

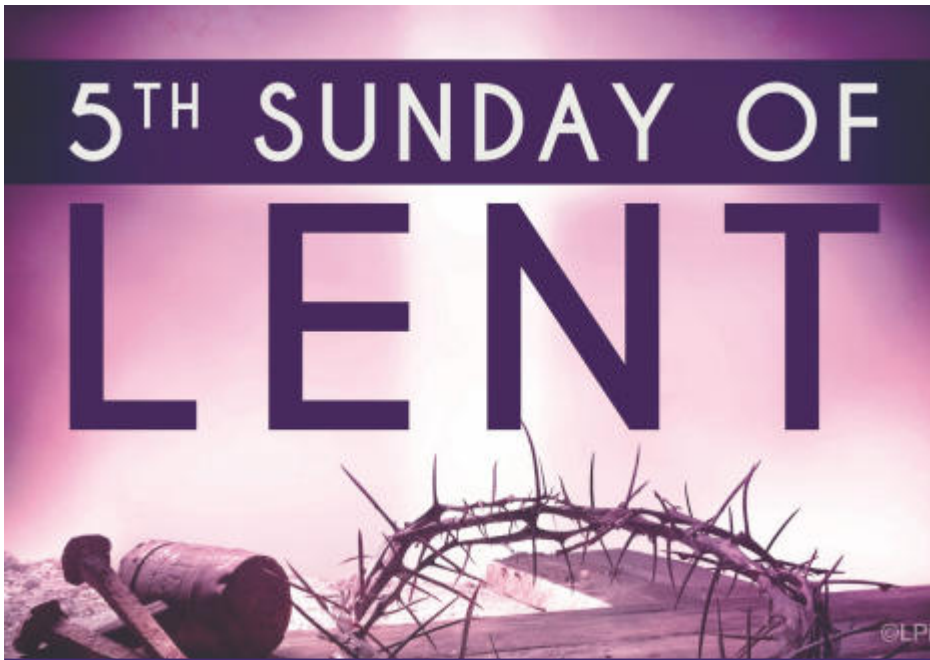
April 7, 2019 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

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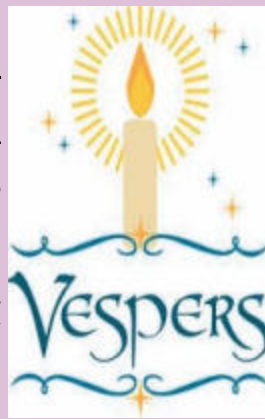
MISSION STATEMENT

To share the gifts God has entrusted us by "being Christ to one another" through welcoming, comforting, healing and teaching in loving service of our brothers and sisters, mindful of His unconditional love for all His children.



PASSION SUNDAY VESPERS

Passion Sunday Vespers will be on Next Sunday, April 14th, at 5:00 pm. Presided by Fr. Benny and led by the choir. A Lenten dinner will follow hosted by members of St. Mary's Faith Formation team directed by Jill Bueno. There is no cost, though a Free Will Offering in support of the St. Mary's, will be accepted at the dinner. Vespers is a wonderful opportunity for quiet, prayerful reflection, as we enter into the solemn observances of Holy Week.



Mass Schedule:

Weekend: Saturday 4:30 pm;
Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 pm
Saturday 8:15 am

Holy Days: 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Mon. - Fri. 11:30 am - 11:50 am
Sat. 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm and by appointment

Baptism & Marriage:

Call Pastor for arrangements.

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IN RESIDENCE

**Congregation of the Sons of the
Immaculate Conception,**

Fr Antony Skaria, CFIC

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin Deadline date for

April 21st is on

Thursday April 11th by Noon.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 6th

4:30 pm Boniface & Marion Mercado†

Sunday, 7th

7:30 am Don Grashorn†

10:30 am Helen, Nellie & Minnie
Contreras, Delores & Miranda
Arellano and Hilda Shields†

Monday, 8th

12:00 pm John & Claire Lagowski†

Tuesday, 9th

12:00 pm Dorothy Johnson†

Wednesday, 10th

12:00 pm Intentions of Irene Mc Graw

Thursday, 11th

12:00 pm Thomas Diaz†

Friday, 12th

12:00 pm Mary Rose Mercado†
Ellen Gott†

Next Saturday, 13th

8:15 am Gregory Joseph†

4:30 pm Mary Rose Mercado†

Next Sunday, 14th

7:30 am Ken Weingartner†

10:30 am Helen Contreras†

† Denotes deceased

LITURGICAL ROLES

Lectors

4:30 pm Sue Ryan

7:30 am Tom Koller

10:30 am Michael Peroz

Servers

4:30 pm Ron Seiford

7:30 am Joe O'Connell

10:30 am Dick Rodriguez

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 pm Sue Ryan

7:30 am Tony Piekarczyk

Joe O'Connell & Tom Koller

10:30 am Marie Warren

Alice Oneal & Chris Lofton

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before all

Masses except on Fridays

Fatima Prayer Group: Mondays 4:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Weds 12:30pm

Adoration every Thursday 12:30-6pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays 11:45am

Sacred Heart Novena-Fridays 12:30pm

FOCUS Scripture Group-Sat. 7:15-8:15am

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear? and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her? they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone?



DIVINE MERCY

Our Blessed Lord told Saint Faustina regarding the Feast of Mercy: **"No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy, and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy."** (Saint Faustina's Diary, 570.) OUR DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION IS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, AFTER 10:30 AM MASS.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52,

53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-

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ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS FUND COLLECTION

This Weekend! We will be taking a Second Collection for the Additional Operations Fund (AOF) for the month of April. Envelopes are available in the pews for those who do not already receive them with their collection envelope packet. Your continued support and generosity to this fund is very much appreciated. Thanks in advance.

Fr. Benny Mekkatt CFIC

HEALING/ANOINTING MASS FOR APRIL

As part of the expansion of our healing ministry to the sick, elderly and broken, **Next Saturday, April 13th, the 8:15 morning mass will be celebrated as a healing/anoointing mass.** At the end of the mass, the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be given to those who would like to be anointed with the holy oil. If you know of someone who would benefit from this sacrament, please encourage them or help them to come for this special anointing

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/SOUP SUPPERS

Come join us on Fridays during Lent for Stations & Soup Suppers. Stations begin at 5:30 p.m. with Soup Supper immediately following. Free will offerings will be accepted.

- April 12th Sponsored by Stewardship Committee
- April 14th **Passion Sunday Vespers & Supper (5pm)**
(Sponsored by Faith Formation Members)
- April 19th **Good Friday Service/Stations/Lunch**
(Sponsored by the Parish Council)

DAILY LENTEN COLLECTION

Our Daily Mass collection throughout Lenten season will be for the CFIC Children's Missions in India. If you are unable to attend Daily Mass but would like to give a donation, you may send it directly to the parish office or put it in the collection basket clearly marked **Daily Lenten Collection**. The CFIC fathers and children thank you in advance.

F.O.C.U.S. GROUP

Would you like to get more understanding of the Mass readings? Why not join the FOCUS group at St. Mary's? They are a quick 50-60 minutes of sharing thoughts about the upcoming weekend's readings with your fellow parishioners in an informal & trusted environment. The FOCUS group meets Saturday mornings at 7:30am in the Blessed Monti Community Room. Lent is a good time to spend extra time meditating on and sharing God's Word. For more information contact Jack or Mary Makowski at 651-222-74447.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

"Disturb me, O Lord" This is the theme for the Lenten Retreat being presented at Blessed Sacrament Church, 2119 Stillwater Ave. The Retreat will take place on April 8th through April 10th between 6:30pm—8:15 pm. Come and join us for one evening or for all three evenings, if possible. For more information, please see flyers that are at entrances to the church.



Upcoming Events

- Passion Sunday Vespers, Apr.14th,
5pm(followed by Light Supper)
- Good Friday Service, Stations/Lunch
April 19th, 12:00—3:00 pm
- Easter Vigil, April 20th, **6:30 pm**
- Easter Sunday Masses, April 21st,
7:30 am and 10:30 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
RE Class, April 13th, 9-10:15 am



Warren Buck 6th, John Joseph 6th, Joe Riskevich 8th, Josephina Mailand 8th, Joyce Ann Berg 9th, Viviana McDonough 9th, Christopher Engelmann 10th, Julie Wearn 10th, Kelly Hall 10th, Patricia Schletty 11th, Roland Bedard 12th and Gabriel Lockhart 12th.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Joyce Berg, Mary Dunn,
Renee Kasel, Mary Kay Peterson,
Irene and Jack Stackpole

FLOWERS ENVELOPES

Easter flower donation envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones at this time of year.



Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Jn 11:21-23 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. .

MASS ATTENDANCE MARCH 30TH & 31ST: 219
LENTEN INDIA MISSIONS COLLECTION: \$206
GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$745
COLLECTION

Envelopes..... \$1,385
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