

14 April 2024
III Sunday of Easter (New Calendar)
II Sunday after Easter (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun.8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 15 April Sts. Theodore & Pausilypus, Martyrs
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
For: Special Intention

Tue. 16 April St. M. Bernadette, V., Seer of Lourdes/St. Benedict J. Labre
8 AM For: Thomas Vermeulen
Req: Sandra Vermeulen
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & the Newborn

Wed. 17 April St. Simeon & the Martyrs of Persia
7 PM For: Amy Cossette+ & Robert Cossette+
Req: Edward Cossette

Thu. 18 April St. Lasreanus (or Molassius), Irish Abbot
8 AM For: Jack Rotolo+
Req: Daughter

Fri. 19 April St. Leo IX, Pope/St. James Duckett, Martyr
8 AM For: Antonio Fragilli+
Req: Mary Nunez

Sat. 20 April St. Anicetus, Pope/St. Agnes of Montepulciano,V, Rel.
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: John Gross+
Req: Sharon Adamitis

Sun. 21 April IV Sunday of Easter (New Calendar)
III Sunday after Easter (Traditional Calendar)
8 AM For: Stephanie Rurak (L.)
Req: Her Father
9:30 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC
11 AM For: Charles "Pete" Baker+
Req: Family

PARISH DINNER COMMITTEE MEETING: MON. 15 APRIL 7 PM

Those who volunteered to help plan the Parish Dinner on 6 June are asked to meet at the Rectory this Monday night at 7 PM to discuss what needs to be done to prepare for the dinner.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK:

Sr. High School Class will meet this Tue. **16 April at 7 PM**. This will be their final class of the year. The students who will be Confirmed on 1 May 2024, will have a **Day of Spiritual Preparation for Confirmation on Fri. 26 April**. All Confirmands must attend this Day of Preparation, which will begin at 9AM and conclude at 2:30 PM. The day will include Holy Mass, Confession and talks given by the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. Lunch will be provided.

MOTHERS AND THEIR DAUGHTERS OF THE PARISH

Are invited to the Mother-Daughter luncheon being sponsored by our Rosary Society. You are asked to bring a dish with your favorite family recipe. There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board in the vestibule for you to indicate how many will be attending.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To those who so charitably responded to last week's appeal for more cooks to provide meals for our Meal Train. God is never outdone in generosity, and He will reward you for your great kindness to the families we are currently serving. If you would like to help, please call Kim Herter at 315 723 3651.

COME PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY WITH US: MON. 22 APRIL 11 AM

We must bombard the Planned Parenthood clinic on Genesee St in Utica with Our Lady's Rosary prayers, so that She will crush the head of the serpent

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

Sunday 28 April: 8 AM First Communion for our Latin Mass children
Saturday 4 May: 10 AM First Holy Communion Novus Ordo Mass
Sunday 5 May: After 11 AM Mass: May Crowning of the Mother of God
Sunday 19 May: Pentecost Sunday: Reception into Church with Confirmation,
First Holy Communion of Jacob Adler

“Let those who think that their work has no value recognize that by fulfilling their insignificant tasks **out of a love of God**, those tasks assume a supernatural worth. The aged who bear the taunts of the young, the sick crucified to their beds, the ignorant immigrant in the steel mill, the street cleaner and the garbage collector, the wardrobe mistress in the theater and the chorus girl who never had a line, the unemployed carpenter and the ash collector—all these will be enthroned above dictators, presidents kings and cardinals if a greater love of God inspires their humbler tasks than inspires those who play nobler roles with less love.”
(Ven. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Isn't it astonishing that some of the occupations he points to are almost nonexistent today, less than a century after he wrote this? Fr. C).

On “Dignitas Infinita”, Vatican Declaration on Human Dignity

On Monday, 8 April, the Dicastery (formerly known as the Congregation) for the Doctrine of the Faith, issued a declaration on the theme of human dignity. The title of the document means “infinite dignity” and was issued “in the face of so many violations of human dignity that threaten seriously the future of the human family, the Church encourages the promotion of the dignity of every human person, regardless of their physical, mental, cultural, social and religious characteristics”.

The text cautions against threats to human dignity that begin at the moment of conception, that exist in the process of procreation, and that threaten humanity at the end of life. The document cites Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, that “procured abortion is the deliberate and direct killing, by whatever means it is carried out, of a human being in the initial phase of his/her existence, extending from conception to birth”. The declaration also warns against euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, claiming that they are “swiftly gaining ground” in some parts of the world, which it says is “unique in how it utilizes a mistaken understanding of human dignity to turn the concept of dignity against life itself.”

“Even in its sorrowful state, human life carries a dignity that must always be upheld, that can never be lost, and that calls for unconditional respect...Indeed, there are no circumstances under which human life would cease from being dignified and could, as a result, be put to an end.” The declaration maintains that the dignity of the person demands that humans have a right to natural parentage, and not artificial means of conception. “The legitimate desire to have a child cannot be transformed into a 'right to a child' that fails to respect the dignity of that child as the recipient of the gift of life.”

As many Western nations continue to promote gender ideology and debate whether minors should be able to access transgender drugs and surgeries, the Vatican states that the ideology “intends to deny the greatest possible difference that exists between living beings: sexual difference.” “All attempts to obscure reference to the ineliminable sexual difference between man and woman are to be rejected,” states the text. To respect human dignity, the declaration also condemns unjust discrimination, aggression, and violence against individuals based on their sexual orientation.

While the document restates Catholic teaching on abortion, surrogacy and euthanasia, it includes other assaults on human dignity, including poverty, war, the travails of migrants, human trafficking, sexual abuse, violence against women, marginalization of the disabled and digital violence. The text includes Pope Francis' indication that the death penalty is “inadmissible”.

(This summary was taken largely from Fr. Raymond de Souza's piece in the National Catholic Register, 12 April 2024).