



December 15, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Here are some important updates for you:

### **Decorating for Christmas**

Come and help decorate for Christmas! There are two days of fun. On Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00am will start with outdoor decoration and setting up the empty crèche inside the church. On Wednesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 9:00am will finish off the indoor decorations. Come and make it a family event. Craft activities for children and refreshments for all will be provided. We hope to see you there!

### **Christmas Mass Times**

Christmas falls on a Saturday this year and is a Holy Day of Obligation. (The last time this happened was in 2010). Please note the following Mass schedule:

December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve): Masses are at 4:00pm, 6:00pm and Midnight

December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day): Masses are at 9:00am and 11:00am\*

**\*Please note that because Christmas falls on a Saturday, there will not be a 4:00pm Mass on Saturday Evening. Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup>, (The Feast of the Holy Family) is still a Sunday Obligation Day as usual, but the only Masses will be at 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm on Sunday. There is no Saturday Evening Vigil for this Mass.**

**Also, reservations will not be taken.**

For the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, while not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, we will have the following Masses for those who would like to attend.

December 31<sup>st</sup>: at 7:00pm and January 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:15am.

### **Altar Server Training**

There will be two New Altar Serving Training Sessions coming up. These sessions are open to St. Michael Parishioners who are in the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Session I will be on Monday December 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30pm. Session II will be on Wednesday December 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30pm. Attendance at both training session will be required. Please RSVP to [office@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:office@saintmichael-cd.org) to register. Participants will be sent further information via email.

### **Confirmation Date for 2022**

Before he left for Brooklyn, Bishop Brennan gave pastors the faculties to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Parish and School Students. We have chosen Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, at 7:00pm for this. Please mark your calendars! More information will be coming.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony A. Dinovo, Jr.

Pastor