

Sunday-April 6, 2014

Mass Intentions:

Palm Sunday, April 13-

9:15 a.m.- Jimmy Smolik

Good Friday, April 18-

3:00 p.m.- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion,
Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

Easter Sunday, April 20-

9:15 a.m.- Herbert & Rosie Bludau

Sunday, April 27-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of the
Guntram & Annie Janak Family

First Friday, May 2-

7:00 p.m.-Annie & Angela Hermes

Sunday, May 4-

9:15 a.m.-Ronnie Kanak

Rosary Leaders:

April 13-Joyce Janak

April 20-Lucille Klekar

April 27-Dorothy Schneider

May 4-Sandy Konvicka

Lectors:

April 13-Dedie Dobbs

April 18-Pat Mladenka

April 20-Anthony Matula

April 27-Daniel Matula

May 4-First Communicants

Cantors:

April 13-Lucille Klekar

April 18-Ruth Rouse

April 20-Laurence Bludau

April 27-Richard Rouse

May 4-Emily Schimcek

Extraordinary Ministers:

April 13-Tony & Joyce Bludau, Billy & Bev Hrnrcir

April 20-Leon & Nancy Etzler, Edward & Sandra
Pustka

April 27-Richard Sommerlatte, Janice Rother,
Vivian Mozisek & Evelyn Konvicka

May 4-Dedie Dobbs, Trina Sommerlatte,
Pat Pesek & Carol Rother

Altar Servers:

April 13-Jacob Janak, Emilie & Ryan Mudd,
Luke Scherer

April 18-Derek & Kevin Konvicka

April 20-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Clay &
Blake Rother

April 27-Samuel & Simon Machicek, Michael &
Robbie Perdziak

May 4-Derek & Kevin Konvicka, Allexus Mizera
& Kaitlyn Rother

Offertory Gift Bearers:

April 13-Mark & Brenda Threadgill

April 20-Margaret Smolik

April 27-David & Glenda Tobola

May 4-First Communicants

Ushers:

April 13-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Bernard
Patek & Richard Sommerlatte

April 20-Stanley Orsak, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

April 27-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Gilbert
Urbish & Charles Grafe

May 4-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik, Francis Klekar &
Sidney Jasek

Church Cleaners:

April 12-Sharon Henrichs, Lisa Matula &
Laura Ulcak

April 19-Barbara Matula, Monica Matula &
Susan Bujnoch

April 26-Vivian Mozisek, Rita Migl &
Edna Wehman

May 3-Doris Mixon & Barbara Jasek

Messages & Announcements

Lenten Silent Retreat & Day of Fasting,

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., St.
Mary's Church. Confession, Mass, adoration,
Stations of the Cross, rosary, Divine Mercy.
Bread & water will be provided. Families are
welcome. For more information, call Lorrie
Adamek 293-1300 or 293-6190.

Promise of Marriage: Brittany Sommerlatte &
Gavin Jasek on May 3.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Thank you to everyone who helped to make my 40th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration such a wonderful and memorable occasion. The music at the Mass was beautiful. Thank you to all who participated in the Mass in any way.

The reception and supper was terrific! Thank you to all who set up and decorated the hall, who prepared and served the food, and who participated in the program. Also, thank you to the singers and musicians at the hall.

Finally, thank you to all for the prayers and good wishes, the gifts to the Seminary Burse and to the Capital Campaign, and other gifts. I feel so very blessed to be the pastor of our four parishes.

My family of three aunts and many cousins was well represented.

We will have our Lenten Parish Mission at Sacred Heart by Fr. Bob Hogan on April 5th-8th. The topics of the Mission will be –

Jesus, Revealer of God's Love (having a relationship with Jesus, experiencing His transforming love, how to pray).

Jesus as Savior and Lord (repentance, healing, the cross, discipleship).

Jesus as the Christ, the Giver of the Holy Spirit (the risen Lord imparting the Spirit; role of the Holy Spirit in our lives).

Thank you to the Frankie Klekar family for their donation towards the refinishing of the Sanctuary Lamp Holder that hangs above the altar.

We have recently replaced the air conditioning/heating system in the church. The old system was not operating as it should.

We are also in the process of replacing the pipe culvert at the main entrance to St. Mary's Hall, making that entrance a little safer. We are also having the Parish Hall leveled and inspected.

There may be some inconvenience with some of the work going on. We ask your patience while this work is being done.

Good Friday Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

Easter Flowers: If you are interested in making an Easter Flower donation, please do so by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the regular collection basket. Donations may be made in memory of your loved ones.



The St. Mary's KJZT Society #3 will hold their second quarter meeting on Friday, May 2 after the First Friday Mass.

CCD News

April 16-Penance Service for CCD Students

April 23-CCD Mass Practice and Choir Practice

April 30-Closing Mass at 6 pm

May 3-First Communion Practice/First Penance

May 4-First Communion

May Crowning-CCD Students will process in with flowers at the beginning of Mass.

SAVE THE DATES:

June 15-17 Camp David Junior High Retreat (Entering 6th grade-existing 8th) First Session

June 18-20 Camp David Junior High-Second Session

June 18 Camp David Elementary Camp (Entering 3rd-existing 5th)

June 23-26 NET Discipleship Week (Ages 13-18)

June 28-July 6 Rocky Mountain High Retreat (For High School Ages) Pagosa Springs, Colorado

Parents: Flyers and registration forms have been sent home with your child. If you plan for your child to attend any of these events, please send your registration in early. Spots are limited and fill quickly.

All information and additional forms and flyers are available on the Diocesan website under the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Page at:

www.victoriadiocese.org

**IN HONOR OF REV. MSGR. JOHN C. PETERS
40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION-TO THE
SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND-**

St. Mary's Choir-\$50
M/M Richard Rouse-\$40.00

**MEMORIALS TO THE ST. MARY'S ALTAR
SOCIETY**

In memory of Leona Bujnoch

By Bernice Bujnoch.....\$5.00
Stan & Betty Bujnoch.....\$25.00
Vic & Katherine Kahanek...\$10.00

In memory of Theresa Jalufka by:

Phillip & Evelyn Bujnoch-\$10; Mike & Sandy
Konvicka-\$10; Gilbert & Evelyn Mozisek-\$10;
Gussie Kelnar-\$20; Vic & Katherine Kahanek-
\$20; Franklin & Vivian Mozisek-\$15; Daniel J. &
Jo Matula-\$20; Benjamin & Linda-\$20

In memory of Frances Motal Meneley by:

Vic & Katherine Kahanek-\$10; David T. & Mary
A. Polasek-\$25; Gussie Kelnar-\$20; Willie
Pastucha Jr.-\$10

Donation to the St. Mary's Altar Society by:

Anthony & Joyce Bludau-\$30

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Frances Motal Meneley by:

Charles & Angie Netardus-\$5; Norrell & Mickey
Schulte-\$20; Mark & Melissa Pilat & Son-\$20;
Kubena Funeral Home-Dan, Barbara, Eugene,
Andy & Alison-\$20

In memory of Leona M. Bujnoch by:

Kubena Funeral Home-Dan, Barbara, Eugene,
Andy & Alison-\$20; Stanley & Betty Bujnoch-
\$20; James & Marsha Steffek-\$20

In memory of Theresa Jalufka by:

Peoples State Bank-\$10; David & Kathy
Bujnoch-\$20; Roman, Miranda & Garrett
Henke-\$20; David & Loretta Steffek-\$20; Joe
Rainosek-\$20; Eugene Dworsky-\$20; James &
Judy Evans-\$20; M/M Robert Chaloupka-\$10

MEMORIALS TO ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

In memory of Frances Motal Meneley by:

Jerome & Georgie Pavliska-\$10

In memory of Theresa Jalufka by:

Marlyn Matula & Travis-\$20; Robert & Louise
Pesek-\$20; Alton & Marlyn Sevcik-\$5

MEMORIALS TO ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

In memory of Leona Bujnoch by:

Dolores Janak & Joane-\$15

Financial Report for March 2014

Income:

Sunday Collections.....	\$5,534.60
Children's Collections.....	116.50
Aid-Church's in Europe.....	246.00
Church Rental.....	100.00
Hall Rental.....	1,225.00
Rice Bowl.....	763.10
Catholic Life Relief Service.....	57.00
Total Income	\$8,042.20

Expenses:

Office.....	\$ 385.00
Utilities.....	2,635.66
Maintenance.....	215.95
Health Insurance.....	406.00
Administration.....	357.00
Hall.....	345.00
Pension Plan.....	94.00
Diocesan Services Appeal.....	5,909.00
Church Expense.....	1,947.71
Total Expenses	\$12,295.32

Beginning Balance.....	\$49,060.25
Income.....	+ 8,042.20
Expenses.....	- 12,295.32
Balance.....	\$44,807.13

Easter Prayer -

*Heavenly Father and God of mercy,
We no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for He is alive and has become the Lord of life.*

*From the waters of death you raise us with
Him and renew your gift of life within us.*

*Increase in our minds and hearts the risen
life we share with Christ, and help us to grow
as your people toward the fullness of eternal
life with you.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



*Happy
Easter!*



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April 2014

Sacred Heart, St. Mary, St. John and Ascension Churches

Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Maria Faustina

Born Helena Kowalska in Poland, Faustina was 20 years old when she joined the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She began to receive messages from Jesus which she recorded in her diary at his request.



These messages emphasized Jesus' mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. On May 5, 2000, five days after St. Faustina's canonization, the Vatican declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday, as Jesus had asked of Faustina.

Jesus loves me

The beloved children's song, "Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so," speaks of unshakable faith in Christ's love. Easter, as at no other time of the year, is testament to that love. Let our faith be like that of little children who know without doubt that Jesus loves us.

"Show me the path I should walk, for I entrust my life to you"
(Psalm 143:8b).



We are: priest, prophet, and king

The Israelites anointed their priests and kings with oil as a sign that they were set apart for special work. When we were baptized, we were also anointed with oil to show that we have been set apart for Christ and share in his threefold roles as priest, prophet and king.

Priest. A priest mediates between God and humans and offers sacrifices on behalf of others. We accept our baptismal priesthood when we pray intercessory prayers, when we perform penitential acts for other people, and when we regularly participate in the Mass fully and joyfully.

Prophet. A prophet is a messenger sent by God to speak for God. The message is credible because the prophet

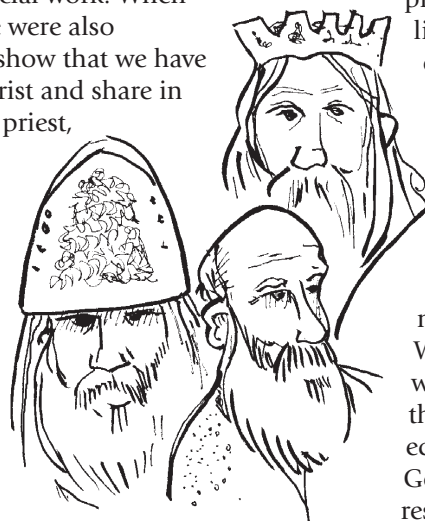
lives a holy life and also calls people to conversion. We share in Jesus'

prophetic ministry by living our faith, teaching others about God and his love, and by spreading Jesus' Gospel messages.

King. Kings protect their people from harm, exercise leadership, and act as models and examples. We are servant kings when we participate in the leadership and education of those within God's Church, when we resist bad influences and live lives of virtue, and

when we work to lead others to salvation.

By living our faith, participating in our parish and in the Sacraments, we help to build the reign of God.

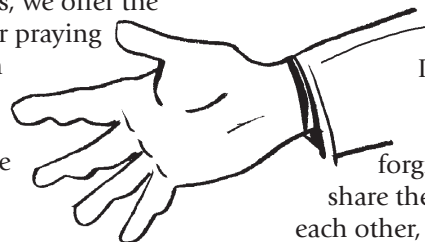


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we offer peace at Mass?

During the Mass, we offer the Sign of Peace after praying the Our Father, in preparation for Communion. In the Our Father, we ask God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who

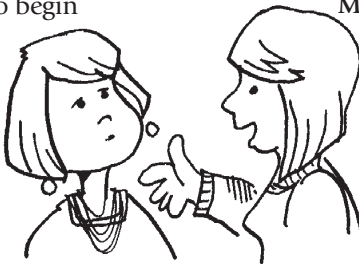
trespass against us." We offer the Sign of Peace in the confidence that if we forgive our neighbors, God will forgive our sins. Since we share the Peace of Christ with each other, the Sign of Peace can also be a sign of spiritual unity.



Invite a friend to Mass ... really?

Do you invite non-Catholics to Mass? For some it's a good start to learning our faith. For others, it's better to begin slowly. Consider these steps:

Do life first. It can be a stretch for someone who doesn't know Christ to find him at Mass the first time. If unused to ritual, Mass may be confusing and seem exclusive because non-Catholics can't receive Communion. Instead, try sharing the warmth of a Christ-centered community by including your friend in a parish dinner or fundraising event where



she can socialize with others who live for Christ.

Make it small. Bring your friend along to your Bible study, prayer meeting or small study group. Adult faith formation classes also make good introductions to faith in a small setting for someone unused to formal religion.

Let it come naturally. Your friend will let you know when it's time to graduate to Mass. By that point, he will be more comfortable in the parish setting and will have a better idea of what to expect.

from Scripture

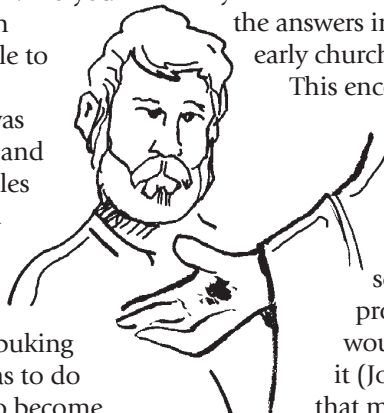
John 20:19-31, Doubting Thomas.

Have you ever struggled with doubts or questions about your faith? Do you sometimes feel that tough questions aren't acceptable to people of faith?

Even though Thomas was with Jesus for three years and witnessed amazing miracles first hand, he still needed evidence and first-hand observation before he could accept the Resurrection. Far from rebuking him, Jesus invited Thomas to do whatever was necessary to become convinced of the truth.

It is important to note that in spite of his misgivings, Thomas didn't leave the

group of believers, nor was he excluded by them. As a result, he was able to find the answers in the context of that early church.



This encounter with Thomas suggests that every seeker is welcome to bring his or her doubts to God. He delights in guiding our search for the truth and promised that the Spirit would aid those who seek it (John 16:13). God knows that many faithful people who probe their doubts and fears finally reach the truth - and faith in the truth is what Christ desires for us.

Q What is required & to keep the Lord's Day holy?

Sunday - the Lord's Day - is the day of the week we set aside just for God. We gather at Mass to listen to his Word and take part in the Eucharist.



Our activities on Sunday should center around thanking God for our blessings and promise of salvation.

One of the best ways we can show God how much we love him is to show love to each other. Sunday is a great day to devote to the care of relatives and friends, which may be tough during the week. Performing works of mercy is also a fitting observation of the day.

Sunday is also a time for the reflection and meditation necessary for our spiritual growth. It can be the one day in the week during which we slow down and listen for the voice of our Father, and actually have a chance of hearing it.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 - St. Francis of Paola (1507). After a pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome when he was thirteen, St. Francis became a hermit in a cave. Others joined him and formed the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi. While he preferred solitude, St. Francis was called to active service and influenced international relations. He was canonized for blending active and contemplative service.

April 4 - St. Isidore of Seville (636). Born to a family of three other saints, St. Isidore succeeded his brother as archbishop of Seville. St. Isidore

established seminaries in every diocese, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Some of his writings helped shape the spiritual outlook of the Middle Ages.

April 27 - Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised special graces to those who honor him as the King of Mercy and pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



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