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THE HOLY FAMILY

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY – 8:30 AM 12/30/15  
THURSDAY – Mass at St. Michael 7pm  
FRIDAY – 10:00 AM 1/1/16  
SATURDAY – No 8:30 Mass 1/2/16  
VIGIL – 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY - 10:30 AM  
IN SPANISH - 1:00 PM

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – None 1/2/16  
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

### ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

### ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - None 12/30/15  
SATURDAY – None 1/2/16

## ST. MICHAEL

### MASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - 12/31  
SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** "Immaculate Mary" #577

**OFFERTORY:** "Once in David's Royal City" #702

**COMMUNION:** *Instrumental*

## Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

“None of us gave ourselves life or singlehandedly learned how to live. All of us received from others both life itself and its basic truths, and we have been called to attain perfection in relationship and loving communion with others. The family, founded on indissoluble marriage between a man and a woman, is the expression of this relational, filial and communal aspect of life. It is the setting where men and women are enabled to be born with dignity, and to grow and develop in an integral manner. Once children are born, through their relationship with their parents they begin to share in a family tradition with even older roots. Together with the gift of life, they receive a whole patrimony of experience. Parents have the right and the inalienable duty to transmit this heritage to their children:

to help them find their own identity, to initiate them to the life of society, to foster the responsible exercise of their moral freedom and their ability to love on the basis of their having been loved and, above all, to enable them to encounter God. Children experience human growth and maturity to the extent that they trustingly accept this heritage and training which they gradually make their own. They are thus enabled to make a personal synthesis between what has been passed on and what is new, a synthesis that every individual and generation is called to make.

“At the origin of every man and woman, and thus in all human fatherhood and motherhood, we find God the Creator. For this reason, married couples must accept the child born to them,

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not simply as theirs alone, but also as a child of God, loved for his or her own sake and called to be a son or daughter of God. What is more: each generation, all parenthood and every family has its origin in God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

“Faith, then, is not merely a cultural heritage, but the constant working of the grace of God who calls and our human freedom, which can respond or not to his call. Even if no one can answer for another person, Christian parents are still called to give a credible witness of their Christian faith and hope. The need to ensure that God’s call and the good news of Christ will reach their children with the utmost clarity and authenticity. As the years pass, this gift of God which the parents have helped set before the eyes of the little ones will also need to be cultivated with wisdom and gentleness, in order to instill in them a capacity for discernment. Thus, with the constant witness of their parents’ conjugal love, permeated with a living faith, and with the loving accompaniment of the Christian community, children will be helped better to appropriate the gift of their faith, to discover the deepest meaning of their own lives and to respond with joy and gratitude.

“The Christian family passes on the faith when parents teach their children to pray and when they pray with them; when they lead them to the sacraments and gradually introduce them to the life of the Church; when all join in reading the Bible, letting the light of faith shine on their family life and praising God as our Father.

“The Christian family - father, mother and children - is called, then, to do all these things not as a task imposed from without, but rather as a gift of the sacramental grace of marriage poured out upon the spouses. If they remain open to the Spirit and implore his help, he will not fail to bestow on them the love of God the Father made manifest and incarnate in Christ. The presence of the Spirit will help spouses not to lose sight of the source and criterion of their love and self-giving, and to cooperate with him to make it visible and incarnate in every aspect of their lives. The Spirit will also awaken in them a yearning for the definitive encounter with Christ in the house of his Father and our Father. And this is the message of hope...I wish to share with all the families of the world. Amen.”

Pope Benedict XVI Homily at Mass in Valencia, Spain 2006 (Excerpts)

## AQUINAS VIRTUES CLASS STARTS IN JANUARY

Understanding the how and why of virtuous living will be the topic of discussion in Part 2 of the Aquinas for Beginners class, which will start at Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, Jan. 13. The class will meet in the church rectory on Wednesday nights from 7:10 to 8:30 PM.

The class is a continuation of the study of Saint Thomas Aquinas under the ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) program, which aims to help busy Catholic women understand their vital role in humanizing and transforming society. The cost of the class is \$20 plus shipping. Participants may register online at <https://store.endowonline.org/teresa-dean-p2782.aspx> or contact Teresa Dean at 615-517-1864. Scholarships are available to cover the cost of the class for those in need.

The writings of this brilliant saint puts a spotlight on the many unreasonable and illogical views touted by our modern culture. The second part of the course studies the saint’s teachings on the three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity; and the four cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. Why study virtues? In the words of Catholic author Peter Kreeft: “Without personal virtue, we will do good only sporadically. The main source of a good and happy life – for the human race, for each nation and community and each family – is the personal virtue of each individual. No system or set of laws, however, perfect, can work for good without virtuous individuals.”

Attendance of Part 1 of the class is helpful, but not essential. New participants are welcome. Participants should register by Jan. 6 to ensure they have material in time for the first class on Jan. 13.

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NO ADORATION  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30  
THERE WILL BE A 8:30 AM MASS

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

### IN MEMORY OF:

Braddock & Wienand Families

Mother, Carla Logan

The Burton Family, The Damberg Family

Beatrice & Albert Lind, Hannah & Patrick Byrne

Louis Calvin

Willis & Helen Mason, Miles & Eudera Mason,  
Demps & Lilly Ellis, Moses Coutts, Walter & Mattie Coutts  
Luther & Helen Haliburton

Mary Crumpler, Sandra Rizer & Helene Lassiter

Christopher Curran

Our Parents

Steve & Helen Stephens, Roberta Cannon,  
Johnny Ray Coats, Sr. Henry Demonbreun & Sisters

Barbara Devine

Joan Catignani, Andrew Catignani, Martha Hostettler

Albert & Maibelle Kestner

Jesse Wright

Ray & Clemmie Bills, Jack & Gladys Joyce

All souls in Purgatory, especially family

Julia Laberon, Esperanza Bundac, & Susan de la Cruz

Tramuta, Lee & Aquino Families

Rita & Herman Mason, Mary J. Drysdale

The Masoner & Claret Families,  
The Wooldridge & Lofgreu Families

Deceased members of the Melton & Johnson Families

Dorothy Owens, Alice Golash & Rick Stump

Leo & Margaret Limoges, Millard & Phillis Priest

Mary Schlatt

Helen Smith, Fred England, Mr. & Mrs. Beach

### BY:

Hugh & Kay Braddock

Candi Brown & Kids

Claude & Pam Burton

Joan Byrne

Margaret Calvin

Freida & Doug Coutts

Alice Cole

Buddy & Pam Curran

Father & Mrs. Dean

Michael & Vicky Dorris

Jerry & Jenny Gonyea

Jeff Hostettler Family

Dorothy Hudson

David & Mande Johnson

Dick & Joanna Joyce

Judy King

Ester Laberon

Harry & Thelma Lee Family

Ann Mason

Gene & Robyn Masoner

The Richard Melton Family

The Owens Family

Phil & Cathy Priest

Paul Schlatt

Nathan & Marilda Smith

John & Lee Schwarz, Walter & Daisy Griffin  
Parents, Brother and Grandparents, Geneva Shearon  
Robert "Bob" Van De Velde

**IN HONOR OF:**  
For Sick Children

Irene Coutts  
All of our troops  
In Thanksgiving for our families  
For all seminarians  
In Thanksgiving for blessings  
Praise and Glory to God  
Sam Twardosky

John & Virginia Schwarz  
Melody Sharlow  
Raquel Van De Velde

**BY:**

Doug & Freida Coutts  
Tom & Gayle Cuff  
Father & Mrs. Dean  
Colleen Felts  
John & Cissy Rampino  
Mary & Larry Perry  
David & Cathy Twardosky

## **ST. MICHAEL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
Glenn Dorris, James & Juanita Traughber, Louise Traughber

Margaret & Kelly Sharbel, Margaret & Earl Gower

The Grady & Bethancourt Families

Lucille Ruff

Charles E. & Charles M. Heathman

Gram/Catherine Ellis

Robert Barry Brown, Bruce Traughber, Jr.  
Brenda Cotter, & Connie Sweeney

Deceased members of Ellis & Jackson Families

Victor Jenkins, Frank Sr. & Stella Altmeyer,  
Mary Brown, Frank Altmeyer Jr.

Chris King

Martin D. Tubbs

Deceased members of the Ellis & Milner Families

Earl, Robert, Earline & Debbie Robidoux, Hazel & John Peterson,  
Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles

Rayburn, Helen & Ken Traughber

John P. Traughber

**BY:**  
Elizabeth Dorris

Pat & Jeanne Gower

Joe & Joanne Grady

Bill Hardin

Mary Heathman

Lynn & John Hopper

Macky & JoAnn Hunter

Mary Jackson

Elizabeth Jenkins

Joey & Jodean King

Teresa Kneisler

Pat (Ellis) Milner

Jeff, Patricia & Angel Peterson

Kaye Sharp

Pat & Debbie Traughber