

# 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



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter  
April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

Sun 28 Apr	4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (II) Comm: St Paul of the Cross
9:00 am	Low Mass Servers: Rocco Oliva & Joseph Medcalf
Mon 29 Apr	St Peter of Verona (III)
Tues 30 Apr	St Catherine of Siena (III)
Wed 1 May	St Joseph the Worker (I) 10:00 am Rosary
Thurs 2 May	St Athanasius (III)
Fri 3 May	Ferial (IV) Comm: St Alexander I, Eventius & Theodulus, and Juvenal <i>First Friday</i> 6:00 pm Low Mass followed by Holy Hour Servers: Francis Mullins & Gabor Matoricz
Sat 4 May	St Monica (III) <i>First Saturday</i> 9:25 am Benediction and Rosary 10:00 am Low Mass Server: Ian Rayo & Noel Eden
Sun 5 May	5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (II) Comm: St Pius V 9:00 am Low Mass Servers: Rocco Oliva & Joseph Medcalf

**Policarpo Poli RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Policarpo Poli who passed away on Monday, 8 April, Feast of the Annunciation.

**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 August Neubauer (9/4/2001), Alfred Raggio (13/4/2021), Katharina

Raggio (16/4/2020), Anna Domenica Fiocco (18/4/2022), Santina Maria Pittiglio (10/5/2007) and Fr Carl Pulvermacher OFM Cap (29/5/2006)

**Upcoming Retreats:** Womens 14-19 October 2024.

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### **Fourth Sunday after Easter**

From “The Church’s Year” by Fr. Leonard Goffine

*INSTRUCTION ON THE EPISTLE* Of all the gifts that come from God, the most excellent is the gospel and regeneration in baptism, by which He has made us His children and heirs of heaven. How great is this honor, and how earnestly we should endeavor to preserve it! To hear the word of God, when preached to us in sermons, will aid our endeavors. The admonition of the apostle to be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger, contains true wisdom, for: In the multitude of words there shall not want sin; but he that refraineth his lips is most wise (Prov. 10:19)

*ASPIRATION* Aid me, O Lord, to preserve the dignity received in baptism, grant me a great love for Thy divine word, and strengthen me to subdue my tongue and to use it only for Thy glory.

*INSTRUCTION ON THE GOSPEL* As the disciples, in their grief at Christ’s going to His passion and death, after the accomplishment of which He was to return to His Father, never once asked Him: “Whither goest Thou?” Many Christians, because of their attachment to this world and its pleasures, never ask themselves: Whither am I going, whither leads my way? By my sinful life I am perhaps going to hell, or will my little fervor for the right, my lukewarm prayers take me to heaven? Ask yourself in all earnestness, dear Christian, whither leads the way you are going? Is it the right path? If not, retrace your steps, and follow Jesus who by suffering and death entered heaven.

**Why could the Paraclete not come before the Ascension of Christ?** Because the work of redemption had first to be completed, Christ had to die, reconcile man to God, and enter into His glory, before the Spirit of truth and filial adoption could abide in man in the fullness of grace. From this we may learn that we must purify our hearts, and be reconciled to God, if we wish to receive the gifts of the Holy Ghost.

**How will the Holy Ghost convince the world of sin, of justice and of judgement?** He will convince the world, that is, the Jews and Gentiles, of sin, by showing them through the preaching, the sanctity and the miracles of the apostles, as well as by gradual inward enlightenment, the grievous sins which they have committed by their infidelity and their vices; of justice, by unveiling their error, and showing them that Christ whom they unjustly rejected, is the fountain of justice; of judgment, by showing them their condemnation in their prince and head, the devil, whom they served. This prince is now driven from idols and from the bodies of men, and his kingdom is destroyed in the name of Jesus by the apostles.

**Why did not Christ tell His apostles all He had to tell them?** Because they could not yet comprehend and keep it in their memory; because they were still too weak, and too much attached to Jewish customs, and also because they were depressed; He therefore promised them the Holy Ghost, who would fit them for it by His enlightenment, and would teach them all truth.

**How does the Holy Ghost teach all truth?** By guiding the Church, that is, its infallible administration, by His light to the knowledge of the truth necessary for the salvation of souls, preserving it from error; and by advancing those members of the Church who seek His light and place no obstacle in its way, in the necessary knowledge of truth.

**What is meant by: He shall not speak of himself, but what things soever he shall hear, he shall speak?** That the Holy Ghost will teach us only that which He has heard from all eternity from the Father and Son; His teaching will, therefore, perfectly agree with Christ’s teachings, for the Holy Ghost proceeds from the Father and Son and is equal God to them, and that which He teaches is also their doctrine, which is expressed in the words: He shall receive of mine.

*ASPIRATION* Ah, my Lord and my God! Direct my feet in the way of Thy commandments and preserve my heart pure from sin, that Thy Holy Spirit may find nothing in me deserving of reproach, that He may teach me all truth, and lead me to Thee, the eternal Truth, in heaven. Amen.