

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



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23rd – August 30th 2026

Sun 23 Aug		THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (II)
	9:00 am	Sung Mass Servers: MC: Noel Eden TH: Ian Rayo AC1: Steven Raymond AC2: Gabor Matoricz CR: William TR1: Elijah TR2: Nathaniel
	11:15 am	Legion of Mary Meeting
Mon 24 Aug		St Bartholomew (II)
Tues 25 Aug		St Louis IX (III)
Wed 26 Aug		Feria (IV) Comm: St Zephyrinus
	10:00 am	Rosary
Thurs 27 Aug		St Joseph Calasanz (III)
Fri 28 Aug		St Augustine (III) Comm: St Hermes
Sat 29 Aug		Beheading of St John the Baptist (III) Comm: St Sabina
	10:00 am	Low Mass Server: Francis Mullins
Sun 30 Aug		FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (II)
	9:00 am	Low Mass Servers: Steven Raymond & Nicholas Padachi
	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).

Ora et Labora: Saturday, 5 September. BYO breakfast/snack, sausage sizzle provided at 1:00pm. Sausages provided but feel free to bring any additional meats you might like to cook.

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	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 *continued...*

Are there any statistics to illustrate this crisis of faith? Without being altogether reliable, polls do represent general tendencies in society. Many statistics for the United States can be found in Kenneth C. Jones's *Index of Leading Catholic Indicators*. For example, 77

percent of American Catholics in 1999 did not believe one must attend Mass on Sunday to be a good Catholic. Only 17 percent of young Catholics in America believe the priesthood should be restricted to males. Only 10 percent of Catholic elementary school religion teachers agree with the Church's teaching on artificial birth control. A 1992 poll in *Der Spiegel* showed that only 56 percent of Germans believe in the existence of God, 38 percent in His omnipotence, 30 percent in original sin, 29 percent that Jesus is the Son of God, and 24 percent in the existence of hell. Likewise catastrophic is the situation among Catholics. Only 43 percent of them believe in the fundamental dogma of the Resurrection of Christ. Of those who attend Mass on Sundays, only 55 percent believe in the Virgin Birth and only 44 percent recognize papal infallibility. Among all Catholics, only 32 percent believe in papal infallibility. In France a recent poll showed that only 58 percent of the French consider the existence of God certain or probable (compared with 61 percent in 1994); 65 percent (and 80 percent of those eighteen to twenty-four years old) say that they do not believe in the Holy Trinity, and 67 percent (compared with 48 percent in 1994) do not believe in the existence of hell. Only 12 percent of Catholics say they definitely believe in hell (16 percent have some belief in hell, 72 percent deny its existence). Even among regularly practising Catholics the statistics are catastrophic: only 23 percent of them firmly believe in hell, while 54 percent deny its existence. Thirty-four percent of these same practicing Catholics are firmly convinced that Mohammed was a prophet, while only 28 percent deny it (35 percent believe it "up to the point," the others are not sure. In 2006 only 7 percent of French Catholics believed that Catholicism is the only true religion. "We can measure the depth of the change by noting that in 1952 most Catholics believed that there was but one true religion," observed the sociologist Yves Lambert. In Valais, the conservative canton of Switzerland that is home to the International Society of Saint Pius X (SSPX) seminary at Ecône, 81.3 percent of Catholics maintain that all religions lead to eternal salvation.