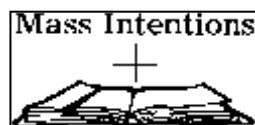



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 Mass Attendance Mar 26/27 550



Apr 4 - Apr 10
 MondayBarbara Kirschten(liv)
 TuesdayMartha Duhon(+)
 Wednesday.....Lydia Antanovich(+)
 ThursdayVincent Byrne(+)
 FridayEdmund Alicea(+)
 SaturdayMary Conboy(+)
Sunday.....Stephen Powell(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR
 For the month of February & March 2016
 Sharing and Caring: \$805.00
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THANK YOU!
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Weekly Calendar of Events

- 4/03 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour - 3:00 p.m.
 HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 4/04 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 4/05 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Shelter House Envelope Stuffing - 8:30 a.m.
- 4/06 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 4/07 Adoration - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.
- 4/10 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 MS Meeting (No HSMeeting)- 6:00 p.m.

Volunteer Some Time

Tuesday, April 5th
 8:30 - 1:00 in Parish Center
 Stuff envelopes for Shelter House
 Mail-out



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



From Blue To Better

From Blue to Better is a regional movement to raise awareness about child abuse prevention during the month of April, NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS month. Around Town Ministry will ask your help in creating a **PINWHEEL** garden in front of the church. This garden will be a visual reminder of those who strive to prevent and eliminate child abuse. Ministry members will be available before or after each Mass April 9th – 24th to give out pinwheels for donations. Donations will be given to our partner, **Santa Rosa Kids' House**. Wear **BLUE** day is Friday, April 8th to raise awareness for child abuse prevention. Additional information may be found on the bulletin board.

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April 3, 2016

dear Padre

Why Blessings Are Given

Monday
 APRIL 4
Annunciation of the Lord
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10
 Heb 10:4-10
 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday
 APRIL 5
Easter Weekday
 Acts 4:32-37
 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday
 APRIL 6
Easter Weekday
 Acts 5:17-26
 Jn 3:16-21


Thursday
 APRIL 7
St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
 Acts 5:27-33
 Jn 3:31-36


Friday
 APRIL 8
Easter Weekday
 Acts 5:34-42
 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday
 APRIL 9
Easter Weekday
 Acts 6:1-7
 Jn 6:16-21

Sunday
 APRIL 10
Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
 Rv 5:11-14
 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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Why won't my priest bless my Bible?
 Don't Catholics bless objects all the time?



"Through all the words of sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely...For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 102-103).

The Bible as the inspired word of God is living and holy. Technically, it does not need a ritual blessing; it is inherently a "sacramental" and set aside for God's purposes. Perhaps it is this unique, sacred nature of the Bible that caused your priest to deny your request. Moreover, some view the Bible as the source of all blessings, since blessings derive meaning and effectiveness from the word of God.

That said, "every baptized person is called to be a 'blessing,' and to bless... Among sacramentals blessings (of persons, meals, objects, and places) come first. Every blessing praises God and prays for his gifts" (CCC 1669, 1671). To that end, ordained ministers who wish to give praise and bestow benefit to adults and children preparing for the sacraments—their catechists, or liturgical ministers, for example—may choose to bless such persons, giving thanks for the gift of God's word and its work in their lives. Blessings, after all, "are invoked always with a view to the people who use the objects to be blessed" (*Book of Blessings*, General Introduction, 12).

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FOLLOW HIM

By loving others as Jesus loved us, we become a source of hope for them. Through us, they get a glimpse of God's love for them and receive an insight into the true purpose and meaning of life. Through our actions, hope becomes something concrete and tangible for them.

—From *Follow Him and Reclaim the World* by Dennis J. Billy, CSSR (826504)

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Second Sunday of Easter C 1
Acts 5: 12-16

Christ's Offer of Life and Healing

If you kept a good Lent this year, you have experienced death and rebirth in your spiritual life. If you celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation before Easter this year, you have acknowledged your sin and experienced forgiveness. You have been healed.

One of the first signs of the resurrection was healing. After Jesus rose from the dead, his apostles inherited many of his gifts. They preached powerful sermons. They forgave sins. They healed the sick. People placed **the sick on the streets so that Peter's shadow would fall on them as he walked by. Faith was strong. God's Spirit** was stronger.

Now that this year's Easter has come, the healing power of God's Holy Spirit will be at work within you. At the Easter Vigil you renewed your baptismal promises. You recommitted yourself to Christ. Now in the Easter season, Christ will recommit himself to you. You bask for fifty days in the glow of glory.

Perhaps you have experienced doubt. Perhaps you wondered if the old you can become a new you. On Ash Wednesday you admitted the sickness of your sin and sought the medicine of Lent. Perhaps now you wonder if the new you will stick. Or will it relapse?

The full grace of this season is yours to receive. The risen Christ stands in glory above the tomb. He offers new life and healing.

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Second Sunday of Easter C 2
Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Sunday Vision

Easter puts behind us the hardships of Lent. Many of us accepted those challenges freely—we endured six weeks of penance in a spirit of contrition and with a desire for renewal. But some people do not ask for the difficulties they receive—hardships that are much more than any Lent ever induced.

For example, few people have to endure the kind of persecution that plagued the early church. Throughout the Easter season this year, the church invites us to hear several passages from the Book of Revelation, a book composed during a time of religious persecution. It inspired its readers to keep their faith strong and to press on to a brighter day.

At the beginning of the book, John says he shares the distress his readers endure. He found himself on an island—perhaps in exile—**because he “proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus.”**

His vision took place on the Lord's day—Sunday. Although he was filled with fear, one “like a son of man” appeared to him and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.”

Whatever the troubles we face, our celebration on the **Lord's day should grant us a vision that we have nothing to fear.** The one who died now lives, and he will guide us through the days ahead.

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Apr 9/10

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn
Extraordinary Ministers: Doug Hoover, Patty Shawbitz, Joanna Farnum, Dan Brenton, Al Perreault
Lectors: Eric Van Dorn, Ron Berthelette
Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Mickey Shawbitz
Greeter: Liz Simmons
Sacristan: Stan Griggs
Elijah Cup: Liz Simmons

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Joshua Soto
Extraordinary Ministers: Gene Valentine, Kathy Stockbridge, Patsy Soto, Nancy McCreary, Jean Jordan
Lectors: Kathy Moore, Michael Moore
Ushers: Arnold Soto, Gary Jordan, James Johansen, Tina Henderson
Greeter: Alma Battaglio
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge
Elijah Cup: Michael and Kathy Moore
Coffee & Donuts: Don Dineen

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Devony Ross, Patrick Sweeney, Joseph Sweeney
Extraordinary Ministers: Stacy Fralic, Penny Sweeney, Therese Sweeney, Petey Brennan
Lectors: John Fay, Warren Cabral
Ushers: Mike Sweeney, Brian Prescott, Jim Wise
Greeter: Ana Fails
Sacristan: Mike Brennan
Elijah Cup: Mike and Penney Sweeney
Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman and Karen Clayton

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

Monday Johanna Adam*, Charles Cummings*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Julie Bourg

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten*, Wilda Mayhew*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Joel & Leo Grieves*, Dan Brenton*, Harriett Warren

Sunday Theresa Fowler*, Jeff Harp

*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

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The purpose of Sacred Scripture is in part to teach us about the faith, to provide to us what the Church calls “divine revelation.” Our Second Reading from the Book of Revelation provides insights of which we need to be aware. The name of this Book – Revelation – is derived from the very first words of the Book, which are “The revelation of Jesus Christ...”

Written in Greek, the word translated as “revelation” is apokalypsis, meaning “unveiling” or indeed “revelation.” As indicated in today’s reading this book is written by “John...on the island called Patmos.” Our Catholic tradition tells us that this is John the Apostle, although scholars sometimes disagree with that assessment and conclusion. We do nonetheless know what and where Patmos is.

The Island of Patmos was the Roman Empire’s version of Alcatraz Island, a place where some were exiled and forced to work in the marble quarries found there. Ten miles long and six miles wide, Patmos has been described as lonely and desolate. Yet for John, the writer of this Book, it does not separate him from God or from his fellow Christians. He describes in today’s narrative the revelation which came to him there, but to experience such a revelation he had to be aware and open to the Words of the Lord.

We may at times feel just as exiled, just as lonely, but if we remain open and conscious of God’s presence, we, too may find solace and comfort and instructions. That is what being a steward is all about — being attentive to what God is saying to us.

Living God’s Word

We all struggle with believing. We all doubt; it is the essence of faith. The difference is in where we look for renewed strength and reaffirmed faith. For some the thermometer or measuring stick is the calm of life. For others it is in our wounded helplessness that we come to faith simply because we recognize that the new life that comes is not our doing.

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Happy Easter



A special thank you to Nicole Jackson, Mery Wise and all of the volunteers who dedicated their time and talent as they took on organizing, setting up and running our parish’s yearly Easter Sunday Party and egg hunt. They do a wonderful job and bring such joy to so many of our young and young at heart parishioners.



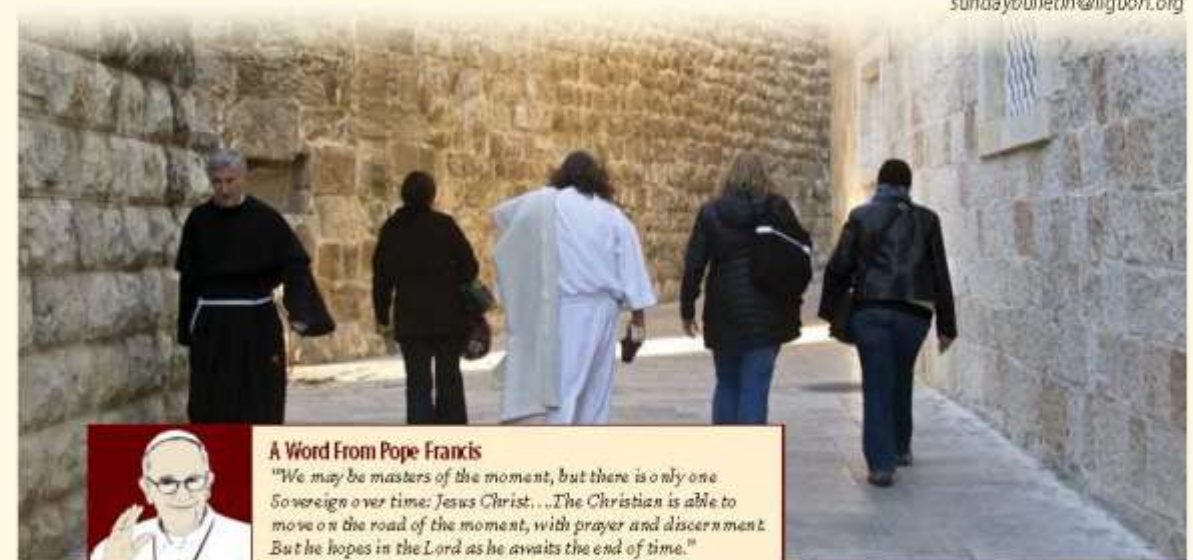
Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday ♦ April 3, 2016
Acts 5:12-16 ♦ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 ♦ Jn 20:19-31

In our time, seven days have passed since we celebrated Christ’s rising. But in the Church’s reckoning, it is still Easter. We may have gotten on with our earthly lives, but our spiritual calendar (and reality) remains steeped in awe, wonder, and gratitude that God incarnate walked among us and gave his life for us. The readings of the Easter Octave offer a taste of what it is like to live in God’s time—in his presence and kingdom—as he calms our fears, strengthens our faith, and fills us with the Spirit. Much happens after Mary Magdalene visits and leaves the tomb. Other women who come to anoint Jesus meet him, embrace him, and obey his command to spread the Good News. Mary herself obeyed and ran to tell the apostles—though she mistook the Lord for a

gardener until he spoke her name. Two disciples on the road out of town listen to Jesus’ teaching and finally know him in the breaking of bread. Jesus eats with others and assures them of the Father’s promise. There is another miraculous catch of fish and a breakfast with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee.

Within the scriptural context of this weeklong feast, we realize that the risen Christ is everywhere, with all of us, and existing throughout and beyond time. He appears when we least expect him; he is our teacher and our master; he feeds us with heavenly food; and he is there when we break bread together. May this knowledge strengthen our faith that Christ lives and will in time carry us home.

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A Word From Pope Francis
“We may be masters of the moment, but there is only one Sovereign over time: Jesus Christ. ...The Christian is able to move on the road of the moment, with prayer and discernment. But he hopes in the Lord as he awaits the end of time.”
—Morning meditation, November 26, 2013



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