marie VanHeusen at (910) 988-3499.

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**USHERS & GREETERS – DECEMBER:** Bill Hoadley and Chris Cooper.

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**REFRESHMENTS – DECEMBER:** Lynn Vaughan & Mary Louise Barefoot.

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**ROSARY** is prayed every 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month 30 minutes prior to Liturgy.

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**BIRTHDAYS –DECEMBER:** John Page, Bill Hoadley, Chris Kropik, Tom Delahunty, Donnie Matheson, Tom Piner, Carol Kannan, Teresa Piner, Declyn Hurley, Steve Berti, Alexia Rager, Henry Phillips, Gunner Nesbitt, Padriac Kenny, Manual Comlan, Manuala Comlan, Erica Talley, Ian Weiser, Ryan Palmer, and Ricky Butcher.

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**ANNIVERSARIES –DECEMBER:** Zahran & Susan Holt, Ron & Wanda Foster, William & Susan Fiden, and Dan & Jennifer Leaf.

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**+IN MEMORIAM – DECEMBER:** Jim Rorke, Ingrid Novak, Leonard “Shelby” Kannan, Lucy Zahran, Bobby Kozma, Sandra Miller, Juliet Zahran, Stephen Fredette, James Reale, and Ingrid Handley.

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

Chaplain Tim Meier, Edwin G. Rosales, Austin Miller, Scott Miller, Devin Green, and Matthew Ibsen.

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

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**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.

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**PRAYER CHAIN:** Contact for the prayer chain is Lucy Zahran at 910-868-1147. We are praying or everyone for whatever reason in our personal prayers. However, please make your requests for the prayer chain for those who are sick, or will be having or are recovering from a medical procedure. Once Lucy has posted the name(s), add them to your personal list. **RESPONDING TO THE POST IS NOT NECESSARY. Only Lucy is authorized to send prayer request.**

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**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. Please let us know if anyone needs to be taken off the list.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes are suspended for the Summer. They will resume on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in September. Adult discussion group will meet as usual at 6:30 p.m. next week.

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**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.

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**VOCATION CHALICE SIGN UPS:** For the Saturday Vocations Chalice please contact Darlene Darling @ 910-483-8845 or Freida Fadel @ 910-484-2280. For the Sunday Vocations Chalice please contact Ingrid Franklin @ 910-867-8090.

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**2018 Church Calendars and Offering Envelopes are available.**

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**PASTOR'S CORNER:**

May the Peace, Hope and Love of the Christ Child be with all of you during this Blessed Season. And may He bestow upon you His Blessings for a healthy and happy new year!

God Bless and Have A Blessed Week,

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**DATES TO REMEMBER  
THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD**

December 24 - Divine Liturgy Vigil 5:00 PM

December 25 - Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

**FINDING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

December 30 - Divine Liturgy Vigil 5:00 PM

December 31 - Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

**2018**

**CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS (Holy Day of Obligation)**

January 1 - Divine Liturgy 12 Noon

January 2 - Adoration/Rosary/Benediction 6:30 PM

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Holy Day of Obligation)**

January 5 - Divine Liturgies 12 Noon & 6:30 PM

**GENEALOGY SUNDAY**



**BIRTH OF OUR LORD**



**PRAISES TO THE MOTHER OF GOD**



**CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS**



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“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)

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
IN MEMORIAM**

Zahran and Iovino Families by Lucy Zahran.

All deceased members of the Reale and Gallo Families by Marie Reale.

Subdeacon Claude Franklin, Anna Antill, Mac Antill, Lucille Currie by the Franklin and Gray Families.

Subdeacon Claude Franklin, Anna Antill, Mac Antill, Lucille Currie, Logie Currie, and Perry Franklin by Ingrid Franklin.

Charlie and Eileen Cooper by Chris Cooper.

John Delahunty by Tom & Shelia Delahunty.

The Ringmann & Paoni Families; and Ingebory Vinent by Peter & Honey Paoni.

Helen Kenny, Walter Kenny, Florence & Lowell Villars, Mary Kenny, Catherine Kenny, Joseph Grenier, Linda Younger, & Robert McDonald by the Kennys.

Deceased Members of the Barry, Criminger, & Johnson Families, Barbara Baker, and Dale King by Ronnie & Kathy Criminger.

George VanHeusen, Robert & Genevieve Griswold, Italia Perino, Ralph VanHeusen, and Paul Merrick by Charles & Marie VanHeusen.

Deceased Members of the Najjar, Bakhos, Dahdah, Byczek, Hughes & Pefinis Families.

Emmanuel Zondo and Godwill Comlan by Aniel and Angelique Comlan.

Nydia Andres by Roberto Andres.

Robert & Doris Gurney by Betty Gurney.

Ruth, Rosa, Esteban Baez by Ed Baez.

Sazako & Don Crousen, Pete & Lena Montaldo, Tomiko Kusakabe by Phillip and Emma Montaldo.

James Robert Barefoot, Alfred & Rosalie Zahran by Mary Louise Barefoot.

The Vaughan & Lindsey Families by Ed & Lynn Vaughan.

Aricie Randolph & The Souls in Cristina Francescon.

Bonnie Riley by Warren Hahn.

The Fredette & Guzinski Families by MJ Fredette & Patti Reynolds & Families.

Doris Darling by Darlene Darling.

Charles and Bert Fadel by Freida Fadel.

John and Elizabeth Criste by Rick & Lori Criste.

Leah & Jerry Berti; James, Sr. & Mary Monsour by Steve & Rosalie Berti.

Vera Matheson by Cliff and Donnie Matheson.

Daniel Hoadley by Eva Hoadley.

Leonard "Shelby" Kannan, Mary & Fred Kannan, Emily & Angelo Stefanello, and all Sisters and Family by Carol Kannan.

Linda Younger, Raymond & Rose Younger, Francis (Junior) Younger, Deceased Member of the LaMarca Family, Carolyn Dorroll, Joseph (Uncle Joe) Monsour by Francis Younger.

