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April 4th, 2021

MASS

Mass is now being celebrated
at 9:00 am every Sunday

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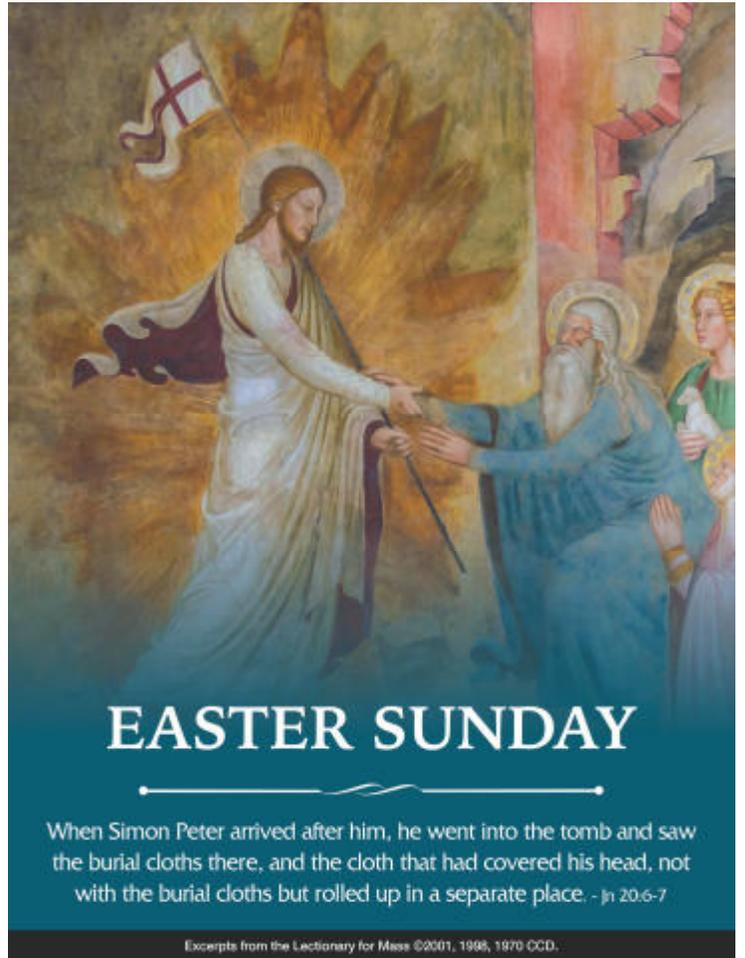
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*Blessed by the assurance of
Heaven's Love,
we, as the people of God,
witness to Christ's life-giving
presence in our
communities and the world,
through Word, the sacraments
and our service.*



In your prayers...

Mary Ann Taylor, Dan Opulski, Rodney Tarbell, Dorothy Robertson, David Schneider, Don Montgomery, Stephen Surdukowski, Carol & Terry Terrance, William Mahlmann, Sue Peters, Stephanie Nassar, Madeline Losito, Barbara Mazzucco, Wyatt Illsley, Lara Ramey Thomas, Robert Ramey, Katrina Foster, Helen Macura, Marie Surdukowski, Casimuro Maningas, Annabelle Andrews, Marilyn Boyle, Destiny Dundon, Nancy Fish, Joanne Sedgewick, Alexandra Babcock, Robert Gordon, Marvin Mondoux, Owen O'Brien, Thomas Bosvenue, John Beis, Jr., Rita Devine, Jessica Schmidt, Mary Ellen Favro, Lori Warner, Judi Daigle, Nelson Housman, Betty Fringi, Karen Moulder, Dorothy Jurnak, Nick Parker, Francis Martindale, Bret Hilliker, Sylvia Palumbo, Christopher Gauthier, Jeanne Tallone, David Falk, Nick Ward, Camille Cavagnaro, Cynthia Holbrook, Brian Crawford, Kaiden Munro, Eric & Daniel Campbell, Tom Caivana, Karigan Parker, Carolyn Baker, Loralin Fioretti, Janice Tucker, Joe Grottoli & Marie Williams

CRS RICE BOWLS

Beginning Easter Sunday Rice Bowls may be returned to the church. There will be a collection area in the vestibule.

**St. Mary's Face Book page is now active!
Check us out!**

Mar-Apr-May 2021



LECTORS

04/04– Victoria Palmer	04/25– Peter Beyer
04/11– Elaine Watkins	05/02– Donna Lamb
04/18– George Olsen	05/09– Victoria Palmer

The **Granville Area Food Pantry** is in need of canned vegetable donations. They can be dropped off at the pantry on Friday and Saturday mornings, 9am-10am. The pantry is located in the former **All Saints Church** on Morrison Avenue.

The Sunday Collection Summary for the week of March 28th was not available at the time of publication of this weeks bulletin.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?



Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

Answer:

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the Eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI. The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3). So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

Mass Intentions 04-04-21



+ **Rosie Seeley Jackson** by Dan & Kim Baker
 + **Norma Sheridan** by Dan & Kim Baker
 + **James & Sophie Giarratano** by Frank & Linda Newman
 + **Donald Fish** by Peter & Louise Beyer
 + **Sharon Lockwood** by Peter & Louise Beyer
 + **Robert and Jack Minogue** by Charlotte Minogue
 + **Henry & Billy Gallinari** by Theresa Gallinari
 + **Quinn Barber** by the Birchmore family
 + And for the People of the Parish

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Father asks that we all read these readings throughout the coming week to better prepare us for next weeks Mass

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begot. by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to im, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples ere again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Here are three answers to our question:

Why do you attend Sunday Mass?

Time of quiet, peace, shut out the outside world, time to myself, reflect, get strength to face everyday life



Because I hunger for God; in His Word, in His Eucharist, and in His Faith community



It is the best way I know how to thank God for the blessings of the last week.

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