



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 9-10, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. April 9: 5pm: Fr. Rafal Duda

Sun. April 10: 7am: Barbara Burke Powell

8:30am: Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

10:30am: *Pro Populo*

12:30pm: Timothy Patrick, Robert Vincent Graff

Mon. April 11: 8am: Fr. Rafal Duda

6pm: Margaret Isquirdo

Tues. April 12: 8am: Fr. Rafal Duda

6pm: † Normand Gendron

Wed. April 13: 8am: Fr. Stan Zak

6pm: Helen Gourley

Thu. April 14: 8am: Fr. Stan Zak

12pm: † Bruns Grayson

6pm: +Penny Pendola

Fri. April 15: 8am: Hijima Daniel
6pm: Mary Onyejose

Sat. April 16: 8am: Elena Federis - special intention
10am: Arthur Connick
5pm: Teresa Kunihiro

There are Masses still open for intentions on April 28– 30; May 10-12, and 16-17.

Congratulations to **Gabriel DeSimone, and to Lavinia and Felicity Phillips** and their parents on their recent baptism.

Please keep in your prayers.... Fr. Stan Zak, Fr. Bill Marshall; Fr. Vince Brylka; Mary Walker; Alex Porcuna; Lewis Mullen; Carmel Mahoney; Nancy Duenas; Brad O’Leary; Titus Ekanem; Elisa & Giovanni Mancarti; Vic and Nancy Miloslavich; Kathryn Rieger; Judy & Louis Delligatti; Eugenia Hunter; Rose Bloom; Stella Lurton; Sue Weber; Cornelius McCauley; Laura Montgomery; Sara Zendejas; Rosaline White; Josephine Palacios; Annie Bozzardi; Francis Martinez, Mike Rodriguez; Patrick Ventanilla; Paul Ehrfurth; John Ehrfurth; Lily McWilliams; Anaidel Perezarevalo; Janice Siliger; Claudia Bermudez; Robert Martinez, Laverne Seliger; Eddie Martinez; Sylvester Bell, Keith Borchers; Arthur Connick; Theresa Kunihiro, Lianne Cleaver

In Memoriam: +Virgil Garcia, +Wanda Krawczyk, +Bill Leitao, +Michael Smith, +Rolando “Ron” Arnaldo, +Taro Yamaguchi. ***Requiescat in pace.***

Love As A Condition Of Authority

In the original Greek, the word which Our Blessed Lord used for love was not the same as that which was used by Peter in answer. The word that Peter used implied a rather natural emotion. Peter missed the full significance of Our Lord's words about the highest kind of love. Peter in self-distrust affirmed no more than a natural love. Having made love the condition of service to Him, the Risen Savior now told Peter, "Feed My lambs." The man who had fallen most deeply and learned most thoroughly his own weakness was certainly the best qualified for strengthening the weak and feeding the lambs.

Thrice repeated was the appointment of Peter as the Vicar of Christ on earth. Peter's denial had not changed the Divine decree making him the Rock of the Church; for Our Blessed Savior continued the second and third question: "A second time he asked, Simon son of John, do you love me? Yes, Lord you know that I love you...A third time he said, Simon son of John, do you love me?"

The original Greek word used by our Lord in the second question implied supernatural love, but Peter used the same word as before which signified a natural love. In the third question, Our Lord used the same word that Peter used for love the first time, namely, the word that meant only a natural affection. It was as if the Divine Master was correcting His own words in order to find one more congenial to Peter and his character. Perhaps it was the adoption of Peter's own word in the third question that cut him and grieved him most.

In answer to the third question, Peter left out the affirmation of love, but conceded omniscience to the Lord. In the original Greek, the word which Peter used when he said that Our Lord knew all things implied a knowledge by Divine vision. When Peter said the Lord knew that he loved Him, the Greek word used meant only knowledge by direct observation. As Peter went step by step down the ladder of humiliation, step by step the Lord followed him with the assurance of the work for which he was destined.

Our Lord said of Himself: "I am the Door." To Peter He had given the keys and the function of the doorkeeper. The Savior's function as the visible Shepherd over the visible flock was drawing to an end. He transferred that function to the head shepherd before withdrawing His visible Presence to the Throne of Heaven where He would be the invisible Head and Shepherd. (Taken from *Life of Christ* by Fulton J. Sheen)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mother Mary Ann Kessler and **Sister Mary Rose Bratlein**, both of the **Franciscan Sisters of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother**(Third Order Regular) will be visiting our Parish on April 19 (Tuesday) at 7pm.

Mother Mary Ann will offer a talk on Our Heavenly Father's mercy. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed; Adoration; and the offering of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. The evening will close with Benediction. Please join us.



If you customarily join us every Sunday at 8.30am, the **Gloria** will now be offered in song. So please open your Missalette to #25 on page 304.

You will notice that the first easy melody repeats 3 times. The next easy melody repeats 4 times and the last say melody is sung 3 times.

The **Gloria**, this beautiful ancient hymn of the Church, will be offered in English.

Also at the 8.20am Mass, Lolita Morelli will continue to lead us in the singing of the Kyrie, #61 on page 319, Sanctus at #63 on page 321, and the Agnus Dei, #65 on page 322 in Latin.



To all **volunteers of St. Margaret Mary's**: our Parish is in the second cycle for **Safe Environment Training**, which is the cycle from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. This means that volunteers who have not had the mandatory training for Safe Environment within the past three years, or have not had training at all, are required to do so before the cycle ends in June 2016.

All training is now online and all volunteers and employees of the Parish are required to do so every three years. The cost to train is \$8.00. The Parish will reimburse for the cost. The website is at shieldthevulnerable.org. Those who volunteer with children/youth are additionally required to take a LiveScan.

For information about [LiveScan](#), accessing the site, and about the Safe Environment Program, please contact **Valerie Burkart** at stmmworks@ymail.com.

Our volunteers are among the most active, most conscientious, most generous individuals in the community. They give freely of their time and resources to get the work of the Church done. The Parish owes them a lot. To help equip them in their work and to help them ensure that our Parish remains a safe place for children, the Diocese and the Parish are requiring this training of all its volunteers.



The following are events for our **CCD & Religious Education Programs:**

April 10: CCD Classes

April 17: CCD Classes

April 24: Final CCD Classes

April 30: 1st Holy Communion Rehearsal followed
by Confessions

May 1: **First Holy Communion and May Crowning of the Image of Our Blessed Mother**

July 1: Confirmation rehearsal, Confessions (6-9pm)

July 3: **Sacrament of Confirmation** celebrated with Bishop Michael Barber (10.30am)



Please pray for our Confirmandi, **Laura Poon, Jacob Johnson, Matthew Hockel, Caroline Wiesbrock, and John Thomas Mansfield** as they continue to prepare to receive a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Please save the date! The Parish's **John Paul II Youth Group** will have its End of Year Party on Sunday, May 15, from 1.30pm-4pm. Details are forthcoming.



The **Image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** will visit our Parish on Saturday, May 7 (First Saturday) from 8am to 6pm. This Image was blessed by the Holy Father, Pope Francis on October 23, 2013. Please come with your family and friends for a day of prayer, meditation, and veneration.



If you are looking for an opportunity to have a direct positive impact in the life of a newcomer-family to the United States, consider participating through St. Margaret Mary's in the **resettlement program sponsored by Catholic Charities.**

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is taking Francis' and Bishop Barber's by giving families in the East Bay the opportunity to welcome a new family to the country.

What are some of the tasks involved in sponsoring a refugee family?

- 1) Providing a warm welcome at the airport pickup.
- 2) Identifying appropriate housing
- 3) Preparing a welcome meal
- 4) Help raise funds for housing expenses for first 3 months.
- 5) Housewarming: collect new household goods/ furnishings.
- 6) Stocking the pantry
- 7) Mentoring: weekly visits during first 6 months
- 8) Social visits: during first 3 months.
- 9) Community guide: letting them know of services
- 10) Job development.

Already there is **one household** in our Parish that is willing to participate by donating at least one of the items above. We will need at least nine more families/households who can take on each one of the tasks above.

If your family is interested in helping in one or more of the tasks above, contact the Parish Office.



From **JoAnn Hastings** of the Parish's **St. Vincent DePaul Society**, this grateful message: "A deeply heartfelt thank you to St Margaret Mary's parishioners for helping a young newly-employed mother with a 13-year old daughter make ends meet and for enabling co-parishioners to have a more bountiful Easter Holiday!"





"Congratulations, Father, on your great financial report! It was so fantastic we've decided we don't have to contribute as much this year!"

From FATHER'S FLOCK of St. Margaret Mary's Parish, by Arden Glass

The World To Come

Think of a tyrant, walking about on the eve of a revolution that is to hurl him from his throne. Everyone about him obeys his slightest whim; there are cheers in the streets as he passes through; he can command any luxury he wills. To-morrow, he will be slinking about as a fugitive, every man's hand against him, the whole of society his enemy. That is the true portrait of the man who goes about this world careless of his eternal destiny. All God's gifts are still at his service; he is surrounded everywhere by the beneficence which attends us human creatures; nature smiles on him. If he dies to-night, all that will be changed. It is not merely that the God he has forgotten will be his Judge. The whole order of things in which he lives will have become his enemy; beauty and kindness will have dropped from it like a mask; he is an outlaw. "The whole order of nature is banded with God against his senseless foes"—creation, which was our friend yesterday, is to-day in alliance with the divine justice for our undoing.

It is time that we averted our eyes from this melancholy picture; let us pray that we may find, all of us, the grace of perseverance and escape that terrible sentence of an eternity spent in entire disharmony with our surroundings. Let us think about our Purgatory instead...what will be the predominant feeling about Purgatory? Surely the sense of frustration. And by that I mean the putting out of effort which either achieves no result at all, or achieves results which are ludicrously incommensurate with the effort itself.

The sense of frustration—when you have set your heart on reaching something, and circumstances play you false; your foothold on the rock gives just as your hand is within reach, or you sink back into the mud exactly in proportion as you try to disengage yourself from it. The sense of frustration—when you feel, urgently the need for expressing yourself, and the expression will not come; you are shouting to attract a friend's attention, and your voice will not carry, or you want to explain yourself in a hurry, and your very eagerness makes you forget the word you wanted; it is the daily tragedy of the stammerer. The sense of frustration—when it is vitally important for

you to get hold of somebody, and everything goes wrong; the address can't be found, or the telephone is out of order...

This has always seemed to me a curious thing. When you go to bed and fall asleep, you would expect that this experience of frustration would be ruled out...And yet as we all know, it's just the other way about. (From *A Retreat For Lay People* by Ronald Knox)



Please join the Dominicans for a special concert in celebration of the Order's 800th **Anniversary**. The concert will be held at St. Albert's Priory, 6172 Chabot Road, Oakland, at 7pm.

Fr. Robert Verrill, OP, who has helped offer Masses in the Parish will be taking part in the concert as trumpeter.



This week's **second collection** is for the Bishop's Appeal. Last week's second collection for the Building Fund totaled \$1,150. Next week's second collection will be for Catholic Communications. Thank you for your support.

| Weekly update | April 2 & 3 | Year-to-Date |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Actual - 1st Plate | \$5,670 | \$74,571 |
| Parish Pay 1st Plate | \$1,160 | \$20,125 |
| Total 1st Plate | \$6,830 | \$94,696 |
| Goal | \$6,400 | \$93,200 |
| Shortfall | \$0 | \$0 |

Below is the corrected update for March 26-27 which now includes the collection from the Easter Vigils.

| Corrected update | March 26 & 27 | Year-to-Date |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Actual - 1st Plate | \$13,231 | \$68,901 |
| Parish Pay 1st Plate | \$1,845 | \$18,965 |
| Total 1st Plate | \$15,076 | \$87,866 |
| Goal | \$10,000 | \$86,800 |
| Shortfall | \$0 | \$0 |

MUSIC

Organ Prelude: Prelude in G Minor, J.S.Bach

Hymns: #413 The Strife is o'er, #102 Vidi Aquam, #546 Regina Caeli

5pm (Sat.) Deutsche Mass, Schubert (with L. Gloria)

10:30am: Missa Brevis, by Leo Delibes.

Offertory: All Earth Rejoice, Vivaldi.

Meditation O Taste and See, V.-Williams

12:30pm: Missa Brevis

Organ Postlude: "Fughetta on Regina Caeli", R. Peters

Little Catechism Of The Life Of Prayer

Chapter IV: Meditation and Colloquy

What purpose should the representation serve?

Its purpose is to facilitate the work of reflection, which naturally depends on the representations of the imagination. Indeed it is much easier to think of the scourging with a picture of it before us. The picture has the advantage of holding the fantasy in check in some way, since the latter without an object on which to fasten, easily wanders, while the stability of the imaginative faculty in its turn helps that of the intellectual fantasy.

Is representation always necessary?

Carmelite authors do not insist much on this element of meditation, but rather indicate in what way it may be useful. This usefulness is evident when it is a matter of considering the life of Christ or of the Saints. Even in the consideration of the more abstract mysteries, as for example the divine attributes, the intellect can start out from the consideration of sensible things represented by the imagination. Thus we may rise from the beauties of nature to God, the supreme beauty.

Regarding this element of mediation Carmelite theologians distinguish various aptitudes to be found in those who meditate. Some persons have a lively imagination, capable of representing things with ease; others, on the contrary, feel almost incapable of forming any image whatsoever. The former will do well to use their facility of representation, while the latter will profit by knowing that this is not an exercise to be made at any cost. Imaginative representations, to be useful, do not have to be very detailed; a rather vague representation may serve the purpose.

How should the representations be made?

We may indicate three rules:

1) We must certainly give this exercise our earnest attention, otherwise we will accomplish nothing worthwhile. However, it is not desirable to excite the imagination too much, by making almost “life-like” the subject on which we wish to meditate. Those persons especially who have too vivid an imagination should try to proceed with great simplicity, otherwise the imagination could lead them into deception and make them believe that it is a matter of “visions.”

2) As regards the “perfection” of the representation, it is not advisable to wish to picture its details. Carmelite authors have noted, on the contrary, that a somewhat sketchy representation may suffice for a person endowed with little imagination. (By Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene, O.C.D.)

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