



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Michaelite Fathers



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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)



18 April 2021 Third Sunday of Easter Year B

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

The Catechism of the Catholic Church also refers to these sins as "capital sins" and explains why they are the most dangerous. "Vices can be classified according to the virtues they oppose, or also be linked to capital sins which Christian experience has distinguished, following St. John Cassian and St. Gregory the Great. They are called "capital" because they engender other sins, other vices. They are pride, greed, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony and sloth" (No. 1866).

1. **Pride**: an excessive love of self or the desire to be better or more important than others. "Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that 'everyone should look upon his neighbor (without exception) as "another self," above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity'" (No. 1931).

2. **Greed (or Avarice)**: the desire for and love of possessions. "Sin ... is a failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods" (No. 1849).

3. **Envy**: sadness or desire for the possessions, happiness, talents or abilities of another. "Envy can lead to the worst crimes. 'Through the devil's envy death entered the world'" (No. 2553).

4. **Anger (or Wrath)**: uncontrolled feelings of hatred or rage. "Anger is a desire for revenge. The Lord says, 'Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment'" (No. 2302).

5. **Lust**: an intense desire, usually for sexual pleasure, but also for money, power or fame. "The God of promises always warned man against seduction by what from the beginning has seemed 'good for food ... a delight to the eyes ... to be desired to make one wise'" (No. 2541).

6. **Gluttony**: overconsumption, usually of food or drink. "The virtue of temperance disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco or medicine" (No. 2290).

7. **Sloth (or Acedia)**: physical laziness, also disinterest in spiritual matters or neglecting spiritual growth. "Acedia or spiritual sloth goes so far as to refuse the joy that comes from God and to be repelled by divine goodness" (No. 2094).

St Joseph the Worker

Saturday, 1 May 2021

Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour. In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron. Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion. It becomes an opportunity for the fulfilment not only of oneself, but also of that primary cell of society which is the family. A family without work is particularly vulnerable to difficulties, tensions, estrangement and even break-up. How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living? Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!

Taken from the APOSTOLIC LETTER PATRIS CORDE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH AS PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

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



Divine Mercy

Devotion

Hour of Mercy

Saturday,

24 April 2021

3pm

Jesus, I trust in You!



First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

R: Lord, let your face shine on us.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

R: When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

R: It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

R: 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

R: I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

All: Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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

Pray for those who have recently departed from this life: Virginia Golo Palis, Rosina Flammia, Mary Stuart, Rose McPartland.

Pray for the souls of those whose death anniversary occurs about now.

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory especially those who do not have anyone to pray for them.

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.

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.



GO MAKE DISCIPLES MISSION PLAN FOR

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY Cluster Working Group Meeting

Monday, 26 April 2021 at 7.30 pm in the presbytery

Everyone is invited to come and propose ideas or projects to strengthen the "five foundations for parish renewal (evangelisation, leadership, community, formation and worship)".

Parish Finance Council Meeting

Friday, 7th May

at 8.00 pm

in the Presbytery



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, 12th May

at 7.30 pm

in the Presbytery



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.