

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Christ will raise us up on the last day; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on earth a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ: "And you were buried with him in Baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead...If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (CCC 1002).

This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, April 2: Fifth Sunday of Lent, Third Scrutiny

- Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Denise Meier by Mary Lou and Bill Vokits
- 10:00 a.m. Parish breakfast at OLG
10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Dorothy Barnum by the Kersman family
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people
4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bev Carney by Geddy and Isabella Whalen

Monday, April 3

- Readings: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:4lc-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I
- 9:00 a.m. Comfort and Grace Sewing Ministry at Our Lady of Grace
9:45 a.m. Holy Family Co-Op at Our Lady of Grace
11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Dick Cioe by Barb Kleavland
6:00 p.m. Rosary at Our Lady of Grace (Spanish)

Tuesday, April 4: St. Isidore of Seville, Doctor of the Church

Isidore succeeded his brother, St. Leander as bishop of Seville. He presided over the Council of Toledo and completed the Mozarabic liturgy. He combated Arianism in Spain. He is known as the "Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages," especially for his *Etymologies*. He died in 636.

- Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I
- 8:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
8:30 a.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Stan Emerson by the DeKuiper family

Wednesday, April 5: St. Vincent Ferrer, O.P.

St. Vincent was born in Valencia. He was an orator and missionary preacher, called the "angel of judgment." He worked tirelessly for the unity of the Church after it was divided by the Western Schism. He died in 1419 in Brittany.

- Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I
- No Religious Education classes - Spring Break!

This Week at Our Parishes

Thursday, April 6

- Readings: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I
- 12:00 p.m. Social Concerns meeting at OLG
NO 12:10pm MASS
- 5:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
6:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
6:30 p.m. Holy Hour at St. Mary
6:30 p.m. EESA at St. Mary

Friday, April 7: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

John-Baptiste de la Salle gave away his fortune to found (1680) the Brothers of the Christian Schools, today numbering some 4,975 religious. He authored the *Conduct of Schools* and is the patron of teachers. He died in 1719.

- Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I
- 11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotion: Eucharistic Adoration and rosary
11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the conversion of Ken Nicholson by the DeKuiper family
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Grace

Saturday, April 8

- Readings: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I
- 10:00 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry at Our Lady of Grace
3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Leone Misze by her family
6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation class for adults at Our Lady of Grace

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- Readings: Procession: Mt 21:1-11
Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26: 14 - 27: 66 or 27:11-54
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter II
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Thelma Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship coffee and donuts at OLG
10:00 a.m. Women's Guild meeting at OLG
10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Wanda Alvesteffer by her family
- 12:00 p.m. RCIA Retreat at Our Lady of Grace
12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Isabel Rios by Dalia VandenBosch
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people

Mass Attendance: March 26, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 179 OLG 9:00am: 132
 SM 10:30am: 336 SM 12:30pm: 248 SM 5:00pm 188

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions
March 26, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5096.15	
General Fund:	\$	3808.11	
On-line Giving	\$	627.40	-660.64
Catholic Relief Services	\$	811.67	
Easter Flower Memorials	\$	40.00	

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	6538.46	
General Fund:	\$	4848.21	
On-line Giving	\$	669.30	-1020.95
Catholic Relief Services	\$	1923.51	
Easter Flower Memorials	\$	45.00	
Donuts	\$	44.90	
Restoration	\$	50.00	

St. Mary's Church: March 19

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	6538.46	
General Fund:	\$	5153.00	
Poor Box	\$	50.00	
Easter Flower Memorials	\$	50.00	
Restoration	\$	50.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of April 2
 OLG Team 1 - St. Mary Team 2

CONGRATULATIONS
Education Endowment Raffle Winners!

March 26, 2017

50/50: \$38.00 Christine Piper

1st Prize: \$100.00 Thomas Mountambo

Join us for coffee, donuts & the next drawing following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on **April 30th** in Lourdes Hall.

Please contact the parish office to purchase tickets for the \$100.00 drawing.

Prayer Line

St. Mary's: Benita Mikesell, 231-803-4425 or Jean Gawel, 231-798-8493

Our Lady of Grace: Anna Mogdics, 231- 670-5073

Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers

Ron Betlejewski, Arlene LeBeau, Ben Offrink, Gail Gee, Betty Gee, John McCormick, Sotero Leyton, Billie Leonard, Helen Walters, Gloria Cline, Pat Hogan, Jeff Kenny, Shirley Green, Ron Faino, Jose Alcahuter, Rosemary Kellogg Christine and Dennis Siedlecki, Ralph Alvesteffer, Marty Neff, Bill Forton, Julia Gonzales, William & Benita Mikesell

Please pray for our homebound parishioners

Ruth Stevens, Jim Dalum, Fran Wright, Rose Ann Bird, Bernice Brown, Rosemary Keefe, Vivian Smith, Betty Reilly & Johanna Ripka

Please pray for our parishioners who are in care

Carolene McIntosh, Pat Simonson, Jackie Blake, Shirley Sterritt, Marie Peterson, Ruth Ruby, Rosemary Sleak, Gene Gianetti Jr., Rosalie Venne, Alyce Donalson, Alice Greivous, Josephine Hiersman, Lucille Radke, Kathy Hale & Tillie Standage

Please pray for our parishioners in the military

Seaman Recruit Ryan McIntire, US Coast Guard; Erin McDermott, US Army; Nic Frank, Air Force; SSG. Richarda (Rikki) Amaya; Elias Vihtelic, US Navy; 1st Lt. Timothy Merkle; Staff Sgt. Casey Sowa; Master Sgt. April Sowa; IS3 Cody Hacker; Private Jakob Bergquist; Major Adam Shaw; PFC Abraham Angel Luis Aguilar; Spec. Alex Block; Andrew Shadowski, U. S. Army; & Noah Sweet, U. S. Army

THE FIRST HOLY THURSDAY JESUS
 PLEADED WITH HIS FRIENDS,
"WATCH AND PRAY WITH ME"
 BUT HIS APOSTLES FAILED HIM.

ON THIS HOLY THURSDAY HE IS
 ASKING YOU, HIS FRIEND TO
 ~WATCH AND PRAY WITH HIM~



YOU ARE INVITED TO COME TO THE
 ALTAR OF REPOSE AT ST. MARY'S
 THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017
 8:00 PM TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT.

COME AND PRAY WITH JESUS!



EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 16
Following the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses
For ages 2 - 10 years old
St. Mary's, Lourdes Hall

BUSQUEDA DE HUEVOS DE PASCUA

Domingo, 16 de Abril
Despues de las misas de 10:30 y 12:30
Para niños entre 2 a 10 años
En Santa Maria en el salon de Lourdes



HOLY WEEK 2017

Extra Opportunity for Confession
Monday, April 10: 6:00pm at St. Mary

Holy Thursday

April 13: 7:00pm Mass at St. Mary (bilingual)
8:00pm - 12:00am Adoration of our Lord at
the Altar of Repose at St. Mary

Good Friday*

April 14: 3:00pm Service and
Veneration of the Cross at St. Mary (bilingual)

Easter Vigil

April 15: 8:30pm at St. Mary (bilingual)

Easter Sunday

April 16: 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace
10:30am Mass at St. Mary
12:30pm Mass at St Mary (Spanish)
Please note: Mass will not be celebrated at 5:00pm.

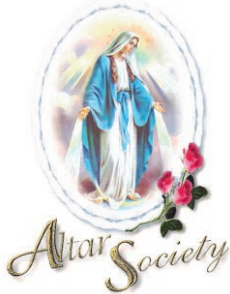
**We are obligated to fast & abstain from meat on
Good Friday.*

**Debemos ayunar y no comer carne/pollo Viernes
Santo.*

Women's Guild

The Our Lady of Grace Women's Guild will meet on
Sunday, April 9, 2017 following the 9am Mass. All the
women in the parish are invited.

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY



Schedule Change: The St. Mary
Altar Society will be having a
meeting following the 10:30 a.m.
Mass on Sunday, April 23, 2017
in Lourdes Hall. All women in
the parish are welcomed! Please
note: There will not be a meeting
on April 16th due to Easter.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Friday, April 7, 2017
St. Mary's Church

11:00 am: Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary
11:40 a.m: Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:10 p.m: Holy Mass



CANDY NEEDED!



Miniature wrapped candy is needed for the
upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Donations may be
placed on the bench by the parish office at OLG or
placed on the desk in the narthex at St. Mary's or
dropped off at the parish office during business hours:
Monday - Thursday, 9-Noon, 1-5pm.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the
MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

Our Lady of Grace will be hosting a Mobile Food
Pantry on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am in the parking
lot at the church. We need volunteers to help with this
ministry. Sign-up sheets are located in the church
hallway/narthex or call the Chandonnet's at 755-0357.
Volunteers need to arrive at 9:00 AM, as the truck
sometimes comes early. Please dress
for the weather, you never know what
Mother Nature will throw at us.



The Mobile Food Pantry is in need of plastic shopping bags.
You may drop them off at either church or the parish office during business hours.

The Seven Last Words: A Lenten Series

The Sixth Word

“It is consummated.”

It is the last word but one, the last look from a death-bed over a life that has almost drawn to an end. From first to last our Lord disclosed a peculiar view of man's life on earth – that it was the fulfilment of a plan already laid out – the carrying out of the will of God. His first utterance at twelve years old showed this, “Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?” He spoke of the complete satisfaction of His being in carrying out this plan, “My meat and drink is to do the will of Him that sent Me.”

Now, on His death-bed, He looks back over His life. Has it been a success? Has He been able to carry out the plan?

To all appearances, indeed, His life was a failure, and He was now being slain by a gross act of injustice, acknowledged even by the Judge who condemned Him. Pilate said: “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person.” It seemed as though He was cut off before His time, not by the Will of God, but by the sin of man.

His teaching had been ridiculed. His miracles attributed to the power of the Devil. The rulers in Church and State declared against Him, opposed Him in every way and tried to destroy His influence with the people, and now they condemn Him to death as a blasphemer. Yet He says: “It is finished, I have finished the work which You gave Me to do.”

No power on earth nor in hell could prevent Him from doing the work God gave Him to do. All things and persons, consciously or unconsciously, ministered to that end. Pilate, in condemning Him, acted solely for his own end, to keep his place. Yet our Lord said, “the power against Him was given from above.” Judas betrayed Him to get the money he needed, yet he was unconsciously fulfilling prophecy thereby. When Annas out of envy counselled His death, he prophesied, “It is expedient that one man die for the people.”

Though they knew it not, His bitterest enemies helped Him to carry out His Father's will. There was but one way in which the will of His Father could have failed, and that was by His own will refusing to obey. But this could not be, for the fulfilling of it was the joy and aim of His life.

We turn our eyes to the multitude beneath the Cross – men who had their own plans in life, or whose lives were aimless – some struggling into positions of prominence, others living as though the purpose of life was the gratification of every passing desire, others seeking only to avoid what was difficult and to do what was pleasant. Now they are urged on by blind unreasoning hate to crucify the Lord of life, though “they know not what they do.” Sin has blinded their eyes to the true meaning of life. They seem more successful than He whom they have crucified. Yet they have failed utterly.

Here then, on the Cross, we see again sin vanquished by simple faithfulness to one purpose, and that purpose the will of God: triumphing over all difficulties and oppositions, using all circumstances for the one supreme end of life, and through every difficulty, nay, by means of those difficulties, effecting that which He came to do.

Beneath the Cross, we see sin triumphant. Men shaped and molded by circumstances, tossed on the stormy sea of chance, without the guiding compass of the one true purpose of life, and urged on, blindly and ignorantly, at last to the great sin of the Crucifixion.

