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This Week's Readings - April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/
Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

For more information on our Parish, how to become a Parishioner, or for Letters of Recommendation, please call the Rectory or head on to our website.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 25

St. Mark

7:30 am For the People
- Fr. Greg

11:30 am Jerald Sims
- Patricia Stephens &
Gary Dickson

Tuesday, April 26

7:30 am Janice Sugg
- Family

11:30 am Arlene Browne
- Jerry & Mary Lou
Driscoll

Wednesday, April 27

7:30 am William Faulhaber
- Ken & Anne Marie
Maskulinski

11:30 am Kathleen Sullivan
- Mom & Family

Thursday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel

7:30 am All Souls

11:30 am Kevin Heiss
- Bronstein Family

Friday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

7:30 am All Souls

11:30 am Elizabeth Batt
- Tim & Luann Batt

Saturday, April 30

St. Pius V

4:00 pm Edna Cox
- Paula Moyer

5:30 pm Kenneth Romance
- Karen Griebel

Sunday, May 1

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Marian Blake
- Tom & Barbara
Mazurek

9:30 am Petrina Giulana
- Family

11:15 am James Zatlukal
- Steve & Doris
Zatlukal

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

We know that Spring is here, even if it often takes two steps forward and one back. Slowly though, the grass is turning greener, the flowers are pushing their way through the soil, and the leaves are making their return to the branches of the trees. Rest assured, **new life is springing up all around us, and this is particularly proclaimed in our Easter season as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant Resurrection from the grave.** He has indeed risen, and this has transformed our world. Often, we are like the disciples in our Gospel today, knowing that Jesus has risen but still hiding behind locked doors out of fear. **Jesus appears and wishes them peace, yet the doors remained locked.** Thomas openly admitted his doubts and was perhaps more representative of the true feelings of the others and ourselves than we care to admit. However, in his mercy Jesus persisted, appearing to Thomas and the others and bringing his message of peace to them again. Finally, Thomas' disbelief is dispelled, and he proclaims Jesus as Lord and God, a remarkable transformation even more dramatic than the change in our weather. May we follow Thomas' example, laying aside our fears and hesitations and come to believe more fully.

This Wednesday, April 27, Rev. Peter Karalus, Vicar General of the Diocese of Buffalo is coming to Queen of Heaven Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 35 Parishioners who have been preparing themselves well over this past year. They have been attending special Confirmation sessions and have gone on retreat, learning more about themselves, the Church, the Sacraments, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and other important aspects of their faith. All are in the eleventh grade and have written letters to Fr. Karalus specifically stating their readiness for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We ask for your continued prayers for them as they complete the final days of their preparation for the sacrament and confirm their membership in the Roman Catholic Church as young adults. We look forward to their continual involvement in our Parish and pray that the Holy Spirit will empower them to use their gifts more fully in the Church and the world around us.

Lastly, I need to give an update on the progress of the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal here at Queen of Heaven. **I thank the 320 families who have already made their contributions to the 2022 appeal. Currently, we have collected \$87,281.86 in donations and pledges for Catholic Charities this year.** This is a great start, but there still is a long way to go to meet our goal of \$137,411. The good news is that there is plenty of time for those who have not made a contribution to do so. **The drive goes until the end of June** so we still have two months to meet our goal. I am told that there are a number of past donors and others who have not received their letter from Catholic Charities asking for this year's contribution. If that is true for you, please let us know at the Rectory or contact Catholic Charities directly to make your donation. When doing so, make sure to include that you are from Queen of Heaven so that your donation is credited to our total.

God Bless!

Fr. Greg

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Catholic Trivia

Who was the first apostle to perform a miracle in Jesus' name?

Answer: Saint Peter

Parish Information

Mass Schedule

Daily: 7:30 am; 11:30 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm; 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:15 am
Confessions: 3:00 pm Saturdays
Holy Days: See Bulletin & Website

Rectory

Weekdays: 9:00 am - Noon
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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To see a particular priest, please make an appointment. Sick calls any time.

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Weekly Collections

4/10/2022

Regular: \$10,370

Loose: \$2,649

Automated Giving:

\$11,347.90

2022 Stewardship:

\$24,366.90

2021 Stewardship:

\$22,286.40

School Fund: \$2,140

4/17/2022

Regular: \$13,868

Loose: \$3,814

Automated Giving:

\$1,072.65

2022 Stewardship:

\$18,754.65

2021 Stewardship:

\$10,623.50

Holy Land: \$881

School Fund: \$655.65

Upcoming Second Collections

April 24

Catholic Home Mission Appeal

May 8

Beautifying Our Grounds

Please remember in your prayers

Our Dearly Departed
Mary Lawn

Our Newly Baptized
Audrey Elizabeth Zilbauer

Faith Formation

Phone: 675-3714 Text: 716-508-0018 Email: youthfamilyinfo@qofhchurch.org

PLEASE NOTE: VISITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN OUR OFFICE WHEN SCHOOL IS OPEN. **CALL OR EMAIL US PER ABOVE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET IN PERSON.**

SESSION INFORMATION

All sessions are in person this year. Masks are required for all programs.

SATURDAY PROGRAM

The Saturday Faith Formation and Monthly Family programs are finished for this year.

FIRST EUCHARIST

There are no First Eucharist events this week.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 pm.

We ask our Parishioners to remember these candidates in your prayers in a special way during their journey to Confirmation.

LIFE TEEN & EDGE

Life Teen meets Sundays from 10:45 am to 12:15 pm in the Board Room.

Edge meets Tuesdays from

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The next weekend is September 17 - 19, 2021.

All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

Jesus sent His Apostles out with the mission "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven." The Apostles handed this task on to the priests of today in the Sacrament of Confession.

Join us, and carry on the "ministry of reconciliation."

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



Looking for an opportunity to serve Christ in the homeless?

Little Portion Friary, a temporary homeless shelter to many guests, is looking for volunteers, especially on the weekends.

You can email them at littleportionfriary@outlook.com or call them at 716-882-5705.

Please visit their website, www.littleportionfriary.com to learn more about what they do.

This would also be a good service opportunity to consider.



Saint Faustina was told by Our Lord that, "A Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament so pleases the Heart of Jesus, that every man, woman and child on earth receives a new effect from God's goodness and love, all because of a single hour of adoration in His Presence."

Spend some time in the chapel this week giving thanks to Our Lord for His Passion, death, and resurrection.

To sign up for your own weekly appointment with Our Lord, go to the Queen of Heaven website and under the Adoration Chapel page you can view the open hours available and sign up for your hour there.

For more information email us at: adoration@QofHChurch.org



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WHAT YOU
should be,
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the whole world
ON FIRE!**

-St. Catherine of Siena

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Saint of the Week

St. Catherine of Siena
April 29

St. Catherine of Siena was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347.

She developed a habit of giving things away and she continually gave away her family's food and clothing to people in need. She often visited hospitals and homes where the poor and sick were found. Her activities quickly attracted followers who helped her in her mission to serve the poor and sick.

St. Catherine became involved in the fractured politics of her time, was instrumental in restoring the Papacy to Rome, and in brokering peace deals during a time war between the Italian city states. She also established a monastery for women in 1377 outside of Siena.

She is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue, which is her definitive work, and her prayers. These works are so influential that she was declared a Doctor of the Church.

One of the most influential and popular saints in the Church, St. Catherine is the patroness against fire & illness, and for the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, and nurses.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Luke tells us of the success and healing power of the apostles in the Jerusalem church in the early days, weeks, and months following Jesus' resurrection.

Where do you see this level of enthusiasm for the faith today?

Second Reading: Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

The resurrected Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos during his exile for bearing witness to the faith. In this encounter, John is initially fearful but then reassured by Jesus.

When have you turned to Jesus in moments of fear in your life?

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

The apostle Thomas challenges his fellow apostles about the reality of Jesus' resurrection, seeking direct evidenced from Jesus himself.

How often do you encounter fellow believers who are skeptical in their faith?

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebrated on the **2nd Sunday of Easter**, it is an annual feast honouring devotion to Christ's tender mercy for all humanity

On this day, you may be granted a **plenary indulgence*** if you:

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| ① go to confession  | ② receive Holy Communion  | ③ pray for the pope's intentions  |
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take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel **OR** recite *the Our Father*, *the Creed* and a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

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