



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Michaelite Fathers

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Valerie (volunteer)

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Anticipated Masses):

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)



11 April 2021 Second Sunday of Easter Year B

THE SEVEN CAPITAL VIRTUES

The 7 Capital Virtues are the virtues which overcome the 7 deadly sins of pride, anger, envy, lust, greed, gluttony, sloth. Prayer is key to acquiring and enhancing these virtues in us.

Humility overcomes the sin of pride. Humility is the virtue that recognizes our 100% reliance on God for all that we have, or ever will have. Everything on earth is on loan from God, including our achievements, our property, our money, even our family and friends. Those who think that they got all of these things on their own are in for a big surprise upon death. Pride is Satan's great sin. The bible says that the first shall be last, and the last shall be first.

Meekness overcomes the sin of anger. Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Meekness does away with resentment and cultivates patience. Angry outbursts at the smallest thing are characteristics of someone who does not have the virtue of meekness. When Jesus was confronted by an angry mob, not only did he not open his mouth, he prayed for them instead. There is such a thing though, as just anger, like when Jesus cleared the temple.

Brotherly love overcomes the sin of envy. This involves being genuinely happy at everyone's success, even those whom we don't particularly like. We know we have this virtue if we do not ever badmouth someone who has obtained something that we think we deserve. One should acknowledge that it is God's will that this particular series of events occurred in that person's life and not ours, for a reason.

Chastity overcomes the sin of lust. Chastity not only moderates our desire for physical acts of sexual pleasure, but also helps us to overcome the thoughts which precede these impure actions. The Bible says that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. When one prays for and receives the virtue of chastity the wandering eyes and the lusty talk all of a sudden come to an end. Just as Jesus was blinded by his sweat and his blood on the way to Calvary, just so, we should avoid looking at things that are impure.

Generosity overcomes the sin of greed. It can involve donating money, or giving up our free time and talents for the less fortunate, or even giving our possessions away. It is a great way of detaching ourselves from the things of this world, which is exactly what Jesus told the rich young man who asked him what else he must do to gain eternal life over and above keeping the 10 commandments. Generosity involves personal sacrifice: remember the widow in the bible who gave her two pennies in the synagogue, and Jesus said that she gave more than the rest, who, even though they gave a larger amount, gave out of their surplus wealth.

Temperance overcomes the sin of gluttony. It helps us control our appetites. Whereas the virtue of fortitude helps us to keep going in the midst of adversity, temperance, on the other hand, helps us to stop in the midst of pleasure. This is also a virtue that we need to pray for, as most people today "go for the gusto," and never even think about moderation.

Diligence overcomes the sin of sloth. It tells us to fulfill our duties in life, even if they are tiresome. These duties include prayer especially going to Mass, looking after our families and our country and our work. Often, people just want to move on when trials come to bear, like a difficult mother in law, or when a hard-to-get-along-with spouse becomes unbearable, or when the boss demands too much. It is at these times that we need the virtue of diligence.



Coming up: Martial Arts for Kids!!!

After the 10.00 am Mass, every week, free for 4 weeks only!

For children over 5 years old. Contact the parish office to sign your kids up.

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



Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday, 11 April 2021

Hour of Mercy 3-4 pm

Adoration and Benediction 4-5 pm

Stations of the Cross 5 pm

Holy Mass 6 pm

Opportunity for Reconciliation

Blessing of sacramentals

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24, R. v.1

- R: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- R: Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'
- All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- R: The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.
- All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
- R: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
- All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Pray for the sick: Louie Barroga, David Harlor, Bob Cashman, Joy Vaz, Joseph Park.

Pray for those who have recently departed from this life: Mary Stuart, Rose McPartland, Maribel Villanueva, Milan Bandic, Kenny Lee, Sr Leenda, P.T. Joseph, Lucia Gui Jie Zhang, Aloysius Rui Qian Bao.

Pray for the souls of those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Clarence O'Shea, Pauline O'Shea.

Pray for blessings on Sheena Albert and David Dixon on their birthday.

Pray for Emmanuel, Maria Kha, Paul Maria Toan, Nguyens, Kinhs, Loans, Huyens, Uyens, Yen Ti, Tema, B Chi, Truong, Minh.

Sacrament of Confirmation for adults and those in secondary school

When: Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May 2021 at 10.30 am

Where: St Mary's Cathedral

The registration form can be downloaded from the parish website.

This must be submitted by Friday, 26th April. Participation in Confirmation instruction sessions is required.

Please email: office@stmichaelhurst.org.au for further details.

Michaelites' Annual Spiritual Retreat
Monday, 12 April—Friday, 16 April 2021
Please keep Fr George & Fr Janusz and all the Michaelite Fathers in your prayers.

Monday, 12 April Mass at 9.15 am

Tuesday, 13 April Communion Service at 9.15 am

Wednesday, 14 April Funeral Mass at 10.00 am (this is open to parishioners as well)

Thursday, 15 April Communion Service at 9.15 am

Friday, 16 April Communion Service at 9.15 am

Thank you Fr Tomas Ruiz and Fr Anthony Casamento for celebrating Mass for us this weekend!

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.