

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



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2nd – August 9th 2026

Sun 2 Aug		TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (II)
	9:00 am	Sung Mass Servers: MC: Noel Eden TH: Ian Rayo AC1: Steven Raymond AC2: Peter Adams CR: William TR1: Elijah TR2: Nathaniel
	11:15 am	Legion of Mary Meeting
Mon 3 Aug		Feria (IV)
Tues 4 Aug		St Dominic (III)
Wed 5 Aug		Dedication of Our Lady of the Snows (III)
	10:00 am	Rosary
Thurs 6 Aug		Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ (II) <i>First Thursday</i> Comm: Sts Sixtus, Felicissimus & Agapitus
Fri 7 Aug		St Caietan (III) <i>First Friday</i> Comm: St Donatus
	6:00 pm	Low Mass followed by Holy Hour Servers: Francis Mullins & Steven Raymond
Sat 8 Aug		St John Mary Vianney (III) Comm: St Cyriacus, Largus, Smaragdus
	10:00 am	Low Mass Server: Gabor Matoricz
Sun 9 Aug		ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (II)
	9:00 am	Sung Mass Servers: MC: Noel Eden TH: Ian Rayo AC1: Gabor Matoricz AC2: Peter Adams CR: Elijah TR1: Steven Raymond TR2: Nicholas Padachi
	10:40 am	Confirmation Catechism
	11:15 am	Legion of Mary Meeting
Next Mass Streaky Bay: Sunday, 30 August 6:00pm & Monday, 31 August 8:00 am		

Of your charity, please pray for the souls of: Franz Andrew Mack (11/8/2001), James Cronin (17/8/2009) & Catherine Anne Goedecke (26/8/2018).

Reminder: The blessing of religious goods will take place after Mass on Sunday, 9 August (second Sunday of the month).

Announcement: There will be a pot-luck meal following the Confirmations on Tuesday, 11 August. Please bring a plate to share.

Legion of Mary: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Praesidium invites you to consider active or auxiliary membership in the Legion of Mary. Please email:

perpetual.succour.praesidium@gmail.com to register, for any questions, prayer requests etc.

Upcoming Retreats 2026: Holy Cross Parish, Goulburn:

Ladies' 12-17 Oct; **Marriage Weekend retreat** 21-22 Nov

Queensland – Minden QLD: **Ladies'** 21-26 September

Corpus Christi Parish, Tynong: Mini-Retreats

Men's 20-22 Nov; **Ladies'** 16-18 Oct

Contact information and registration for retreats:

<https://sspx.au/en/australia-new-zealand-district-ignatian-retreats-35416>

Bank Account: BSB - 012395, Account number – 798467207

August	1-2 Aug	Penelope	Peter A
	8-9 Aug	Harper Raymond	Peter A
	15-16 Aug	Mary Raymond	Peter A
	22-23 Aug	Melchora	Peter A
	29-30 Aug	Lucia Mullins	Peter A

Volunteers are welcome. Please speak to Fr Campbell.

The Catechism of the Crisis in the Church

Fr Matthias Gaudron

(1) THE CRISIS IN THE CHURCH

1) Is there a Crisis in the Church Today? One would have to close one's eyes not to see that the Catholic Church is suffering a grave crisis. In the 1960's, at the time of the Second Vatican Council, there were hopes for a new springtime in the Church; exactly the opposite has come to pass. Thousands of priests have abandoned their office, and thousands of monks

and religious have returned to secular life. There are very few vocations in Europe and not many in North America either; countless seminaries, convents, and religious houses have closed their doors. Many parishes lack priests, and religious congregations are obliged to abandon schools, hospitals, and homes for the aged. As Pope Paul VI lamented on June 29, 1972, "Through some crack, the smoke of Satan has entered the temple of God."

Do we know how many priests abandoned the priesthood in the 1960's?

According to an article by Fabrizio de Santis in the Corriere della Sera of September 25, 1971, somewhere between 7,000 to 8,000 priests had abandoned the priesthood in Italy alone over the previous eight years. In the Church as a whole 21,320 priests were reduced to lay status between 1962 and 1972. Not included in this number are those who didn't bother to seek official reduction to lay status. From 1967 to 1974, 30,000 to 40,000 priests abandoned their vocation. These catastrophic events can be compared with the effects of the so-called Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century.

Has there been a comparable disaster in the congregations of nuns?

Some comments by Cardinal Ratzinger illustrate what has happened by a single example. In the early 1960's, Quebec was the region that counted, proportionally speaking, the most nuns in the world. "Between 1961 and 1981, because of departures, deaths, and the end of new vocations, the number of nuns fell from 46,933 to 26,294, a decline of 44 percent, and there is still no end in sight. During the same period new vocations fell by at least 98.5 percent. A large part of the remaining 1.5 percent is composed, not of young women, but of late vocations. As a result, sociologists agree on a grim but objective conclusion: "Soon (unless there is a reversal of the trend, which is wholly improbable, at least viewed humanly) women's religious life as we have known it will be only a memory in Canada."

Is not the situation improving today? And can we not now consider that the crisis has past?

In America in 1960, there were 1,527 men ordained to the priesthood. In 1998, only 460 were ordained-a decline of over 1,000 per year. In France in the 1950's there were about 1,000 priestly ordinations per year. In the 1990's there were no more than 100 per year; the number of entries into seminaries continues to decrease. In Germany, 1996 represented a new record low of candidates for the priesthood; German seminaries and religious orders had only 232 entries; as recently as 1986 there were 727 entries. The number of religious in the world continues to decline.