



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Michaelite Fathers



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:

5.00pm

6.30pm Spanish

Sunday:

8.00am

10.00am Family Mass

12.00pm Cantonese (4th)

12.15pm Mandarin (1st & 3rd)

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday - Saturday:

9.15am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 9.30am, 4.15pm

Anointing of the Sick

Call the priest anytime

Marriage

Contact the priest 6 months prior

Devotions

Tuesday:

6.00pm Marian Cenacle

7.00pm St Michael & Holy Angels

Thursday:

10.30am Marian Cenacle Croatian

Friday:

10.00am Padre Pio (1st)

6.00pm Sacred Heart of Jesus (1st)

Adoration and Holy Mass

Saturday:

9.45am Perpetual Help Novena

3.00pm Divine Mercy (4th)

6.00pm Our Lady of Fatima (1st)

RCIA

Tuesdays 8.00pm (except 2nd)

Legion of Mary

Wednesdays 7.30pm

RCIA Cantonese

Sundays 10.30am

RCIA Mandarin

Sundays 11.00am (1st & 3rd)



27 December 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph Year B

The Family in God's Plan

The conjugal community is established upon the consent of the spouses. Marriage and the family are ordered to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education of children. The love of the spouses and the begetting of children create among members of the same family personal relationships and primordial responsibilities. A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children, form a family. This institution is prior to any recognition by public authority, which has an obligation to recognize it. It should be considered the normal reference point by which the different forms of family relationship are to be evaluated. In creating man and woman, God instituted the human family and endowed it with its fundamental constitution. Its members are persons equal in dignity. For the common good of its members and of society, the family necessarily has manifold responsibilities, rights, and duties.

"The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a *domestic church*." It is a community of faith, hope, and charity; it assumes singular importance in the Church, as is evident in the New Testament. The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity. The Christian family has an evangelizing and missionary task. The relationships within the family bring an affinity of feelings, affections and interests, arising above all from the members' respect for one another. The family is a *privileged community* called to achieve a "sharing of thought and common deliberation by the spouses as well as their eager cooperation as parents in the children's upbringing."

The Family and Society

The family is the *original cell of social life*. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society. The family should live in such a way that its members learn to care and take responsibility for the young, the old, the sick, the handicapped, and the poor. There are many families who are at times incapable of providing this help. It devolves then on other persons, other families, and, in a subsidiary way, society to provide for their needs: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world." The family must be helped and defended by appropriate social measures. Where families cannot fulfill their responsibilities, other social bodies have the duty of helping them and of supporting the institution of the family. Following the principle of subsidiarity, larger communities should take care not to usurp the family's prerogatives or interfere in its life. The importance of the family for the life and well-being of society entails a particular responsibility for society to support and strengthen marriage and the family. Civil authority should consider it a grave duty "to acknowledge the true nature of marriage and the family, to protect and foster them, to safeguard public morality, and promote domestic prosperity."

Catechism of the Catholic Church



Mary, Mother of God
Friday, 1st January 2021

Thursday

31st December

11.00 pm adoration

11.15 pm Holy Rosary

11.30 pm adoration

11.45 pm Benediction

Friday

1st January

12.00 am Holy Mass

Mary Mother of God

9.15 am Holy Mass

Mary Mother of God

**First Saturday Devotion to
Our Lady of Fatima**

2nd January 2021

Rosary after the 5.00 pm Mass

**Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday, 1st January 2021**

6 pm Adoration & Reconciliation

**7 pm Holy Mass offered for the souls of
the recently deceased**

Daily Adoration

Monday to Friday

After Mass until 10.30 am

Saturday After Mass until 11.30 am

Tuesday 6 pm - 9 pm

6 pm Marian Cenacle

7.00 pm Devotion to St Michael

Friday 8 pm - 9.30 pm



First Reading *Sir 3:2-6. 12-14*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8*

R: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

All: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

R: Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works!

All: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

R: Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

All: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

R: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose.

All: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

R: He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

All: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading *Col 3:12-21*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation *Col 3:15. 16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

4th commandment: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Gospel *Lk 2:22-40*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Pray for the sick: Fr Janusz Bieniek, Sr Pauline Fitz-Walters, Chantelle Coutinho, May Seto, Joseph Park.

Pray for those who have recently departed from this life: Lourdes Zaballa, Jose Gregorio Gomes, Roberto Barroga, Maria Stella Falvo, Tonka Kuzir, Mehmet Rendle.

Pray for the souls of those whose death anniversary occurs about now: John the Baptist Mok, John Yuee Hing Chung, Lai Kwong Lee.

Pray for the souls of Joseph George Sakr, Mary Sakr, Lam-bros Ahilas.

Pray for Leonardo & Ofelia Santos on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

Pray for Stefanie Pavlov on her name day.

Prayer of thanksgiving is offered by Lissy Dixon.

Mass Offerings

Envelopes for prayer requests or Mass offerings are in the sacristy and parish office. Please fill the information in clearly and hand it over to Fr George or to the parish office. These prayer requests/Mass offerings are included in our Parish Bulletin and Prayer of the Faithful which are, in turn, published on our Website and Facebook.

Please make sure that you have the consent of the person you are praying for or, in case of those who have departed this life, the consent of their next of kin. **All names are published unless it is written clearly on the envelope that this is not required. Once the information is already on the Website and Facebook, IT IS A COMPLICATED MATTER FOR STAFF TO TAKE IT DOWN.**

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Online Training Registration

Safeguarding Induction Training is available online for all parish workers and volunteers at <https://goo.gl/forms/UJrDZzELjdF5UJgm1>. You will need to provide the Safeguarding Office with a few details to allow us to set up an online account for you. After completing this online form you will receive an email with your username, password and a link that will take you directly to the training. Questions? Phone: 9390 5811 or Email: safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney Abuse is a crime. The people who deal with crime are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused in any way, please contact the police. You can also contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. Your Parish Priest may be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to alert police about crimes reported to them.