



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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OUR MISSION:

We, the people of St. Priscilla Parish, grounded in the Word of God and Sacred Tradition, find strength and joy in the transforming power of Christ's sacrificial love as manifested in the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to lifelong spiritual formation, compassionate service, evangelization and the generous sharing of God's gifts with our parish family and the community at large.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM Sunday - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM Extraordinary Form Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM Thursday - 7:00 PM Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Wednesday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM 3rd Sunday of Month 10 AM - 1:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - immediately following 8:00 AM Holy Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration - All day Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 PM

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for a Baptism Preparation Class.

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying the Parish Office.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 9:00 AM

- † Albert Purgiel by Bob & Marge Kelley
- † Raymond Bernard Elam by Maryann Waskelis & Kevin Waskelis
- † James & Shirley Dwyer by Francis Family
- † Valerie Sinnamon by Parish Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 11:00 AM

- † Paul Hanis (Mem Birthday) by wife, Vi Hanis
- † Peter Vu by Family
- † Cecelia Bui by Luong & Hang Vu
- † Marino & Rosa Benedettini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1:00 PM

† Alma Placides by Amy Golonka

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 8:00 AM

† Toto Ruggirello by Silvana Carta

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 8:00 AM

† Xavier DeBrincat by wife, Silvia

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 7:00 PM

† Raymond Bernard Elam by Maryann Waskelis & Kevin Waskelis

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 8 AM

† Marino & Rosa Benedettini by Graziano Canini

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 4:30 PM

- † Benito Liu by Jon & Jo Gateley
- † Marino & Rosa Benedettini by Graziano Canini
- † Fr. John Grinsell by Barbara & Jim Smith

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 9:00 AM

- † Donna Jasin by William & Mary Anderson
- † Ella Mitchie by Al & Diane Novotny
- † Marino & Rosa Benedettini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 11:00 AM

The People of Saint Priscilla

- † Valerie Marks by Tony & Judy Pyrkosz
- † Maria Lan Hoang by Luong & Hang Vu
- † Donna Jasin by Kay Kermode

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1:00 PM

Andrew Crichton by Robert Wenderski

Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Wendy Bongero Debbie Picano Judy Pyrkosz Barry Broden **David Nowak** Linda Nowak

Diane Novotny Jim Pongracz Pete Arciero Antonio Gabbana Ned Rice Kenneth Ricer Connie Lark Rose Schmidt

Coast Guard

Pray for Our Servicemen & Women

Natalie Yurgil Benjamin Schmidt

Air Force **Brent Vann** Army Brian Golonka Army Jacob Stanton Marines Kyle Nelson Marines

Pray for the Deceased

Deacon Francis Xavier Chau Doan

THIS SECTION HAS BEEN REVISED

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be listed for 3-Months unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

SERVICE MEMBER FAMILIES

Call us to add your ACTIVE DUTY spouse, child or grandchild.





Each Monday following Morning Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Eucharistic Adoration Benediction at 7:00PM Followed by Prayers to St. Joseph

"You cannot have two heavens. It is impossible to enjoy yourself here and afterward to reign with Christ."

-Thomas à Kempis

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HEAVEN ON EARTH?

Do you ever feel like you are living in a story book or a video game? I certainly feel that way lately. The events and headlines that I have seen over the past two years often make me feel like I am living in a different dimension. Recently the New York Times released an article with a guide on how to use neopronouns. What is a neopronoun you ask? Well let me first let you know, that it isn't even recognized as word in this document... I have the red line underneath it.

Basically, instead of identifying yourself as he or she because you are male or female, you can identify yourself as ze/zir or fae/faer. The thought process is that if we can identify our cat as kitten/kittenself then we can make up these new pronouns for the people that identify as neither male or female.

The other component to this different dimension we live in is that moving backward is now "progressive." Even further, we put our full faith and confidence in science... which remind you, is ever changing as science is the study of how the world interacts and our observation of it. So of course, this always changes as we learn more about the world around us.

Perhaps all this constant change and creation of new issues like pronouns stems from our internal desire for a perfect world. We all have wants, desires, and passions, and this world does not provide the means to fulfill them all. So, since it doesn't provide, let's just force it to! At least that appears to be the thought process behind these drastic changes that often contradict themselves.

Unfortunately, we cannot create heaven on earth. It can't exist no matter how we try. Heaven is filled with saints and love. The world is filled with sinners and hate. Because the world can seem so bleak, it is understandable that we would want to try our best to create comfortable lives for ourselves. But that's not what God has here for us anymore. That was the intent with the Garden of Eden, but since the fall, this world has become a battleground to prepare us for the glory of God.

I have to admit that I am confused. We have people claiming to love God and neighbor that write prayers to hate white people. We have "disciples of Christ" that refuse to be held accountable for their sins. This world and our hearts have become the devil's playground (as my husband often says). What event will be the turning point for us? Do you recall the USA after 9/11? The churches were filled, American flags were always out of stock, people loved and respected each other. People were bound together by love and faith. Despite the terror, people came together to give thanks to God for what we had. Can we get back to that soon? I think so. But it requires each of us to put **God** first, neighbor second, and ourselves last. Let's cling to His Truth.



2021 Vacation Bible School

Save the date!

June 28-July 1 9am-12pm

Let's try this again...

Last year, we were unable to run our STEM-focused Vacation Bible School program. But this year it is back and we have some fun lessons and activities planned! Students will be learning God's Word through marine, civil, chemical and environmental engineering. Just like the program in 2019, this curriculum is unique to St. Priscilla and provides students the opportunity to learn the faith while discovering and applying science and engineering concepts.

We are looking for lead and assistant catechists to make the program a success! Please email Alyssa at dre@saintpriscilla.org if interested.



FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people:

"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.

Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one: the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Alleluia 1 k 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Lk 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish: he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE

By: Mary Rice & Ned Rice

Today Peter speaks to a large group of Jews gathered in Solomon's Portico (in the Temple area). He harkens back to their revered fathers in faith—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He recalls the suffering and death of Jesus and tells them that the God of our fathers has glorified His servant Jesus. Further, God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand through the mouths of all the prophets that his Christ should suffer.

Then, after recalling their mutual heritage, Peter makes a shocking plea: Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins be wiped away (Acts 3:19).acts

This would mean accepting Jesus as the promised Messiah—impossible! unthinkable! But Peter's bold invitation has the ring and quality of faith. Peter, who had once denied knowing Jesus, was now on fire with zeal. He wanted everyone to believe the witness of the apostles (and many others) that God had raised Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead!

The readings from Acts for this coming week tell us of Stephen's martyrdom, Philip's teaching, and Paul's conversion. These major steps attest to grace-filled moments as the new Christians carried out Jesus' words: Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations...(Matt.28:19). (The readings for weekdays are in the bulletin every week which makes it very easy to locate the daily scripture reference.)

The stoning of Stephen was a tragic, vengeful event but the witnesses saw him face his death with courage. After being falsely accused and threatened, Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:54). As the furious crowd stoned him to death, he prayed that the Lord would not hold this sin against them. His holiness and forgiveness have never been forgotten.

The work of the Holy Spirit continued in the preaching of the Apostle, Philip. Luke tells us that he converted crowds of people in Samaria (usually hostile to neighboring Jews) and that there was great joy in that city (Acts 8:8).

Paul's vision and message from Jesus was life-changing and his baptism followed shortly afterwards. These conversions might lead us to examine the scope of our prayers. Do we hesitate to think big when we pray? Would we dare to ask for miracles?

Jesus makes sure that we understand that strong faith is rewarded, that God wants to answer our prayers. If you are hoping for a conversion or reconciliation in your family, ask for it. You may not exactly what you prayed for but the answer will be beyond your expectations. Don't be afraid to be insistent, even when forces of evil seem powerful.

Our Lord himself will give us comfort and guidance. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is our God too. Psalm 4 reminds us that ...that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one; the Lord will hear **me** when I call upon him (Ps.4:4).

"Lord, give me boldness to step out in faith and pray with those around me."

(The Word Among Us-April 2021)

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday 04/19 Acts 6:8-15 • Ps119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 • Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 04/20 Acts 7:51-8:1a • Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 -7b -8a, 17 - 21ab • Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 04/21 Acts 8:1b-8 • Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a • Jn 6:35-40 **Thursday 04/22** Acts 8:26-40 • Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 • Jn 6:44-51

Friday 04/23 Acts 9:1-20 • Ps 117:1bc, 2 • Jn 6:52-59

Saturday 04/24 Acts 9:31-42 • Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 • Jn 6:60-69

Sunday 04/25 Acts 4:8-12 • Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 •1 Jn 3:1-2 • Jn 10:11-18





EARTH DAY

APRIL 22

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Six Ways to Get Any Kid to Exercise

by: Deborah Hachey, RN

Maybe your child hates sports, of gets more excited about video games that kickball field. Or maybe the feel out of shape to keep up with other kids their age. Whatever the reason, it can be tough to motivate a kid to exercise when they just are not interested. You know nagging doesn't work. And you might worry that if you push too hard, you'll turn your child off of exercise for good. Parents can do a lot to inspire even the most sedentary kids to move more.

Understand that exercise looks different for kids. To you exercise may mean 30 minutes of burning a set of calories, but kids are active in a different way. Kids exercise in short bursts and use their bodies in lots of different directions, so keep that in mind when suggesting activities for them. Think of yourself as a playmate and not a personal trainer. So instead of a jog play a game of tag.

Talk about the benefits of exercise. You don't have to convince them to change their hobbies or interests. Just help them understand all the ways that moving their body will help them feel better in other parts of life.

Get sneaky. There are a lot of ways to get kids active without them realizing they're moving. Park your car far from the mall making everyone cover more ground to get inside. Or, if they love animals, suggest that they volunteer at a local shelter where they can get on dog-walking duty. Think of yourself as a mastermind of your child's wellbeing. Get creative and thing outside the box.

Understand why your child doesn't like to exercise. It might be a simple reason, like they don't like being sweaty and hot. Or there might be other issues at play. Are they being bullied, having trouble breathing when they run, feeling physically unwell? If you know what's going on, it's easier to find solution to help them. If you can't seem to get to the bottom of it, consider bringing your child to a counselor, who might be able to help. You may not have the skillset to uncover the root cause of why your child doesn't want to get active.

Start small. Experts say kids should get about an hour of exercise everyday — but that doesn't mean you need to tell them that. If exercising 30 or 60 minutes feels like too much for them, they are not going to do it. Instead get them to commit to a tiny amount of exercise time, even just 5 minutes. The goal is to get them to set and stick to a goal. When kids commit even to a small amount of exercise, they'll likely feel better about themselves and reflect back and say, "I did it." That will inspire them to do more over time.

St. VINCENT de PAUL

Pantry Items Needed

Chunky Soup, Tomato Soup, Mixed Vegetables,

Your cash donations help us provide perishables and utility assistance.

Thank You For Your Continued Support

MARY'S HELPERS April 2021

04/20 Sylvia DeBrincat & Irene Zabowski 04/27 RoseMarie Schmidt & Amy Golonka

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Saturday Team B Sunday Team C

DATE	LECTOR	ЕМНС
April 24 9:00pm	Larry Miller	Susan Stencel
April 25 9:00am	Eva Lee Dave Toth	Jim Kennedy Ruth Broderick
April 25 11:00am	Bob Fowler Lou Barrett	Dawn Marie Mays Lou Barrett
April 25 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

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ARCHDIOCESE of DETROIT: COVID-19 DISPENSATION & YOU

The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the anticipatory Mass at 4:00pm or later on the previous day) was reinstated in the AOD effective Saturday, March 13, 2021.

While the general dispensation is removed, there are specific instances where the dispensation will continue, as well as those circumstances where there is no obligation in the first place. One does <u>not</u> have an obligation to attend Mass on Sunday in the following circumstances:

- 1. You are ill or your health condition would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (i.e., you have underlying conditions or are in a high-risk category).
- 2. You exhibit flu-like symptoms.
- 3. You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (e.g., you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or influenza).
- 4. You care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed.
- 5. You are pregnant.
- 6. Age 65 yrs. or older (per CDC's recommendation of high-risk individuals).
- 7. You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (e.g., no Mass is offered, you are infirmed, or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control (e.g., your ride did not show up, the church was at capacity).
- 8. If you have *significant* fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass. (Please use the dispensation in instances #1-8 and do not attend Mass)

Those within categories #1-8 above must still observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; an excellent way to do this is through participating in a broadcast of the Sunday Mass.

Guidelines in effect from March 13:

- —Churches in the Archdiocese of Detroit are no longer required to limit attendance to no more than 50 percent capacity.
- —Face coverings (masks) are to be worn by everyone inside the church (those with specific circumstances & children 2 under are exempt).
- —The priest celebrant and other ministers need not wear masks during the liturgy given they are more than 6' from the assembly during Mass.
- —Parishes and chapels follow CDC guidelines for regular cleaning of facilities and are no longer required to sanitize between each Mass.
- —Hand sanitizer should be available throughout the church building.

Previous directives have expired.