



## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **APRIL 23-24, 2016**

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. April 23: 5pm: Robert & Sharon Bogart

Sun. April 24: 7am:  
8:30am: Anora & Joseph Daniel, and Family  
10:30am: *Pro Populo*  
12:30pm: +Mercedes Baccay

Mon. April 25: 8am: + Paul Tran  
6pm: + Genevieve Anastasia (Renier) Pargett

Tues. April 26: 8am: The Souls  
6pm: + Hank Upton

Wed. April 27: 8am: Bunne Toldness  
6pm: + Inang Cruz

Thurs. April 28: 8am: † Ursula Edwards  
12pm: +Mother Mary Angelica

6pm: Amanda San Pedro

Fri. April 29: 8am: Fr. Tom Unzhunnalil  
6pm: † Mother Mary Angelica

Sat. April 30 8am: † Ursula Edwards  
10am: + Jeannette Breen  
5pm: *Pro Populo*

**There are Masses still open for intentions on May 10-12, and 16-17.**

**Please keep in your prayers....** David Sundahl; 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, Ann McHugh, Lily Mc Williams, Antonio Jose Roberts.

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

## The Divine Lover's Farewell

[Jesus] now spoke to His Apostles as if He was feeling the crossbeams. If His death would be glorifying, it must have been because something would be done by it which was not accomplished by His words, miracles, and His healing of the sick. All through His life He had been trying to communicate His love for mankind, but it was not until His Body, like the alabaster box, would be broken, that the perfume of His love would pervade the universe. He said also that, in His Cross, God the Father was glorified. This was because His Father did not spare His own Son, but offered Him to save man. He put a new meaning into His death, namely, from His Cross would beam forth the pity and the pardon of God.

He addressed His Apostles in two different ways: as a dying parent to His children, and as a dying Lord to His servants. *My children, for a little longer I am with you.* (John 13:33).

Here he was speaking in terms of the deepest intimacy to those gathered about Him, answering their childish questions one after another. Because they were as infants in understanding His sacrifice, He used the simple analogy of a road they could not presently travel: *Where I am going you cannot come.* (John 13:33)

When they would see the clouds of glory enveloping Him in His Ascension into heaven, then they know why they could not presently go with Him. Later on, they would follow Him, but first they needed the schooling of Calvary and of Pentecost. How little the Apostles understood His life was revealed by Peter's question: *Lord, where are you going?* (John 13:36).

Even in his curiosity, the beautiful character of Peter was revealed, for he could not bear separation from His Master. Our Lord answered him: *Where I am going you cannot follow now, but one day you will.* (John 13:36).

Peter was yet unfit for the deeper realization of the Resurrection. The Savior's Hour had come, but Peter's had not. As on the Mount of the Transfiguration, Peter would have had the glory without the death, so now he

would have the company of the Divine Master in heaven without the Cross. Peter considered the answer upon his courage and fidelity. So he made another request, and declared his bravery: *Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.* (John 13:37).

(Taken from *Life Of Christ* by Fulton J. Sheen)

## **MESSAGE FROM FR. GLENN**

This weekend is the final weekend for this school year's CCD and Religious Education classes.

Our instructors who have given of their time and talent in order to instruct our little ones in the Faith owe our gratitude.

Our instructors are **Julianna Burkart, Elizabeth Wyborny, Lucia Wyborny, Kiala Ellingson, Nancy Sayo** (we'll miss you!), **Erica Raeder, Marc Wyborny, Bill Cumbelich.**

Those who have been guiding our Confirmandi are **Robert Hill, Valerie Burkart, John Burkart, Erik Keilholtz.**

Our John Paul II Youth Group will also have their final meeting this weekend before taking a summer hiatus. I would like to thank **Jerome and Ann Placido, Leanne Weber, John Burkart, and David Weber** for taking charge of our Youth Group.

Giving instruction to others is one of the corporal acts of mercy. On this Jubilee Year of Mercy they have shown us how it's done. Many thanks!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Thanks to **Maria Cornett** and **Tom Graves** who served the priests lunch for the Monthly Holy Hour for Priests.

A cook has been procured for May, but we will need a new list of cooks when Holy Hour resumes in the Fall.

If you are available to help on any specific month, please contact **Lily Mullen** to sign up at [lily.mullen@gmail.com](mailto:lily.mullen@gmail.com) or (925)827-1946.

The priests who attend this monthly morning of prayer and recollection appreciate our efforts to provide a homemade meal and serve them. In this little way we say 'Thank You' for their ministry to us.



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

Programs:

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 all of the children of the Parish who will be receiving their **First Communion**. The First Communion Mass in the Extraordinary Form will be held on May 15 at 12.30pm. For the Ordinary Form, as noted above, the First Communion Mass is on May 1st. Please pray for our children as they continue to prepare to receive Our Lord.



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.



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. 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.



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 World To Come**

The most cheerful future which pagan thought could devise for its dead was a dream life in a world of dreams.

And yet, I wonder whether we may not be allowed to make use of Virgil's guess-work, when we are trying to imagine for ourselves the conditions of Purgatory? The Bible tells us so little about it, the Church has so little in the way of solid assurance to impart to us. All we know about it really is that it is a state in which disembodied spirits undergo punishment, limited in its duration, to make amends for past sins whose guilt is already forgiven. I should not be surprised if those pagan guesses are after all near the mark. The sense of frustration—is not that, after all, exactly what we should expect to feel in Purgatory?

We shall be wanting to get somewhere, to that heaven which is our appointed home, which is in a sense, now that the guilt of our sins lies behind us, our natural home. But something, some force whose nature is unknown

to us now, perhaps will be unknown to us then, will keep us back. It will not be something in ourselves; the sight of our Lord's face, made known to us in our judgment, will have made us apt for heaven, ripe for heaven, and yet heaven will elude our grasp; frustration always.

We shall be eager to express ourselves, to show our love for God in meritorious action, as we formerly had the opportunity to show it, and so often neglected to show it, on earth; and there will be no faculty in us for meritorious action now. That we shall offer prayer in purgatory is a natural assumption; but will it avail to further us on our way? Does not the insistence of the Church on the duty of praying for the dead rather suggest the contrary? The overmastering impulse in us to do something for God, and we shall not be in a position to do, only to suffer; frustration again. And, above all, we shall be aspiring to conscious union with God. Here, in a sense, you may think of the privations of Purgatory as even more searing than those of hell. The lost soul does not want God; it only feels its nature eternally unsatisfied through the loss of something which nevertheless it hates.

But in Purgatory we shall want God, we shall know what it is we are going without, and that lack, though it be limited by time, will be almost intolerable. God will be just round the corner, and always unattainable. Are we right in thinking of Purgatory as waiting patiently, with folded hands, amid all we have to suffer, for a long-delayed but inevitable event? Oughtn't we rather to think of the holy souls as full, even now, of a desperate activity which can result in nothing? Frustration again.

*(Taken from A Retreat For Lay People by Ronald Knox)*





*"Do you suppose that includes repeats for each one?"*

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (continued):

**Three additional parishioners** have indicated that they wish to take part in the Parish's effort to participate in the Diocesan-wide **resettlement program** sponsored by Catholic Charities. There are now four households who have expressed a willingness to sponsor a refugee family. More households are needed. If you are looking to participate and you have some knowledge of available housing in the East Bay, knowledge of services available for new immigrants; or if you wish to help with the refugee family's household expenses for the first three months, or wish to donate furniture, please speak to Fr. Glenn.



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 \$6,640, which is 36% of the Parish Goal of \$18,424.95.



**Marriage Bann**: A wedding between Jebson Casale and Josen Vidanes is to be held in the Parish on May 7, 2016.



This week's **second collection** is for the Insurance and Diocesan Assessment. Last week's second collection for the Catholic Communications totaled \$ 694. Next week's second collection will be for Building Fund. Thank you for your support.

<b>Weekly update</b>	<b>April 16 &amp; 17</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Actual - 1st Plate</b>	<b>\$4,381</b>	<b>\$82,546</b>
<b>Parish Pay 1st Plate</b>	<b>\$1,160</b>	<b>\$22,445</b>
<b>Total 1st Plate</b>	<b>\$5,541</b>	<b>\$104,991</b>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$6,400</b>	<b>\$106,000</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$859</b>	<b>(-\$ 1,109)</b>

# MUSIC

**Prelude:** Adagio in E Moll, Harasimiuk

**Hymns:** #411 At the Lamb's High Feast, #102 Vidi Aquam, #546 Regina Caeli

**5pm (Sat.)** Heritage Mass, Alstott

**10:30am:** Mass of Hope, Ellis

**Offertory:** Alle Psalite Cum Luya. Communion: Come, Risen Lord

**12:30pm:** Missa Lux et Origo

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

## Little Catechism Of The Life Of Prayer

### Chapter IV: Meditation And Colloquy

#### **What should those do who "cannot meditate"?**

For those persons who, because of a certain fickleness of imagination and thought, have very great difficulty in dwelling on a definite idea in order to examine it with somewhat orderly reflections, St. Teresa teaches another way of controlling thoughts that excite love. It consists in reciting very slowly a vocal prayer full of meaning, pausing to consider attentively the sense of the words and taking the opportunity to form some reflections and to express affections.

#### **When does the loving colloquy begin?**

It may begin as soon as we have formed within us the lively conviction that we ought to respond with love to the love of God. It all depends on the facility with which we can place ourselves in such a necessary disposition. This facility then, can be acquired with practice.

#### **What do we say in this colloquy?**

We mainly make known to God our desire to love Him and to prove our love; taking our theme from a particular mystery, we refer to it in a thousand ways and our colloquy thus assumes the most varied forms. Besides, our

love may be expressed not only to the most holy Trinity, but to Jesus directly and to our Lady. We may also speak affectionately with the Saints.

### **How should this colloquy be made?**

It can be made in various ways. We may express our affection with words pronounced vocally, or in a purely “interior” way, that is with expressions of the heart and will. These expressions may be brief and follow one another with a certain frequency, or else they may be rather prolonged, repeating them only at fairly long intervals; it might even be enough—and this is the best thing—to remain lovingly in our Lord’s company.

### **Should this conversation be continuous?**

We may reply in the affirmative meaning that we should remain in the Lord’s company, but not in the sense that we ought to be “speaking” continually. Carmelite authors even teach expressly that this conversation ought not to be too verbose and excited, but rather peaceful and oftentimes interrupted, as if to permit one to be attentive to God’s answer.

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

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