



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 16-17, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat. April 16: 5pm: Teresa Kunihiro
- Sun. April 17: 7am:
8:30am: Fr. Kenneth Nobrega
10:30am: † Taro Yamaguchi
12:30pm: *Pro Populo*
- Mon. April 18: 8am: The Souls in Purgatory
6pm: Shelly Fuller
- Tues. April 19: 8am: For conversion of the Family
6pm: Arthur Connick
- Wed. April 20: 8am: Cole Campbell
6pm: Rita Ng
- Thurs. April 21: 8am: † Edmund Gaughan
12pm: † James J. Callahan II

6pm: Intentions of Victoria Gay

Fri. April 22: 8am: Lorree Cole
6pm: Can. Jean-Marie Moreau

Sat. April 23: 8am: Maria Lucia Julia
10am: The Peter Martinez Family, Relatives, & Friends
5pm: Robert & Sharon Bogart

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

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 Kunihira, Lianne Cleaver, Ann McHugh.

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

His Hour Had Not Yet Come

Our Lord had openly proclaimed His Messiahship, and confirmed it by works and miracles. But the people's ideas of a Messiah did not correspond with God's idea of a Messiah. They were looking for someone who would

break the Roman yoke, liberate the people and give them material prosperity. Therefore, they were anxious to know if He was going to purify the city of Jerusalem and its courts of Roman soldiers, Roman authority, Roman coins, and Roman magistrates such as Pilate. Had not Judas Machabeus done this, for which they were now celebrating the feast? If the temple had been purged of Syrian profanations, why could not the city be purged of Roman desecrations? If, therefore, He was to be the political Messiah, let Him openly proclaim Himself.

He went on to tell them that there were moral conditions necessary for understanding the Messiahship. He had worked miracles, but miracles would not coerce the will, nor destroy freedom of adhesion. But now He would let them know openly and clearly who the Messiah was: *My Father and I are one.* (John 10:30). *I am God's son.* (John 10:36).

In the Greek, the word “one” is neuter, which means not one person but one substance, one nature. His Father, He the Son, and the Holy Spirit were one in the nature of God. The leaders of the people had been looking for a Messiah sent to establish His Kingdom; but in the last few centuries, with the decline of prophecy, their hopes degenerated into a search for a political liberator. They were not looking for a real indwelling of a Divine Person among them. It was becoming clear to them that the Christ, or the Messiah, was the Son of God Who shared the nature of the Father, though in His human nature, or as the Son of Man, the Father was greater than He. He was now reaffirming that He had been in Being before His human nature was formed; that He had come forth from the Father to assume a human nature; clad in it, He as a Divine Person was conscious of no change in His Divine nature; what had a beginning was His human nature appearing as the “Suffering Servant.” When He now affirmed His Divinity, they “once again the Jews picked up stones to stone him.” (John 10:32).

He said to them: “I have set before you many good deeds, done by my Father’s power; for which of these would you stone me?” (John 10:32).

Their answer was that they could not conceive of the humiliation of God in the form of man. (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.

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If you customarily join us every Sunday at 8.30am, the **Gloria** will now be offered in song. So please open your Missalette to #17 on page 326.

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 8.30am Mass, Lolita Morelli will continue to lead us in the singing of the Kyrie, #51 on page 341, Sanctus at #53 on page 343, and the Agnus Dei, #55 on page 344 in Latin.

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

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** (10.30am)

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 forms for offering your intentions for the upcoming Parish **Novena Masses For Mothers** are now available in the vestibule and in the side entrance of the Church. The Novena Masses begin on May 5th and continues through May 8th.



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.



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.



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.



National Protest of Planned Parenthood is on April 23 (Saturday) from 10-11am at Todos Santos Plaza, 2151 Salvio St., in Concord; and from 11am-

The World To Come

The sense of frustration lives on in our dreams, figures there surprisingly often, and with great poignancy. In your dreams, you have only to set your heart on reaching some coveted object, some place where you would like to be, for barrier after barrier, often of the most absurd kinds, to be set up between you and it. Nothing is more true to life, I mean to dream life, about Alice In Wonderland, than the way in which she can never get into the garden, because she is either too small to reach the key or too large to go through the door.

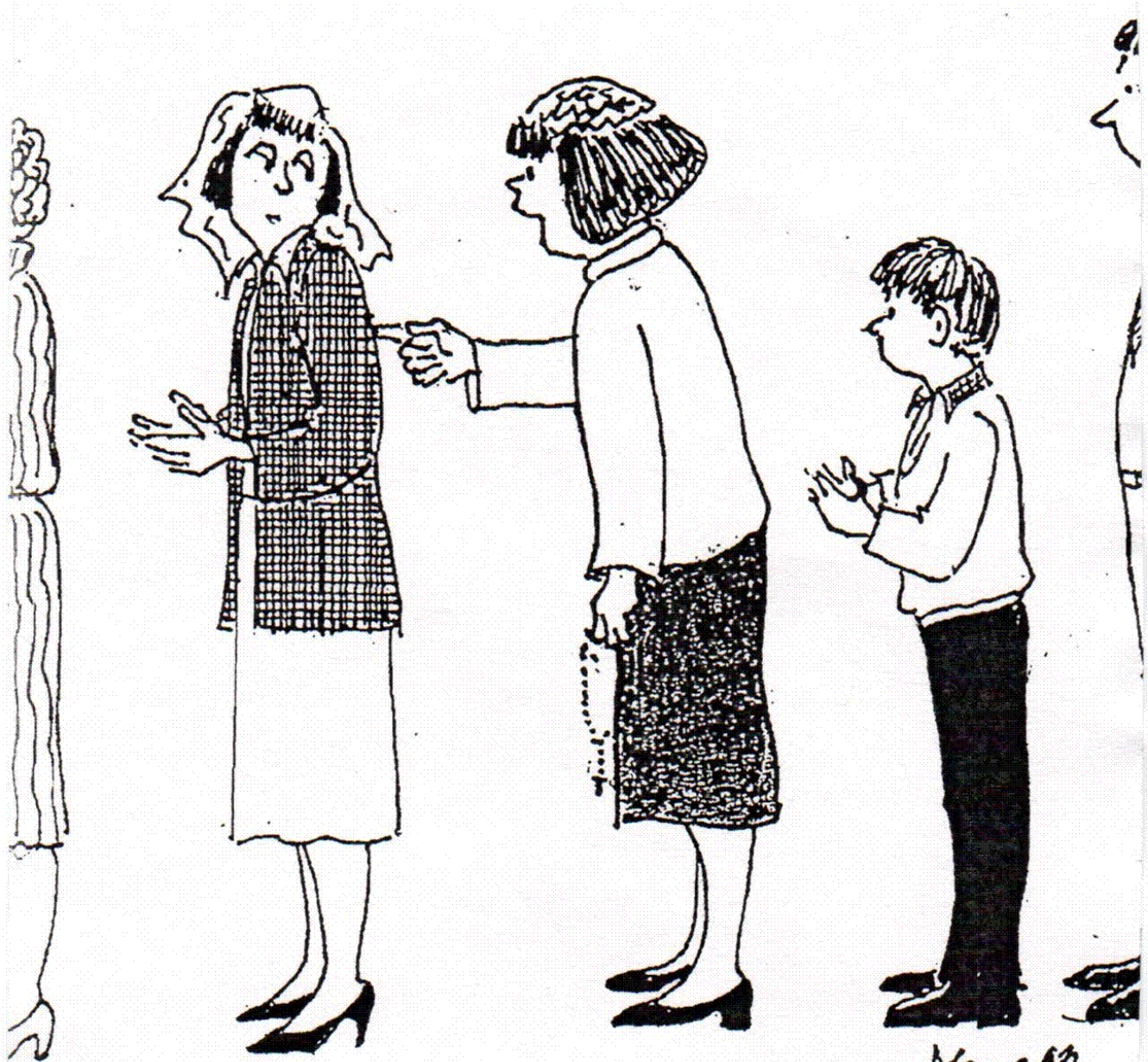
In your dreams, the power of self-expression deserts you more fatally than ever; you want to make some statement which is of vital moment, and every time you open your lips you find that you have burst into a comic song. In your dreams, the one person you want to find is the one person who is not there; to search for that person means triumphing over innumerable

difficulties, and then realizing that it is not that person you have made contact with, but somebody quite different.

Centuries ago, a pagan poet had occasion to draw a picture, from his own guess-work, of the conditions under which life might be imagined as persisting beyond the grave. If you are familiar with the sixth book of Virgil's Aeneid, you will probably agree that the whole of it has a certain dream quality. And the future world as he pictures it is, at least for the great mass of the people concerned, a life of frustration.

Those whose bodies remain unburied on earth cannot even reach the shadowy regions which are their proper home; a river cuts them off from it. Again and again the ferry-boat plies across that river, but always, in spite of their entreaties, they are left behind. They have set their heart on getting to a particular place, and access is denied them—the old frustration. Later in the book its hero, Aeneas, meets with the spirits of certain Greek warriors who had fought against him at Troy; and these, recognizing their enemy, try to raise the war-cry among themselves and make an assault on him. But the war-cry will not come; their mouths open and the voice will not come. They feel the need to expressing themselves, and the power of expression is lacking—the old frustration.

Finally, he meets his father, Anchises, and, when he bids him farewell, tries to embrace him. But it is the same story: "Thrice I tried to throw my arms round his neck, and thrice the shadowy form eluded my grasp". This interview had been the main object of his visit; he has braved innumerable perils; surely fate will not deny him the satisfaction of a single embrace at parting? But no, he cannot establish full contact with that beloved spirit—the old frustration. (From *A Retreat For Lay People* by Ronald Knox)



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"Pssst! Excuse me, but are we still selling tickets after Mass today for something or other?"

(From Father's Flock of St. Margaret Mary's Parish by Arden Glass)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued):

Noon at the Concord Planned Parenthood at 2185 Pacheco St. in Concord.

Speakers for the event include Walter Hoye, Kevin McGary, Marie Conway, Fr. Jeff Keyes, and Reggie Littlejohn.

The Concord Planned Parenthood is one of the clinics exposed for selling baby parts in a video created by **David Daleiden**. Please join the protest.



David Daleiden will speak at the Crow Canyon Country Club on April 22 (Friday). The event begins from 7pm. RSVP to Dee Thompson at (925) 820-1432 or dee4life@earthlink.net.



As an update on the current funds raised thus far for **Bishop's Appeal 2016**: The actual funds received on behalf of the Parish is \$5,395, which is 29% of the Parish Goal of \$18,424.95.



This week's **second collection** is for Catholic Communicaions. Last week's second collection for Bishop's Appeal totaled \$838. Next week's second collection will be for Insurance and Diocesan Assessment. Thank you for your support.

Weekly update	April 9 & 10	Year-to-Date
Actual - 1st Plate	\$3,594	\$78,165
Parish Pay 1st Plate	\$1,160	\$21,285
Total 1st Plate	\$4,754	\$99,450
Goal	\$6,400	\$99,600
Shortfall	\$1,646	(-\$150)

MUSIC

Prelude "O Rest in the Lord", Mendelssohn

Hymns for today: #580 The King of love, #102 Vidi Aquam, #546 Regina Caeli

5pm (Sat.) Heritage Mass, Alstott

10:30am: Missa de Angelis.

Choir: Sheep May Safely

12:30pm: Missa Lux et Origo

Organ Postlude: O Sons and Daughters, arr. Flor Peeters

Little Catechism Of The Life Of Prayer

Chapter IV: Meditation And Colloquy

How should the representation be made?

3) There is no need to spend much time forming representations; a few moments will suffice, but of course we may keep it before us during the whole time of meditation. If we are able to do this, it will also help us avoid distractions.

Let us conclude by saying that, without being actually necessary, the representation is often useful, and those who find it helpful do well not to deprive themselves of its aid. On the other hand those who might find it somewhat of an obstacle may omit it and begin immediately with the reflection.

Is the reflection or “consideration” important?

Reflection is the first of the directly constituent elements of meditation, and it appropriately suggests a certain discursive work of the intellect. It is certain, however, that even this element ought to be subordinate to the following one, that is to the loving conversation with God, which has its foundation and stimulus in meditation.

Should much time be given to this work of the intellect?

Its subordination to the loving conversation indicates that it should last only long enough to lead to this conversation, that is until it produces in the mind an actual conviction of being loved by God and being invited to love Him in return. It would be a mistake however, to believe that the reflection should be interrupted or laid aside as soon as we feel some pious affection. This could quickly vanish and leave us empty. On the contrary we must continue to reflect a good deal until the will is so enkindled with love as to be able to remain at least for some time in its loving attention.

Should this reflection be made “methodically”?

It can be. Even St. Teresa, following other contemporary authors in this, counsels in the meditation of the Passion of Jesus, to consider: “Who is suffering? Why? With what dispositions?” However, we need not be so organized in the manner of linking the topics of reflection together: we may without detriment pass freely from one thought to another, provided that in the end we come to a better understanding of the love of God, which is manifested in the mystery meditated.

(By Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene, O.C.D.)

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