



Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

April 11, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday



Pastor's Letter

THE CONTEMPLATIVE DIMENSION OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

A lot of our time as adults is taken up for us with necessary and often time-consuming obligations, but a lot is also taken up by other things that we choose for ourselves, often only adding to increased stress levels as they squeeze our time yet further, moving us from one thing to another with no breathing time in between. The problem isn't the supposed *limited* time we have; it's the *way* we use the available time we have. After all, we have twenty-four hours each day, seven days a week, 365 days each and every year. That's a lot of time: 8,760 hours per year! Let's face it, we have/find/make time for what we want.

According to the *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*, for example, the average adult spent in 2019 9.62 hrs./day on personal care, including sleep (on weekends this increases); 1.8 hrs./day eating and drinking; 1.78 hrs. on household activities; 3.61 hrs./day on working and work-related activities; 5.19 hrs./day on leisure and sports (6.44 hrs./day); and .30 hrs./day on organizational, civic or religious activities.

It's impossible to have an authentically Christian life without prayer: conversation with God, our Father and our Creator, with Jesus our brother and our Redeemer, with the Holy Spirit our indwelling Sanctifier and our Friend, with God who will be our Judge at this life's end.

A distinction needs to be made. Contemplation is essentially a gift of God, a working of his grace, enabling us truly to enter into a given mystery in a way that goes beyond our merely natural capacity to do so. Meditation can open the way to contemplation through the preparation of mind and heart, and contemplation will lead back to a yet deeper meditation on, and love of the mysteries of our Faith, our mind turning over and considering more deeply and thoroughly a given spiritual topic: the Trinity, the Eucharist, the role of the Virgin Mary in God's plan, etc.

Meditation isn't losing useful time, much less wasting it; it's making the *best use of time* to benefit ourselves. St. Bernard of Clairvaux, said that, "*Meditation purifies the fount, that is, the mind from which it springs. Besides, it governs our affections, guides our actions, corrects our excesses, regulates our habits, gives order and poise to our life ... Meditation defines things that are confused, closes gaps in the mind, reassembles scattered thoughts, develops things that are true, lays bare those that are false and deceptive.*" That sounds to me like a very worthwhile use of time.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 St. Peter teaches us that, while the cause of Jesus' death was our sins, which should have also been a further cause of our condemnation, His death itself actually pays our debt of our sins, and saves us from condemnation.

I John 2:1-5a The ideal of the child of God is to forswear sin completely and to live the new life of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. Still, sin remains a sad reality in our lives, but Jesus remains expiation for our sins and our advocate with the Father.

St. Luke 24:35-48 All Christians are also witnesses in the world, and the most authentic witness of one who professes faith in Jesus Christ is a life forever changed by the power of that faith.

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS

HOLY CHILDHOOD ON ZOOM AT 9:15 am **MATERNITY OF MARY ON YOUTUBE AT 10:30 am**
Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. evanoff.jj@gmail.com

Maternity of Mary - On YouTube through the Maternity of Mary website. Go to:
www.maternityofmarychurch.org and click on the link: Maternity of Mary YouTube page to watch live Mass.
This link is under the Live Stream of Mass information.

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE DAILY MASS

The 7:45 am is now being live streamed on Zoom. Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the list.

COMMUNION AT HOLY CHILDHOOD

Communion will be available at door # 5 (lower level church entrance off of parking lot) at approximately 8:20 am, Monday - Saturday and 10:00 am, on Sunday for those not attending Mass in the church building.

Fr. Cloutier will be away April 12 - 16. Therefore we will go to our one priest daily Mass schedule: Holy Childhood will have the 7:45 am Mass on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Maternity of Mary will have the 8:00 am Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.



HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

There will not be the Holy Hour at Holy Childhood on April 11. See article on Divine Mercy for information on the Divine Mercy celebration at Maternity of Mary on April 11 at 2:00 pm.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS.

All would agree that the last year has been a lemon of a year. Well, when life gives you lemons you make....lemon bars! Our pre order bake sale was a HUGE success. Our profit was \$878.00. Which will be given to a couple of pro-life organizations. But, we couldn't have done it without the help of many. To our bakers: Anne Burt, GERALYN Clasemann, Mary Ellen Clasemann, Audrey Clasemann, Janet Fairbanks, Mary Madigan, Sue Quam and Cinnamon roll expert Brenda Czarnik. Thank you! Thank you! To all of our bakers who stayed on Saturday to fill the 44 orders and extra helper Kathleen Hoffman. To all of those who ordered baked goods and those who donated to the bake sale Thank you.

We sincerely hope you all enjoyed your treats and hope that the next bake sale can be in person. God Bless you all. Chairs: Joan Connolly and Judy Jacobsen.

Coming up:
Mother's day corsage and
flower sale. More info coming.



CATHOLICS at the CAPITAL APRIL 15, 2021

Register today at:

CatholicsattheCapitol.org,

or for more information, Phone: 651-227-8777.



Fr. Wolnik called to let you know you are in his thoughts and prayers and he wishes all of you a blessed Easter Season.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 10 Patrick Harrington
13 George Merth
16 Gabrielle Rosenthal
Nick Schneider
17 Norah Vitali

SAINT ANDREW KIM SCHEDULE

APRIL

16, 7:00 pm - Mass
18, 10:30 am - Confession (SCH)
11:15 am - Mass (CH)

MATERNITY OF MARY NEWS

MATERNITY OF MARY-SAINT ANDREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool - 8th grade registration for the 2021-22 school year is open. Our students develop a strong, positive self-image, Christian values of kindness and respect that are practiced daily. We strive to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to learning, to our Catholic faith and to community service. For more information about registration or to schedule a tour, contact the school office at 651.489.1459 or visit us at www.mmsaschool.org

Would you like to help with our Spring Fling?

The MMSA Spring Fling Committee is looking for donations for their Silent Auction. Please consider any of these suggestions:

*Gift Cards *Themed Baskets *Sporting Event Tickets *Experiences *Monetary Donations
*Home items- quilts, gardening items, cooking items .

Please contact the school office about your donation. They will arrange a time for you to drop it off or they would be happy to come and pick it up from you. 651-489-1459. The date for their Spring Gala, the MMSA Spring Fling, is **Friday, April 23**. This year's theme is **"CELEBRATE MMSA."** There will be an online silent auction leading up to the virtual event on the 23rd. ***This year, the fund-a-need will be to create outdoor learning spaces for their school.***

MATERNITY OF MARY BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Please call Lisa at 651-695-1764 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter: Maternity of Mary Catholic Church to schedule an appointment.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 10

7:45 am † Karen Merth

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, April 11

9:15 am † Joe Mihalik

Monday, April 12 - NO MASS
Tuesday, April 13

7:45 am † Maria Nimh Kim Nhung

Wednesday, April 14 - NO MASS
Thursday, April 15 - NO MASS
Friday, April 16

7:45 am † Allen Thoresen

Saturday, April 17

7:45 am † Bernie Benson

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, April 18

9:15 am † Fabian Kullman

Financial Support 4-4-21

HOLY LAND	\$ 963.00
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FAIR SHARE	\$ 8222.00
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PIPES REPORT	\$ 300.00
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Balance	\$ 2467.00
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Thank you for your generous support of Holy Childhood.

Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647-0689

Our Current Services

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 pm

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 am

Conference Room

Saturday Anticipatory Mass..... 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass.....9:15 am

Weekday Masses....Monday - Saturday..7:45 am

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday 6:00 pm

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

Victim Assistance Program.....651-291-4497

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



TODAY, APRIL 11, 2021, 2:00-3:00 PM

Join Fr. Cloutier and Fr. Fink as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at Maternity of Mary.

Confession will be available.

The celebration will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Devotion and Eucharistic Benediction.

Many parishes are offering special observances beyond the regularly scheduled Masses. To find a location and time that works best for you, go to www.catholicspirit.org.



DONUT DAY

Women's Club will again host another walk by or drive by Donut Sunday. TODAY, April 11, after 9:15 am Mass, there will be individually packaged donuts available for all parishioners. One donut per person please. A table will be outside the front doors (Midway Pkwy.) for you to pick up a donut as you exit church (please observe physical social distancing) and also in the parking lot for drive by pickup. (Please stay in your vehicle.) We hope you enjoy!



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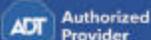
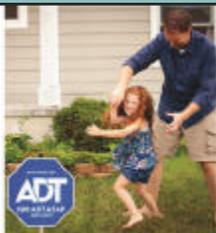
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