

# St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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## Confessions

Half an hour before Saturday & Sunday Mass; Other times upon request

First Fridays: 5:30 – 5:50 pm;

First Saturdays: 8:50–9:10 am



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**

<b>Sun 5 May</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (II)</b> Comm: St Pius V
9:00 am	Low Mass Servers: Rocco Oliva & Joseph Medcalf
<b>Mon 6 May</b>	<b>Ferial (IV)</b> Comm: St Dominic Savio
<b>Tues 7 May</b>	<b>St Stanislaus (III)</b>
<b>Wed 8 May</b>	<b>Vigil of the Ascension (II)</b>
10:00 am	Rosary
<b>Thurs 9 May</b>	<b>The Ascension of Our Lord (I)</b>
<b>Fri 10 May</b>	<b>St Antoninus (III)</b> Comm: Ss Gordian & Epimachus
<b>Sat 11 May</b>	<b>Ss Philip and James (II)</b>
10:00 am	Low Mass Server: Ian Rayo
<b>Sun 12 May</b>	<b>SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION (II)</b> Comm: Ss Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancratius
9:00 am	Low Mass Server: Rocco Oliva

**SSPX Pilgrimages 2024:** Various pilgrimages to Europe, Holy Land and Mexico are available from Regina Pilgrimages for 2024. All pilgrimages include the company of an SSPX chaplain who offers daily Holy Mass. Please visit their website:

[www.reginapilgrimages.com/pilgrimages](http://www.reginapilgrimages.com/pilgrimages)

**Harvest Pilgrimage 2024:** St Philomena's Parish Pilgrimage to Italy accompanied by Fr Pepping SSPX. 21 Sept to 2 Oct 2024. Please visit their website: [www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2442](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2442)

**Death anniversaries:** Of your charity, please pray for the souls of Santina Maria Pittiglio (10/5/2007) and Fr Carl Pulvermacher OFM Cap (29/5/2006)

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## Fifth Sunday after Easter

From "The Church's Year" by Fr. Leonard Goffine

**EXPLANATION OF THE EPISTLE** True piety, as St James here says, consists not only in knowing and recognizing the word of God, but in living according to its precepts and teachings; in subduing the tongue, the most dangerous and injurious of all our members; in being charitable to the poor and destitute, and in contemning the world, its false principles, foolish customs and scandalous example, against which we should guard, that we may not become infected and polluted by them. Test thyself, whether thy life be of this kind.

**ASPIRATION** O Jesus! Director of the soul! Give me the grace of true piety as defined by St James.

**Why does God wish us to ask of Him?** That we may know and confess that all good comes from Him; that we may acknowledge our poverty and weakness which in all things need the help of God; that we may thus glorify Him and render ourselves less unworthy of the gifts which He has promised us.

**What is meant by asking in the name of Jesus?** By this is meant praying with confidence in the merits of Jesus, "who," as St Cyril says, "being God with the Father, gives us all good, and as mediator carries our petitions to His Father." The Church, therefore concludes all her prayers with the words: "Through our Lord, Jesus Christ." It means also that we should ask that which is in accordance with the will of Christ, namely, all things necessary for the salvation of our soul; to pray for temporal things merely in order to live happily in this world, is not pleasing to Christ and avails us nothing. "He who prays for what hinders salvation," says St Augustine, "does not pray in the name of Jesus." Thus Jesus said to His disciples: Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name, "because", as St Gregory says, "they did not ask for that which conduces to eternal salvation."

**Why is it that God sometimes does not grant our petitions?** Because we often pray for things that are injurious, and like a good father, God denies them to us, in order to give us something better; because He wishes to prove

our patience and perseverance in prayer; because we generally do not pray as we ought; to be pleasing to God, Christ's merits, for the prayer of a just man availeth much (Jas. 5:16); we must pray with humility and submission to the will of God, with attention, fervor, sincerity, and with perseverance.

**At what special times should we pray?** We should pray every morning and evening, before and after meals, in time of temptation, when commencing any important undertaking, and particularly in the hour of death. God is mindful of us every moment, and gives us His grace. It is, therefore, but just that we think often of Him during the day, and thank Him for His blessings.

**How can we, in accordance with Christ's teachings (Lk. 18:1), pray at all times?** By making the good intention when commencing our work, to do all for the love of God, and according to His most holy will; by raising our hearts to God at different times during the day; frequently making acts of faith, hope, love, and humility, and by repeating short ejaculations, such as: O Jesus! grant me grace to love Thee! Thee only do I desire to love! O be merciful to me! Lord hasten to help me.

**What is the signification of the different ceremonies that Catholics use at their prayers?** The general signification is that God must be served, honored and adored, not only with the soul but with the body; when we pray aloud we praise God, not only with the mind, but also with our lips; when we pray with bowed and uncovered head, with folded, uplifted, or outstretched hands, on bended knees, with bowed and prostrated body, we show our reverence and subjection to the majesty of God, before whom we, who are but dust and ashes, cannot humble ourselves enough. These different ceremonies during prayer are frequently mentioned in both the Old and the New Testaments, and Christ and His apostles have made use of them, as for instance, the bending of the knees, falling on the face, *etc.*

**What is the best of all prayers?** By The Lord's Prayer which Christ Himself taught us, and commands us to repeat. When said with devotion, it is the most powerful of all prayers (Mt. 6:9-13; Lk. 11:2-4)