

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2020

SATURDAY (April 18)

9:00 Ann Dynan, requested by Rosemary & Joe Newberry

5:00 Helen & Joseph Tattar, requested by Gail

SUNDAY (April 19) Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 Francesco Russo, requested by Rocco & Michelina Docimo

10:30 Len Marino, requested by Joan Tedeschi

MONDAY (April 20)

7:30

TUESDAY (April 21) St. Anselm

7:30 Vivienne Finn

WEDNESDAY (April 22)

7:30 John Altering, Sr.

THURSDAY (April 23) St. George; St. Adalbert

7:30 NO MASS

FRIDAY (April 24) St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

7:30 Fr. Karl Noelke

SATURDAY (April 25) St. Mark

9:00

5:00 Jeffrey Jablonsky, requested by Imperia & Vincenzo Guarino

SUNDAY (April 26)

8:00 Rocky Cuscuna, requested by Mickey Cuscuna & Family

10:30 Encar Montano, requested by the Paris-Ramos Family

***GIVE
THANKS
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LORD
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Although all weekday and Sunday Masses celebrated in the presence of the lay faithful are temporarily suspended, Fr. Carlos will continue to celebrate a daily private Mass to fulfill the requested Mass intentions, and to pray for our parish community.

DIVINE MERCY MOMENT.



I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust (Diary, 1520). On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls—no one have I excluded! (Diary, 1182). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: “JESUS I TRUST YOU” (Diary, 327). The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is TRUST. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive (Diary, 1578).

PLEASE NOTE.....During this time of Corona virus crises I have left the chapel open. Feel free to come at any given time to pray and adore Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament. I know that some people have taken advantage of this opportunity. If you are afraid to come out and wish to remain secluded at home you could offer the following Spiritual Communion composed by Saint Alphonsus Ligouri:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of April 19th will burn in loving memory of Frank Cronin from his wife and family.

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp to burn in memory of a loved one, either living or deceased, call Fran at the parish office for further information.

Dear Parishioners,

Isn't it amazing that the first words out of the mouth of our Risen Lord to His Apostles were, "Peace be with you." These are the same men who on that first Good Friday abandoned Jesus. All except John, who stood at the cross with Him. Judas betrayed Him, Peter denied Him, and the rest went into hiding to save their skins. When our Risen Lord appeared to them, He did not chastise them; He did not read them the riot act; He did not make them feel guilty; He did not reproach them. He wanted them to have peace. Peace in their hearts, and peace in their souls.

Today's gospel reading fits well with the Feast of Divine Mercy that we celebrate this Sunday. The message that our Lord gave to us through Saint Faustina is, **"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with TRUST to My mercy"** (Diary, 300). It is our tendency as human beings to place our trust in others and in things, and less in God. We place our trust in science, in politicians, in technology, in the stock market, in our finances, and the list can go on and on. The Corona virus pandemic has left us feeling defenseless. Who should we trust now in these days of darkness and uncertainties? Who should we trust now when the angel of death can be spread through a cough, a sneeze, a touch? Who could we trust when the angel of death is hovering over our cities? Who could we trust when everyday we see the death toll from the Corona virus increasing in our cities, our country and our world? Who could we trust when we feel like a walking target for this virus waiting to get us? The only Person we are called to place our unconditional trust in, is JESUS CHRIST.

What did the Risen Lord do when He appeared to His Apostles in that locked room where they were hiding? He breathed on them and said, **"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."** Here our Risen Lord is instituting the Sacrament of Confession. It was in this same room that a couple of days before He instituted the Most Holy Eucharist. So there is a strong correlation between the Sacrament of Confession and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We are not to receive the Most Holy Eucharist if we committed a mortal sin. We are to be in a state of grace to receive the Most Holy Eucharist. That is why the Sacrament of Confession is necessary. Why did our Risen Lord institute the Sacrament of Confession? He wants us to have peace in our hearts and our souls. Do we have peace in our hearts and souls?

When our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina in her convent room, He requested of her that an image be painted of Him with His pierced Heart from which two rays of light emitted. One ray was white and the other red. When St. Faustina asked our Risen Lord the meaning of these two rays, His response was, **"These two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the water that makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when my agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross"** (Diary, 299). These two rays represent the healing sanctifying graces that our Lord wants to pour out on us, so that we may have peace. The white ray represents the Sacrament of Baptism, while the red ray represents the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. The Sacrament of Baptism is closely related to the Sacrament of Confession, they both offer healing sanctifying graces.

Both of these rays emits from the pierced Heart of Jesus. They represent the very life of Jesus. Jesus Christ gave His life for us in order to reconcile us to God the Father, so that we may have peace. Let us put our unconditional TRUST in Jesus. He cares for us. He is concerned about us even in the midst of this Corona virus pandemic. He wants to offer us a peace that the world cannot give us, and the world cannot take from us. Which one of us would not like to have that peace?

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with all of you. Be assured that all of you are remembered in my daily Mass and prayers.

Fr. Carlos

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