



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 26, 2017

DIVINE WORSHIP ORDER OF HOLY MASS

Low Mass 8:00 am, Sung Mass 10:30am, Low Mass 6:00 pm

See Mass card or Missalette

Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace, may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

In those days: The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.

*Said at 8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses only
Chanted by the Choir at the 10:30 am Mass*

Gradual

Psalm 122: 1,7

I was glad when they said unto me:
we will go into the house of the Lord.
V./ Peace be within thy walls:
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Brethren: Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

Tract

Psalm 125:1,2

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.
V./ The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

The Holy Gospel

John 9-41

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." as he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes open?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash"" so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, as asked the, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know; that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already; and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again: Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." the man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see," your guilt remains.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessions (Form III): Missalette page 29

For those expecting children: Colleen & Jerry; Gennifer & Ethan; Colleen & Jerry; Amy & Benji; Emily & Walter; Rebecca & Brinton; Erin & Sebastian; Bethany & Seth; Megan & Matthew; Edith & Timothy; Allie & Chris.

For those celebrating anniversaries: *Tuesday:* Mary Beyer [B]; *Wednesday:* Ayden Estrada [B]; Marisa Johnson [B]; *Thursday:* Jordan Gutierrez [B]; Martin Morris [B]; Elizabeth Nelson [B]; Lillian Wilder [B]; *Saturday:* John Paul Morris [B]; MaryJane Morris [B].

For those in special need: Fr. John Cornelius; Carolyn; Gaye; Erin; Celeste; Joanna; Laura Anne; Jameson; Rosemary; Teresa; Joseph; Carol; Cole; Mark; Melissa; Michael; Jared; Dan; Lisa; Sherri; Morgan; Kyle; Colette; Colleen; Rebecca; Otto; Anne; Margie; Chuck; Quin; Emma; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

For those serving in our armed forces: Victor; Byron; Taylor; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

For the faithful departed:

Anniversaries of Death: *Monday:* Henry Holz; Seran Braun; Belinda Murray; *Tuesday:* Eugenia Hastings McDaniel; Catherine Thurik; *Wednesday:* Mike Franklin; Adelaide Ferro; *Friday:* Russ Meyers; *Saturday:* Balthasar Szarka, O. Cist. Priest.



Laying a foundation for the Ordinariate. God bless all of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2017 Bishop's Appeal. Gifts to this campaign make it possible for more of God's people to be touched by the Ordinariate's witness of faith. No responded yet? Please do so today. Visit ordinariate.net/bishopsappeal or pick up a pledge card today! Thank you!

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 26

8 am	Altar Server Ushers	Craig Southard Eli Castro / Nance FitzGibbon
10:30 am	Master of Ceremonies Thurifer Crucifer Torchbearers Boat Boy First Reading Intercessory Prayers Oblationers Ushers	John Williams Josh Vina Joseph Schmitt Nicholas and Tristan Naifeh Henry Smith John Hargis Alex Taylor The Jones Family Dave Palmer / Stephen Schmitt
6:00 pm	Altar Server Ushers Office Help	Derek Histen / Vincent Lohla (C) Christy Assid Don Brignac / Kartika Refi



The Triduum Sacrum

Maundy Thursday

Mass at 7:00pm.
The Watch at the Altar of Repose
(in the Church)

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm
Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00pm

Easter Vigil

Mass at 9:00pm
Celebratory Reception immediately following
in the Parish Hall
Please call **Jacqui Payne at 817-821-4162**
for more info regarding what to bring

There will be a regular Mass schedule on
Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30am Mass



A. M. D. G.

Flowers: LENT — NO FLOWERS

Sanctuary Light: SMV *for the people of her parish.*

Lamp at the Crucifix: SMV *for the people of her parish.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: SMV *for the people of her parish.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph: K of C 13363 *for the founding of the Knights of Columbus.*

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese: SMV *for the people of her parish.*

Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I: SMV *for the people of her parish.*

SMV NEWS AND NOTES

The required **annual parent meeting for the Ordinariate Safe Environment program is scheduled for TODAY, March 26 at 9:30 am in the parish hall.** The Ordinariate's Safe Environment policy can be accessed via the Ordinariate website at ordinariate.net/safe-environment.

ALL parents who have children registered in our CCD programs MUST attend the meeting, pick up the materials & sign for their receipt. It is a short & simple process, so please make every effort to attend. **If you cannot attend, contact Megan Schmitt or Terry Southard for other arrangements.**

A BIG THANK YOU to all that helped with work day last Saturday. **We now have the start of a "Mary Garden" in the front of the Church.** It took lots of hard work to prepare the soil. We invite anyone with even a slightly green thumb to add to the garden or perhaps do a little pruning next year. The kitchen is great shape after a good, deep cleaning. **Lent is a good time for work day because it reminds us how important it is to take care of the gifts that God has given us and to not let slide the little things like simple cleaning, light bulbs and the beauty and attractiveness of our grounds.**

Much loved parishioner Jacqui Payne is inviting you to lunch! Join her for "Sunday Chicken Lunch" TODAY, March 26th following the 10:30 am Mass. Bring your smile & an appetite!!



The Bishop of the Ordinariate, his Excellency, Steven. J. Lopes will celebrate Maundy Thursday: The Mass of the Lord's Supper here at St. Mary the Virgin. Maundy Thursday is on April 13 and Mass is at 7:00 pm. Let us show our Bishop the love we have for SMV & the Ordinariate.

Sanctuary Lamp Update:
We are so close! As of Fri., 3/24, donations total \$2,690.00. Thank you for your generous donations. **We will prepare a plaque listing donations either in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving. The current lamp was a gift in memory of a previous rector of St. Bartholomew & his name will continue to be noted on the plaque.** The cost of the lamp and new counterweight will be \$3,320.00. Please consider this fine replacement for our sanctuary. We are trying to see if we could have this lamp in place for Holy Week.

ST. MARY'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 26

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Meet & Greet at 7:00 pm

Annual parent meeting for the

Ordinariate Safe Environment program at 9:30 am

Jacqui Payne's "Sunday Chicken Lunch" at 12:15 pm

Monday, March 27

Mass at 12:00 pm

Tuesday, March 28

Mass at 7:00 pm

S.I. Deann, Bryce, Zachary, Alex, Anibelle & Jack

Wednesday, March 29

Confessions at 11:00 am

Mass at 12:00 pm

S.I. Mary Peck

Thursday, March 30

Mass at 12:00 pm

S.I. James Peck

Men's Examen Group at 7:00 pm

Adult Choir rehearsal at 7:00 pm

Friday, March 31

Mass at 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday Nights in Lent at 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 1

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Morning Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 am

Sunday, April 2

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Meet & Greet at 7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The Parish Offering

Weekly Offertory Forecast.....	\$6,000.00
Actual Offertory Collected.....	\$6,186.69
Variance.....	+\$186.69

Thank you for your loving support.

The 4th Sunday in Lent, also known as Mothering Sunday & Laetare Sunday, was a time when apprentices & young people who were "in service" were granted a mid-Lent holiday & returned home to visit their mothers & their "Mother Church" in their village. The Lenten fast was relaxed. Mothering Sunday is the first "Mother's Day," & we recognize how important it is to connect such days with our faith. May we today give thanks for all mothers & those who have served as maternal mentors & helpers.

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF SMV

The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Laetare" Sunday. This is just one way the richness of our Catholic identity through our traditions is shown to the faithful. The word "laetare" comes from the opening word of the Introit of the Mass: "Rejoice" Jerusalem. That text comes from Isaiah 66: 10. We are a little past the midpoint of Lent, and for most of the life of the church, the people underwent much more restrictive fasts and observed strict limits of behavior. The Church tradition evolved into Laetare Sunday, when there was a brief relaxation of the rules. Priests wear "rose" vestments. Marriages were not celebrated in Lent, but could be celebrated on this Sunday. Today, marriages are strongly discouraged in the season of Lent, but not prohibited.

"The rose vestments on Laetare Sunday is a custom originating in the fact that, as a symbol of joy and hope in the middle of this somber Season, popes used to carry a golden rose in their right hand when returning from the celebration of Mass on this day (way back in 1051, Pope Leo IX called this custom an "ancient institution.") Originally it was natural rose, then a single golden rose of natural size, but since the fifteenth century it has consisted of a cluster or branch of roses wrought of pure gold in brilliant workmanship by famous artists. The popes bless one every year, and often confer it upon churches, shrines, cities, or distinguished persons as a token of esteem and paternal affection. In case of such a bestowal, a new rose is made during the subsequent year." (Fisheaters.com.) Pope Benedict always gave a rose to Marian shrines or basilicas, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, patroness of Cuba, and Pope Francis gave one to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2013.

This Sunday offers a day of hope and encouragement, knowing that Easter is at last within sight. Hopefully all of us have felt our Lenten observances, not only physically; in our "giving up" something for Lent, but also spiritually. Through our devotions this Lent, we are coming face-to-face with who we really are and gives us a glimpse of what it meant for our Lord to die on the cross. We know in our heart we can only do this through our confession, reciting the Way of the Cross and denying ourselves some of the pleasures we indulge in. The goal is to make Easter not just another Sunday with a ham dinner, but truly a day when we know what it means when we say death has been conquered. Easter is that signal event which rocked the world, and it should be a day of resurrection for our own spirituality and for our faith.

ad Jesum per Mariam, (to Jesus through Mary)
Fr. Dean