

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 7, 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

Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion; that they may forsake those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as a are agreeable to the same; through the same 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

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

[On the day of Pentecost,] Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and said to the multitude, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



Responsorial Psalm 23:1-6

R/. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. R/.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R/.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. R/.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. **R**/.

Second Reading

I Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he trusted to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Alleluia, Alleluia,

The Lord sent redemption unto his people.

Alleluia.

I am the good Shepherd: and I know my sheep, and am known of mine.

Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

At that time: Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Last Gospel

John 1:1-18

Read after dismissal and before the recessional hymn. Please stand.

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A. M. D. G.

Flowers: SMV for her parishioners.

Sanctuary Light: SMV for her parishioners. Lamp at the Crucifix: SMV for her parishioners. Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady: Craig & Terry

Southard in thanksgiving for Makayla Klie. Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph: SMV for her

parishioners.

Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese: The Heitzenrater family in celebration of Madeleine's birthday.

Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I: Craig & Terry Southard in celebration of Celeste's birthday.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Intercessions (Form III): Missalette page 29**

For those expecting children: Drogheda & James; Alanna & Brian; Amy & Joe; Colleen & Jerry; Gennifer & Ethan; Edith & Timothy; Allie & Chris.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Sunday: Ruth Dupré [B]; Mary Klauck [B]; John Quin [B]; Monday: Julie Tosh [B]; Leigh Wilder [B]; Tuesday: Anthony Gunnip [B]; Rual Kowal [B]; Rose Wilder [B]; Wednesday: Eben Cook [B]; Scott Spoon [B]; Michael & Lori Winward [W]; Thursday: Celeste Southard [B]; Ivy Wagstaff [B]; Saturday: Patrick Palmer [B]; Philip Phillips [B]; Maria Zichichi [B].

For those in special need: Dick; Charlotte; Patricia; Kathi; Mary; Stephen; Carl; Fr. John Cornelius; Carolyn; Laura Anne; Jameson; Rosemary; Teresa; Joseph; Carol; Cole; Melissa; Michael; Jared; Dan; Lisa; Sherri; Morgan; Kyle; Colette; Colleen; Rebecca; Otto; Anne; 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: Sunday: Claire Gilderman; Louis Muschalek; Tuesday: Mary Lillian Yates; Wednesday: Robie Boozer; Friday: Rollin Lasseter; Saturday: LaVonne Farrell; Rosemary Madison Reed; Roy Cogdill; Mary Katherine Montgomery.

Music

Adult Choir rehearsal on Thursday at 7pm Youth/Children's Choir TBA

The Serra Club's annual Vocation Awareness Program is June 16-18. They are conducting a Pilgrimage of Prayer in Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations & the Monstrance given to North America by Pope St John Paul II will be utilized. The Pilgrimage began with 24 hrs. of Adoration at the UTA Catholic Center at 5pm on Sat. May 6. Adoration will end with Benediction at 5pm Sun. May 7 (today) followed by Mass at 5:30pm. The VAP weekend is June 16-18, at the University of Dallas & will include many programs in addition to personal conferences with diocesan & order Priests, Sisters, Consecrated Lay Women, & Brothers. There are no fees. For further information please let Fr. Dean know.

ST. MARY'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 7

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
The Crowning of Mary at the 10:30 am Mass
Meet & Greet at 7:00 pm

Monday, May 8

Mass at 12:00 pm

S.I. Lyse Adams, RIP

Tuesday, May 9

Mass at 7:00 pm

S.I. Caroline Galindo

Wednesday, May 10

Confessions at 11:00 am Mass at 12:00 pm

S.I. Mary Frances Gutierrez

Thursday, May 11

Mass at 12:00 pm

S.I. Fidelma Iker

Adult Choir rehearsal at 7:00 pm

Friday, May 12

Mass at 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30 am-6:00 pm

Saturday, May 13

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Confessions at 10:00 am

S.I. Leonard & Maria Felice Chaires, RIP Our Lady of Fatima Rosary at 12:00 pm Saturday Morning Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 am

Sunday, May 14

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

VBS Meeting at 9:45 am

Religious Ed Registration at 12:15 pm in the Parish Hall Meet & Greet at 7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

VBS will be the week of June 19 - 23. This year the CAT CHAT VBS theme is CATHLETICS.

Registration forms are in the narthex - please return them to Megan or the church office. A meeting for those aged 12+ (Adults too please!!) will be held on Sunday May 14 at 9:45. If you would like to help but cannot attend this meeting please contact Megan at smv.dre@gmail.com or 817-460-2278.

The Parish Offering

Weekly Offertory	y Forecast		 \$6,000.00
Actual Offertory			
Variance			
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Thank you for your loving support.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

If you are scheduled to serve but unable to please arrange substitutes & call (817.460.2278) ASAP.

May 7

8:00 am Altar Server John Williams

Ushers Nance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro

10:30am Master of Ceremonies Craig Southard

Thurifer Brian Jones
Crucifer Martin Morri

Crucifer Martin Morris
Torchbearers Christopher & Patr

Torchbearers Christopher & Patrick Johnson
Boat Boy William Heitzenrater
First Reading John Heitzenrater
Intercessory Prayers Carole Morris

Oblationers The Howard Family
Ushers Walter Crawford / Bill Thomas

Ushers Walter Clawford / Bill Thomas

6:00 pm Altar Server Derek Histen / William Harvey (C)

Ushers Christy Assid

Office Help Nance FitzGibbon / Ben Oliver

Registration for Religious Ed/Sacramental Prep will be on the following Sundays: May 14, 21, 28. Please see Megan Schmitt in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 am Mass for forms & payment information.

John Heitzenrater will be leading a Rosary for the 100th Anniversary of the first Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima at 12:00 noon on Saturday May 13 here at St. Mary the Virgin. All are welcome to come and participate to offer prayers to our Blessed Mother on this very significant anniversary.

WILL YOU HELP OUR FUTURE PRIESTS RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL?

Join your brothers and sisters across the Ordinariate in supporting the Seminary Formation Fund: a collection to aid the 5 seminarians studying to become priests for the Ordinariate. Envelopes from the Ordinariate will be provided to our Parish for this collection. Please pick up your envelope next week and prayerfully consider a gift to the collection. Checks should be made to the "Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter." We will start collecting these gifts in the next 2 weeks (or you may send your gift directly to the Chancery using the provided, pre-addressed envelope).

Thank you for your support of our future priests!

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF SMV

What does it mean to live a sacramental life?

Families in our parishes are experiencing the excitement and joy of children who received the Eucharist for the first time, and for those who were confirmed in the faith by Bishop Lopes. It has been a couple of busy weeks, but all the hard work and long hours of the choir, the servers and their parents enabled us to offer glorious and reverent worship in celebration of these sacraments. Let us not forget the teachers of young and old alike; I know they are being taught the fundamentals of our Catholic faith by dedicated, faithful men and women of our parish through our religious education program. We thank God that many of the parents brought their children to class on a regular basis, but as you may have guessed, the celebration of these sacraments is only the beginning of a life of faith. The family and its home is still the most important teaching place for the faith. It is the "domestic church." A faithful example offered by the parents, reinforcing what the child is taught at the parish, is absolutely vital in keeping our children Christian and Catholic.

The most important day in all of our lives is not our birthday. It is the day of our baptism. If you don't know the date of your baptism, and you don't celebrate it in the home, then this is the year to start. That is the day you entered the body of Christ. And First Communion is the beginning of what I pray will be a life-long friendship with Jesus. But I offer a sober warning; all the fancy dresses, the gift boxes, the rosaries, the candles, the fancy dinner after Mass; none of it will matter one whit if the parents do not teach their children the prayers of the faith and practice their faith every day of their lives. Otherwise, the children will see that the faith is "just not that important," and they will leave the church and the faith.

The Catechism (#1133) states, "The Holy Spirit prepares the faithful for the sacraments by the Word of God and the faith which welcomes that word in well-disposed hearts. Thus the sacraments strengthen faith and express it." We hear the word of God during Mass, but living a sacramental life is more than attending Mass for one hour a week and for the rest of the week the faith is pushed aside. To fully appreciate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, all of us need to remind ourselves that "The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify [all], to build up the Body of Christ and, finally, to give worship to God. Because they are signs they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it. That is why they are called "sacraments of faith" (#1123). Our goal is to be living saints, living lives according to the virtues, so that we may impart sacredness in all we do, and know heaven is our reward. That is not easy. God offers us the sacraments for the spiritual nourishment and strength to help us.

As Dr. Mary Clark of the Seton Home Study School has written, "We are to live with God as a constant part of our lives, especially by including Him in our family life. Not just Sunday, but every day, should be a day of worship...The sacramental life means not only the regular reception of the sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist, but also the daily practice of using sacramentals, to help us to live the life of prayer and to celebrate the feasts of the liturgical year. Just as the Church dispenses the sacraments as a direct means of sanctifying grace for its members, so the Church of the Home receives graces indirectly through the use of sacramentals approved by the Church." So equip your domestic Church with such Catholic traditions as the rosary, the scapular, the Miraculous Medal, the use of holy water, candles, ashes, palms, crucifixes, images of Our Lord, the Blessed Mother, and the saints.

ad Jesum per Mariam Fr. Dean

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Priest: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations.

Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

All: O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinariate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families. / Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.