



“For if this endeavor or this activity is of human origin, it will destroy itself. But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy it; you may even find yourselves fighting against God.”

Acts 5:38b-39b

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 4pm

Sunday - 8 am & 10:30 am

Copper Basin K-8 School
28682 N. Main Street
San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday & Saturday - 8:30am
at the Parish Office/Rectory

Confessions before Mass or upon request

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Parish Office Hours

9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday

Saint Michael the Archangel Parish

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

Rev. Fr. Dale A. Branson

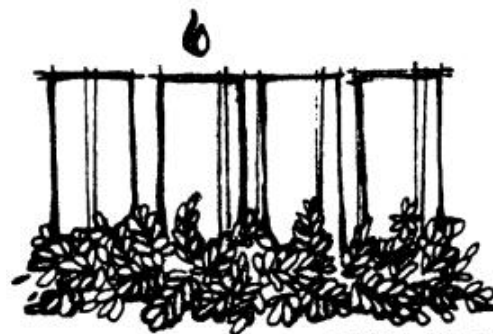
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent is a time rich in family traditions. Many of them have been so effectively absorbed into our culture that their religious origins are hidden.

Some of us will set candles in our windows tonight. The custom began in Ireland during the so-called "penal" days, extending from 1691 to

the "Catholic Emancipation" in 1829 and beyond. There were harsh penalties and fines for not attending the government church. Priests were forced into hiding, but people were resourceful and determined in guarding their faith. At Christmas, Irish families, particularly in the countryside, placed a lighted candle in the cottage window and left the door unlatched, hoping that a priest might come by and celebrate the Christmas Mass for them.

The possibility of the Mass coming into the family home gave rise to other Irish customs at the beginning of Advent. The cottage received a fresh coat of whitewash, the threshold was swept especially clean, and fresh curtains were hung in the windows. The house was scrubbed until it gleamed, including all the pots and pans, and all garments and table linens were laundered. The custom of the Irish window candle was so admired in Catholic Europe that it was widely copied there, and now finds a welcome in households that may not exactly expect a priest to wander in!



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Welcome

**Are you new to
St. Michael the Archangel Church?**

We welcome you and we ask that you please take a few moments to register. Registration forms are located at the Greeters Table or can now be found and submitted online. Visit our website and click on the link, **Parish Registration Form**, found at the bottom of the home page and follow the instructions.

Sacramental Policies

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

At the 8:30am Mass on the first Friday of each month.

BAPTISM

Parents will need to provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and participate in a class. Baptismal Classes are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 11 am in the Church office. Parents must call the church office to register for the class. Godparents must be practicing Catholics who are confirmed and married in the Church, if married.

CONFESSION

Confessions are offered one-half hour before all Masses, or anytime upon request.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be given students in 8th grade or above. They must have completed the 8th grade religious education class and optimally the 7th as well. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics who are already confirmed and married in the Church, if married. Parents should not be sponsors for their own children. For information on Confirmation preparation for adults please contact the pastor.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be offered to children in Grade 2. Children must attend CCD regularly throughout Grade 2 in order to receive the Sacrament in May of that year. Students will also be prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Grade 2.

MARRIAGE

Both parties are expected to participate in the preparation program. Parties must notify the pastor at least one year prior to their proposed marriage date. Please meet with the pastor for a fuller explanation and to make arrangements.

MASS ATTENDANCE
Information not available

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11;
Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6,
8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Mass Intentions

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| November 29th | 8:00 am | Pro Populo |
| December 4th | 8:30 am | George Davidson † |
| December 6th | 10:30 am | Pro Populo |
| December 12th | 4:00 pm | Pro Populo |
| December 13th | 8:00 am | Keith Flygare † |
| December 16th | 8:30 am | Pauline Manuel |
| December 19th | 4:00 pm | Stephanie Gonzales † |
| December 20th | 8:00 am | Pro Populo |
| December 24th | 4:00 pm | Natalie Chagoya |
| December 27th | 10:30 am | Pro Populo |

Pro Populo - Latin: "for the people"

Deceased †

Contact the Parish Office to place a Mass Intention

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Virginia Bombolino, Jodi Slupski, Lisa
Green, Bert Pampanin, Sandra Ramirez,
Craig Rudko, Jenny Rudko, Darrell
Stonerook, Mary Teese & Polly Von Esse

*Pastoral Council meetings are held on the
2nd Tuesday of each month & all are
welcome to attend.*

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FINANCIAL REPORT

Capital Campaign Pledges	
Amount Pledged	\$1,088,863.00
Amount Paid	\$372,247.46
Pledge Balance	\$716,615.54
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 424 Registered Families <i>Who has pledged:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 202 Registered Families • 48 non-registered families 	



10% of our collection contributions go toward the Church Building Fund.

Due to our holiday printing schedule, we were unable to include the November 22nd collection figures; they will appear in next week's bulletin

Online Giving... If you would like to give online please visit our website, www.StMichaels77.org, and select the **Online Giving** tab.

*Please note—If you have made a pledge to the Capital Campaign & are making a payment, please write **Capital Campaign** in the memo field of the check. Thank you*

Prayer Requests

Do you, or someone you know need prayer? Would you like to pray for others? If so, contact Virginia Bombolino by phone at 480-888-7914 or via email ginbaby2003@aol.com

All requests are private

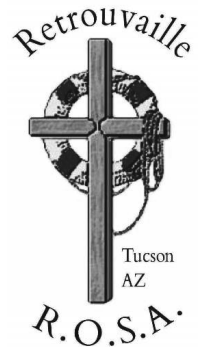
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **February 19th-20th**. For more information about Marriage Encounter please visit www.wwmearizona.com

Para los fines de semana en español, por favor visite www.emm14.org

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on **January 8th-10th, 2016** email Art or Valerie Flores valartrosa@gmail.com or call (520) 216-0360. For more information about Retrouvaille please visit:



<http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>



POSADAS:

Presented by St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Join us as we gather together to celebrate the coming of Christ's birth!

We will be doing Posadas (the "Inns"). Las Posadas is a re-enactment of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter in Bethlehem. The Tradition originally consisted of nine nights of processions, with the last one ending on Christmas Eve, with carolers going from house to house

We will be following Mary and Joseph as they seek shelter in Bethlehem and caroling.

Refreshments will be served afterward at the "Inn".



When: Friday, December 18th, at 6:30 P.M.

Where: The home of Bob Butchko, 25454 N. Poseidon Rd., Florence 85132

Directions

1. From Hunt Highway, turn onto Arizona Farms Rd.
2. Take your first right onto Apollo Dr.
3. Make your third right onto Demeter Dr.
4. At the Stop Sign make a right.
5. Follow the road and it will become Poseidon Rd.
6. 25454 N. Poseidon will be on your left hand side.

We will join Mary and Joseph here and follow them as they process down the street.

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck after the Posadas.