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## This Month

### ✳ Christmas Masses

12/24/20

4 p.m.

7 p.m. St. Mary en Español

10 p.m.

Midnight

12/25/20

10 a.m.

12:30 p.m. St. Mary en Español

### ✳ Christmas break

12/27/20 Holy Family

## Upcoming Events

### January

#### ✳ Final holiday weekend

1/3/21 Epiphany of the Lord

#### ✳ Live classes return

1/10/21 | 9 a.m. - Baptism of the Lord

### Daily Mass Readings

### Know the Saints!

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# St. Michael the Archangel Religious Education News

## Good-bye to 2020!



*If we say, "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing. 1 John 1:8-9*

Our first Communion classes finished up the year with children attending a First Reconciliation service on the third of December 2020. Children who have been attending classes at St Michaels on Sunday mornings as well as those enrolled in our homeschooling options came prepared and eager to experience the loving forgiveness of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to all our wonderful parents, Fr. Vincent of St. Mary's, Fr. Farmer and Fr. Jones for making this

a blessed event. Children who have not yet received the Sacrament can arrange to attend any of our regularly scheduled [Confession times](#). Please let me know in advance when you will be here so that I can notify our priests.

## Looking Back

We started off the new school year with uncertainty and great caution, but I am happy to announce that enrollment has been healthy with about three-fourths of our families registering this year. Many of those not enrolled are families with preschool children. Unfortunately, we just could not accommodate classes during the 10:30 a.m. Mass this year because of the need to sanitize between groups.

## Looking Forward

While many with children in grades 1-6 opted for homeschooling, a third of our children attend in-person classes, most of whom have been able to meet each week in small groups, except for the fifth grade where Fr. Farmer and Dr. Pudner take turns every other week. CYO/JCYO enrollment face-to-face has been phenomenal and Mrs. Sarah Wiese, our youth ministry leader, is happy to see so many 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders here on Sunday evenings!

I am grateful this year for those who volunteer to teach each week and also grateful for those ready and able to substitute when needed. I am also very impressed with how well parents are doing as primary educators in the faith. Children came well-prepared for first Reconciliation this year. Some even returned a week later for their second confession!

We are still not in the clear to return to full capacity in January, but live classes will continue with the precautions we've put in place: masks, safe distances, temperature checks, limited access. After the New Year, the Archdiocese will inform us about how Catholic schools and programs will proceed with new federal and state guidelines.

Please continue to stay in touch! If you or your child need help with online classes or supplements to go with books, please let me know. For those attending, please keep me informed if your child will miss class. Feedback is always welcome as we navigate new ways to reach out to children and youth to share the gospel of Christ's forgiveness and love.