

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

## Calendar

Saturday, May 6th

4:00pm Vigil Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, Clarence "Pete" Wolbrette, and the Egers & Jeanfreau Families

Sunday, May 7th

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00am Mass All parishioners

10:30am Mass Christopher Bollino, Scott Dufrene, Paul Haygood, Lester & Ethel Heidingsfelder, Joy Nalty Hodges, Earl LeCorgne, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Deacon Paul A. Nalty, Miriam Ogden, the Cassard Family, the Derbes Family, the Mercante & Youngblood Families, the Vaughn Family, and the Intentions of the Reverend John Arnone

Monday, May 8th

6:30am Mass Christopher Bollino

6:30pm Mass Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Tuesday, May 9th

6:30am Mass The Boudreaux & Bergeron Families

4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass William Allen

Wednesday, May 10th

St Damien de Veuster, priest (*pictured*)

6:30am Mass The Reverend Michael Joseph Nguyen

6:00pm Rosary (@ Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, May 11th

6:30am Mass Mary Wendt

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 12th

*SS Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs*

*St Pancras, martyr*

6:30am Mass Betty Marino

6:00pm Mass Blessed Pauline (@ Church of St Henry)

Saturday, May 13th

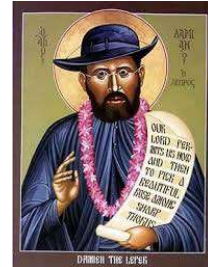
*Our Lady of Fátima*

10:00am Rosary (@ Church of St Henry)



The Sanctuary Light in the church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Marla Gaudet.

The Sanctuary Light in the chapel will burn this week for the Intentions of the Pope.



## Mass Setting

The Mass setting for the Easter Season is the *Mass of Renewal*, the Assembly Book of which is found in the pews.



## Banns of Matrimony

Paige Johnson & William Kery



Abby Ruiz & Mark Caponegro

## Lay-Ministers Schedule for May 14th

**8:00 pm**

Lector: Judith Simon

Eucharistic Ministers: Robin Felder, Betsy Sterkx, and Charles Sterkx

**8:00 am**

Lector: Liz Rareshide

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana D'Anzi, Daniel LeBlanc, and Jeff Vinson

**10:30 am**

Lector: Bob Vaughn

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Richard Eason, Maxine Fox, Kenneth Moran, Jane Nalty, Matthew Ponseti (loft), and Sandra Westfall



## A Parish History Lesson

by Dianne Caverly

The Sisters of Christian Charity will celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt at the Church of St Henry on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Why here?

A woman devoted to service to the poor, especially the sick, children and working mothers, Pauline von Mallinckrodt founded the Congregation of the **Sisters of Christian Charity, Daughters of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Immaculate Conception (SCC)**, in 1849 at the direction of the Bishop of Paderborn. He had observed that she needed help managing the day-cares, schools and other charitable endeavors she had begun.

Her order spread rapidly from her native Westphalia throughout Germany, to several European countries and North and South America. Mother Pauline's first missionary Sisters arrived in New Orleans on May 1873 to teach at St Henry's. Mother Pauline herself visited New Orleans that same year.

Pauline von Mallinckrodt died on April 30, 1881. She was beatified by Pope St John Paul II on Sunday, April 14, 1985.

Mother Pauline is very much alive here in New Orleans. The Blessed Pauline Center, the old convent at St Henry's, is named after her. The Edmond Rice Christian Brothers who live there now honor her every day. There is a relic of Mother Pauline and many pictures from the lives of the 170 Sisters who served the Church of St Henry for 100 years.

Please plan to join the SCC sisters in their celebrations of the life of this remarkable woman!

If you have other "parish history lessons" from the congregations of St Stephen's, St Henry's, or Our Lady of Good Counsel, please forward them to the rectory office!

Collection Report	April 23rd	July 1st-April 23rd
Total Collections	\$6,493.00	\$309,649.48
Budget	<u>\$6,684.69</u>	<u>\$287,441.67</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(191.69)</b>	<b>\$22,207.81</b>
<b>Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations</b>		
Restoration Fund		\$1,285.04
Clarion Herald		\$7.00

## The Monthly Prayer-Request for Priests

### May

1 <sup>st</sup>	The Rev. Ronald L. Calkins*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Rev. Antonio Serio*
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Rev. Timothy D. Hedrick*
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Ray A. Hymel
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. John J. Payne, JCL*
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Joseph Dau Nguyen*
7 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. William H. Blank
8 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Harry J. Adams*
9 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Francis J. Carabello*
10 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Allen Weinert, CSsR
11 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Anthony Okwum, SSJ
12 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. David Rabe*
13 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Richard Miles*
14 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Bernard Francis*
15 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Joseph Dang Vu, SDD*
16 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Charles Andrus, SSJ
17 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Paul D. Calamari
18 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Clayton "Beau" Charbonnet*
19 <sup>th</sup>	The Very Rev. Gregory Boquet, OSB*
20 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Justin Kauchak, OP
21 <sup>st</sup>	The Rev. Gerard Stapleton*
22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Rev. Raul Lobo*
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>His Holiness Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Norman O'Neal, SJ*
25 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Philip Neri Powell, OP
26 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Louis Molinelli, SDB*
27 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Peter M. Mongeon
28 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. Gary P. Copping*
29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>His Holiness Pope Francis</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	The Rev. James E. Schott*
31 <sup>st</sup>	The Rev. Francis Majors*

\* birthday

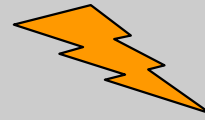
† deceased

Courtesy of The APRP Apostolate



# Lightning Apologetics

by Phillip Bellini, DRE

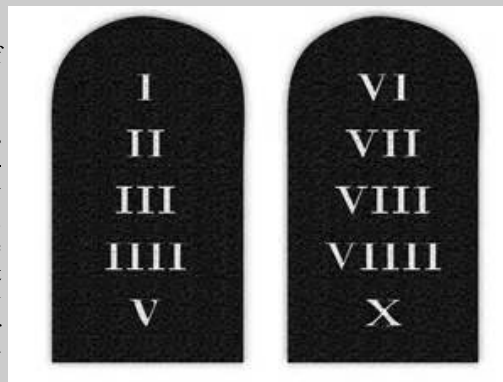


## “Remember to Keep Holy the Lord’s Day”

Have you ever stopped to think that the Third Commandment comes in three parts? First of all, it prescribes work for six days a week. Secondly, it prescribes the sanctification of what was call the Sabbath in the Old Law and Sunday in the New Law. It also prescribes abstention from servile work, which is, for us, Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

**First of all, the obligation to work.** We find it in Exodus. The Chosen people of the Old Testament were told six days thou shalt labor and do all thy work. Two words. Word and labor are identified in the Third Commandment of the Decalogue. We are being told by God that labor is an obligation for all human beings. We are to work because we must cooperate with God’s work of not only creation in the past but in constantly working, laboring for the future. God provides us with the resources, but we must exert ourselves in using these resources. In a broad sense we could say that everything God puts in our lives is a grace. Grace is defined as whatever God gives us as a means to reach our heavenly destiny. But we will not reach heaven just by getting a lot of grace. We must cooperate using our free will. We must work with God. It’s our voluntary cooperation in collaboration with the grace of God. As St Ignatius said, “pray as if everything depended on God and work as though everything depended on you.”

**Sanctification.** The obligation to sanctify one day of the week goes back to the ancient Jews. It distinguished the Chosen People from all of their pagan counterparts. Why? Because the Jews believed there was only one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and this one God wants one day, every week. In fact, that’s how we came into existence. When God, after six days decided to create man, He said, “let us make man in our image and likeness.” There’s a plurality in God, Being! God is a divine family. So hui-lies, plural, on one day a week. Each of Jewish faith on there being only one God. coming of Christ, the third Command- and finally by the Church. The say was this mainly for two reasons. First, be- could have been no more dramatic way the New than by lying in the grave all Secondly, because God, again, as the apostles, the disciples and Our Lady at especially dedicated to the Holy Trinity Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit as our days is a grave obligation for every



three Persons in One God. God is not a solitary man families, plural, should worship God as fami- these Old Testament practices was built on the Sunday is identified with monotheism. With the ment was elevated by Jesus, further by the apostles, changed from Sabbath, or Saturday, to Sunday; and cause He rose from the dead on Sunday. There for Christ to close the Old Testament and institute Holy Saturday and rising from the dead on Sunday. third Person of the Trinity, chose to descend on the Pentecost. The Sunday for us Christians is the day to God the Father as Creator, to God the Son as our Sanctifier. So attending Mass on Sundays and holy Catholic to assist as Mass.

**Abstaining from work.** The Church teaches that Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation are meant to be days of rest, but they are to be days of rest as the Church interprets or explains. We have to distinguish two kinds of work, servile work and, for want of a better work, non-servile work. Servile work is physical labor. It is bodily labor. In servile work the body is more occupied than the spirit. And it’s that kind of work that the Church forbids on Sundays and Holy Days. Sometimes servile work is necessary, and sometimes it is done out of charity. That would be work where the spirit is more involved than the body. Remember the lives of the Saints where they, after Mass on Sundays, would go to the hospitals to take care of the sick. This is not only permissible but praiseworthy. So remember to distinguish between the two kinds of work.

We Catholics should be “star witnesses” for the sanctification of Sunday. We are bound under pain of mortal sin to attend Mass (unless one is sick or for another serious reasons). We are to be witnesses for our faith; our faith in God as our Creator; or faith in God became Man as our Savior; our faith in God as our Sanctifier, the Holy Spirit. All of this is locked up in our observance on Sundays. Sundays should be different, for we receive special graces from God. He reserves graces that He will give us only if and when and insofar as we honor His day as He wants us to.

Just a word about Saturday Vigil Masses, on the evening before a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation. There is something to think about here. We most certainly enjoy the privilege to attend a vigil Mass, and you definitely fulfill your obligation by doing so, but it’s important to understand why the Church began to allow this after Vatican II. The Council Fathers understood the changes taking place in society, and they wanted to make it easier for the faithful to be able to fulfill their obligations. The intention of the Fathers was to keep Catholics from being guilty when they had to work in order to support their families and also avoid being fired, or for cases of family hardship. It is an abuse of this privilege of attending vigil Masses to fulfill our obligation if we attend the vigil just because we want to go on a family outing, go fishing, or simply sleep in or not be bothered with taking time from our Sunday. There is nothing sinful involved here, but a conscientious Catholic should want to please Christ all that he can. At times our choices aren’t merely between good and evil; sometimes choices are between good and better. Sunday and Holy Day attendance is the better choice. Sundays and Holy Days are obligatory days of rest. We are to “abstain from those labors and business concerns which impeded the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord’s Day, or the proper relaxation of “mind and body.” This means we must refrain from unnecessary servile work on Sundays and Holy Days. The key word here is “unnecessary.” We also sanctify Sunday by devoting time and care to our families and relatives, often difficult to do on other days of the week. I could go on as many Catholics, today, sadly fail to treat Sundays any differently than a Saturday or worse, a typical day of the week. God bless.

## Pray for the Sick

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The Reverend John Arnone, Ron Behler, Corey Behler, William Brown, Ray & Zetta Burkart, Gary Callahan, Jeanne García, Mary Gremillion, Jolleen Jackson, Gilda & Albert Lasseigne, Leddie Lopez, Louise Martin, Dilia Martínez, Dilia Miller, Sophie Rodríguez, and William Youngblood.

## Pray for the Dead

Shelley Baptiste, Rose Chisesi, Sister Josephine Cusimano DC, Hunter Harris Jr, Joy Nalty Hodges, Sister Claire Mulé DC, Gertrude Petit, and the Right Reverend Patrick Regan OSB.

## Pray for Our Armed-services

Lt Junior Grade, USN, Neil P. Chatelain; LT John Tortorich; and LT Kate Tortorich.



## News

The Extraordinary Form of the Mass of the Roman Rite, the “Tridentine” (Latin) Mass, will be offered again at St Stephen Church on Sunday, May 28th (**Sunday after the Ascension**), at 12:30 pm.

We will have a Second Collection this week-end, for the Priests of the Archdiocese Retirement Fund. Next week-end, we will have another Second Collection, for the Trinity Dome of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, DC.

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This Sunday, May 7th, Monsignor Nalty will administer First Holy Communion at St Stephen Church, during the ten-thirty Mass.

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This Monday, May 8th, at 6:30 pm, a Mass for the Cause of the Beatification of the Venerable and Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen will be offered at St Stephen Church. The celebrant will be the Reverend Jeffrey A. Montz.

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This Friday, May 12th, a Bicentennial Mass for Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt will be offered at the Church of St Henry, at 6:00 pm. Members of the Sisters of Christian Charity will be in attendance.

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The monthly pantry-request of “Love Thy Neighbor” (a project of our chapter of the Society of St Vincent de Paul) is, for May, canned-fruit. For June, the request is twelve-ounce cans of soup.

