

Second Sunday of Easter, or, Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 23, 2017

Calendar

Saturday, April 22nd

4:00pm Vigil Claude Baehr, Vincent Boudreaux Sr, Vincent Boudreaux Jr, Rose Annette Chisesi, Joy Nalty Hodges, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, and the Intentions of Albert Brown

Sunday, April 23rd

8:00am Mass All parishioners

10:30am Mass Claude Baehr, Paul Haygood, Lester & Ethel Heidingsfelder, Earl LeCorgne, Joy Nalty Hodges, Ronald & Pauline Marchessault, Deacon Paul A. Nalty, Miriam Ogden, Vetter Amadeo Taylor, the Cassard Family, the Derbes Family, the Mercante & Youngblood Families, the Vaughn Family, and the Intentions of Joan Hartson

Monday, April 24th

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr

6:30am Mass Wes Hogan

Tuesday, April 25th

St Mark, evangelist (pictured)

6:30am Mass The Boudreaux & Bergeron Families

10:30am "Lord, Teach Me to Pray" (@ St Henry's)

4:45pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Mass William Allen

Wednesday, April 26th

Our Lady of Good Counsel

6:30am Mass Rose Annette Chisesi

6:00pm Mass A Special Intention (@ the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel)

Thursday, April 27th

6:30am Mass Mary Wendt

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, April 28th

St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr

St Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest

[*St Valérie, virgin and martyr*]

6:30am Mass The Reverend Father Paul Miranne, OSB

Saturday, April 29th

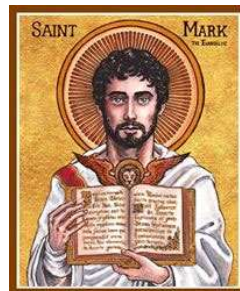
St Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church

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



The Sanctuary Light in the church will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Harold Baquet.

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 April 30th

8:00 pm

Lector: Judith Simon

Eucharistic Ministers: André Mouledoux, Eleanor Mouledoux, and Angela Villanueva

8:00 am

Lector: Linda Tuftin

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana D'Anzi, Daniel LeBlanc, and David Wojciechowski

10:30 am

Lector: Bob Vaughn

Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Cooper, Deacon Richard Eason, Laura Finnegan, Kenneth Moran, and Sandra Westfall



A Parish History Lesson

by Dianne Caverly

The Sisters of Christian Charity will celebrate the 200th birthday of Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt at the Church of St Henry on May 12th. 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 9th | July 1st-April 9th |
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| Total Collections | \$8,744.00 | \$294,239.48 |
| Budget | <u>\$6,684.69</u> | <u>\$274,072.29</u> |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | \$2,059.31 | \$20,167.19 |
| Second Collections/Miscellaneous Donations | | |
| Restoration Fund | | \$3,922.50 |
| Holy Land | | \$77.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | | \$30.00 |

The Monthly Prayer-Request for Priests

April

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| 1 st | The Rev. Luke Hungdung Nguyen* |
| 2 nd | The Rev. Bartholomew Chukwuma* |
| 3 rd | The Rev. Jongkwon Choi |
| 4 th | The Rev. Martin J. Gleeson, OP |
| 5 th | The Rev. Mbotela Kasele, FMH |
| 6 th | The Rev. Francis X. Pitorius, SJ* |
| 7 th | The Rev. Augustine Appiah* |
| 8 th | The Rev. Kyle J. Sanders* |
| 9 th | His Holiness Pope Francis |
| 10 th | The Rev. Laudy Merilan, OMI |
| 11 th | The Rev. Earl Muller, SJ |
| 12 th | The Rev. Anthony Hien Nguyen |
| 13 th | The Rev. Joseph de Water* |
| 14 th | The Rev. Mark Lomax* |
| 15 th | The Rev. Stephen Smith |
| 16 th | The Rev. Lich Nguyen* |
| 17 th | The Rev. Louis A. Poché, SJ* |
| 18 th | The Rev. Msgr. Arthur Calkins* |
| 19 th | The Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Giroir* |
| 20 th | The Rev. Edward J. Lauden* |
| 21 st | The Rev. Msgr. James R. Dixon* |
| 22 nd | The Rev. Minh Cong Phan* |
| 23 rd | The Rev. Chris Zavackis |
| 24 th | The Rev. Michael Nam Hoang Nguyen |
| 25 th | The Rev. Gregory Usselman, LC |
| 26 th | His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI |
| 27 th | Seminarian Thien Nguyen |
| 28 th | The Rev. Gregory Ross, OCD |
| 29 th | The Rev. Msgr. Henry J. Bugler, VF |
| 30 th | The Rev. Sam Anthony Morello, OCD |

* birthday

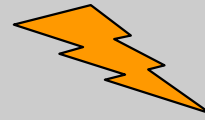
† deceased

Courtesy of The APRP Apostolate



Lightning Apologetics

by Phillip Bellini, DRE



The Resurrection—Part II

The second great truth of our faith, which is of the essence of our faith in the Resurrection, is the Holy Eucharist.

In one sentence, the Risen Christ is on earth in the Blessed Sacrament. It is sad to say that many Catholics today do not sufficiently appreciate this great gift. When we speak of the Real Presence, we'd better know what we mean by the reality behind that adjective "real." Do we mean that God is really present in the Blessed Sacrament? Well, not exactly. Allow me to explain. Suppose I were to ask: was God present on earth before the Incarnation? The answer that anyone who understands his faith should be, of course! Was God present in Nazareth before the Incarnation? He had to be, otherwise there would not have been a Nazareth. Was God present in Mary? He had to be, otherwise there would not have been a Mary. To begin to understand the Real Presence the moment we affirm that the Holy Eucharist began in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To see the implications we mean by the Real Presence.

So back to our original question. What is the reality behind the adjective "real" in Real Presence? It is the incarnate Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. It is God become Man. It is God present in assumed a human nature from the flesh and blood of by Her for nine months, born in Bethlehem, lived for some thirty years at Nazareth, preached and performed astounding wonders during His three years of ministry in Palestine; was unjustly condemned to death, crucified and died. But this Jesus Christ, is that same human nature which He assumed at the Incarnation, though He really died on Good Friday and really Rose on Easter Sunday. The Holy Eucharist is the same Jesus Who is now seated at the right hand of His heavenly Father!



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The Holy Eucharist is the same Jesus who for forty days after His Resurrection ascended into heaven. It is the same Jesus who is present on our altars and reserved in the tabernacle. It is the same Jesus we receive in Holy Communion. This has been the teaching of the Catholic Church for the past two-thousand years. Remember that God became man for two profoundly, divinely, wise reasons. He became man so that as man He could die on the cross, and He became man that having died on the cross and risen from the dead, He might now, in His risen humanity, present, as we believe in the Blessed Sacrament, continues the salvific work which He began the moment He rose from the grave. God became man that by His bodily death on the cross He might thereby redeem a sinful world. However, redeeming a sinful world is one thing, but God became man in order to reassume His now glorified humanity, so that through the risen humanity He might communicate the graces that He had won for us by His death on the cross.

What are we trying to say? We are saying that Jesus by His death on the cross, the moment He died, the Church came into existence! The years of preparation were a prelude to what Christ intended. He intended to found a Church, and the Church, we believe, came into existence the moment Jesus died. Within this Church (this is why Christ established the Church) there is a treasury of grace which Christ communicates to those who believe in His name. And the single most important source of this grace in the Church which Christ founded, is Christ Himself present on earth in the Holy Eucharist. So, again, God became man not only to die as man for our Redemption, God became man so that He might continue to be with us in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity on earth until the last day, as our principle source of grace.

The Holy Eucharist is our main, primordial, fundamental, indispensable source of grace, and whatever else we carry away from this little meditation on the Resurrection of Christ, I pray that you will always remember this truth, this mystery: Jesus Christ, the Risen Savior, is on earth and He is here mainly to provide us with the grace that His risen humanity wants to give us. But there is one condition. That we have the faith to believe in His Presence and approach Him, worship Him, receive Him (worthily, free from mortal sin, and if we are conscious of mortal sin, to confess our sins in the Sacrament of Penance/Confession) as often and as with much fervor as with the grace that He provides we can. The Holy Eucharist is the means of making saints! No one has become a saint without the Eucharist. No One. Part III next week.

Pray for the Sick

The Reverend John Arnone, Ron Behler, Corey Behler, William Brown, Ray & Zetta Burkart, Gary Callahan, Jeanne García, Mary Gremillion, Jolleen Jackson, 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 Suzanne Kullowitch SCC, Sister Claire Mulé DC, Gertrude Petit, the Right Reverend Patrick Regan OSB, and Mary Tortorich.

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 next Sunday, April 30th (**Second Sunday after Easter**), at 12:30 pm. The Mass Intention will be for the repose of the soul of Miss Mary Tortorich.

We will have a Second Collection next week-end, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

This Saturday, April 22nd, the Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Stephen Church, during the four o'clock Vigil Mass.

We will host a Retirement Party for our outgoing Office Manager, Dixie Williams, this Sunday, April 23rd, following the 10:30 am Mass, in the rectory. Please join us in saluting a most devoted employee, who has so often gone well beyond the call of duty!

This Wednesday, April 26th, is the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. We will offer a special Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, on Louisiana Avenue, at 6:00 pm.

The Knights of Columbus will recite the Rosary immediately following the 8:00 am Mass next Sunday, April 30th, for “the unborn babies of the world.” The Knights, in fact, recite the Rosary on the fifth Sunday of every month, and would appreciate your participation.

