

7 April 2024
II Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday
Domenica in albis (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass
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. 8 April. THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION*

8 AM For: Special Intention

*Because the Solemnity of the Annunciation (25 March) fell during Holy Week this year, the Solemnity is transferred to the Monday after the Octave of Easter

Tue. 9 April St. Casilda, Virgin, Convert from Islam

8 AM For: Paul & Stella Henry +

Req: Ron Henry

Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

Wed. 10 April St. Michael of the Saints, Pr.

7 PM For: Mary Grace Roberts (L.)

Req: Debbie Grems

Thu. 11 April St. Stanislaus of Cracow, Bishop, Martyr

8 AM For: Robert McCauley+

Req: Frances McCauley

Fri. 12 April St. Zeno, Bishop of Verona, who converted the city to Christ

8 AM For: John Carvelli+

Req: Sandra Vermeulen

Sat. 13 April Pope St. Martin I, Martyr/St. Margaret of Castello, V.

8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Dale Harris (L.)

Req: Mr. & Mrs. Jay Moran

Sun. 14 April III Sunday of Easter (New Calendar)

II Sunday after Easter (Traditional Calendar)

8 AM For: The Deceased of the George Dorsey Family

Req: Mr. & Mrs. William Glover

9:30 AM For: Kamil & Nasry Marji

Req: Samia Marji

11 AM For: The Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel

INDULGENCE FOR THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Church grants the following Indulgence to the faithful who 1) will receive the Sacrament of Penance within 8 days of the Feast; 2) who receive the Holy Eucharist on the day of the Feast, 3) who do not have an attachment even to venial sin, and 4) who take part in devotions to the Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, recite one Our Father and the (Apostles') Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus. Those who for a just cause cannot go to church may gain the same indulgence by reciting one Our Father and the Creed, and a devout prayer to the merciful Jesus before an image of the Divine Mercy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Our classes for Jr. High School have concluded for the year. The Sr. High School class will **NOT** meet this Tue. as previously mentioned. Class will be held **next Tuesday, 16 April at 7 PM.**

THE ROSARY SOCIETY will have their monthly meeting on **THU. 11 APRIL** at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. We will have a short presentation by Dr Edward Sri on “Why we need the Resurrection”. We hope you will join us.

CAN YOU HELP?

Our meal train is providing meals for two households currently: The Roberts family, while Megan Roberts is undergoing treatments for her cancer. The Roberts have seven little mouths to feed, besides Mom and Dad; and the Alessi's, who are a senior couple. Mr. Alessi is disabled and his wife Mary is recuperating from surgery. If you could find it in your charity to assist either of these households with a nice home-cooked meal, it would be so greatly appreciated. This is a real work of charity, to which so many of our parishioners have already responded, but now we need to replenish the troops. If you would like to help out, please go to our meal train site at olgcc.org and click the link. Or you could call Kim Herter at 315 723 3651. God bless you.

ANOTHER REQUEST

On Thu. 25 April, our church has its “turn” to provide the local Stone Soup Supper that our local area churches put on once a month. This is a free community meal that is served at the Presbyterian Church at the corner of E.Main St. and Rock Rd. in Verona. The dinner is served from 4:30 until 6 PM. We are looking for cooks to provide a dish, or just to help serve. Usually about 40 people attend. If you would be willing to help, please call Kim Herter at 315 723 3651.

PARISH DINNER: THU. 6 JUNE AT 6 PM AT THEODORE'S, CANASTOTA

So far two parishioners have stepped forward to offer to serve on a planning committee. This should not be a very demanding commitment. If you would like to help, please speak to Father. I have asked our Most Reverend Bishop to be our speaker, but have not had a reply from him as of this time.

From "Humility of Heart"
by Fr. Gaetano da Bergamo

Although sin is in itself a great evil, in fact the greatest of evils-still under a certain form it can prove a food to us if we know to avail ourselves of it as a means of exercising humility. How many great sinners have become great Saints without having done anything more than keep their sins constantly before their eyes, and humble themselves in shame and confusion before God and their fellowmen!

These words: "Against Thee only have I sinned," which David carried in his heart, contributed more than anything else to make him a Saint. And the angelic St. Thomas in explaining the verse of St. Paul to the Romans (viii.28) "This is the good that profits them that love God, for when they fall from the love of God by sin they then return to Him more humble and more cautious." (3 par. qu.lxxxix, art.2 ad 1).

It is in this that the good and wisdom of God is most admirably set forth, that He offers us a means of sanctifying ourselves through our very miseries, and we shall never be able to make the excuse that we could not become Saints because we committed grave sin, when those very sins might have been the means of sanctifying us by urging us to a deeper humility. How great is God's mercy in thus giving me the means of sanctifying myself only by remembering that I have sinned and by meditating in the light of holy faith upon what it means to be a sinner!

St. Mary Magdalene did not become holy so much by the tears she shed as by the humility of her heart. Her sanctification began when she first began to be humble in the knowledge of herself and of God. "She knew." (Lk. Vii.37). She advanced in sanctity as she advanced in humility, for when she did not dare to appear before Jesus Christ, she remained behind Him, "and standing behind," (Lk. Vii.38) and she completed her career of sanctity by her humility, for, as St.Gregory says, she did nothing all the rest of her life but meditate upon the great evil she had committed in sinning, "She considered what she had done." When we feel ashamed and disturbed at having fallen into sin, this is but a temptation of the devil, who tries to make use of our distress to draw us perhaps into some graver sin.

The sorrow we feel at having offended God does not distress the soul, but rather leaves it calm and serene, because it is a sorrow united to humility, which brings grace with it; but to be distressed and overwhelmed by sadness-either from the shame we feel at having committed some disgraceful action, or from a sudden recognition of our liability to fall just when we thought ourselves stronger and more faithful than ever-is simply pride, which is born of an excessive self-love. We have too good of an opinion of ourselves, and this is the reason why we are disturbed when we see our reputation injured by others or diminished by our own actions. If I reflect well whenever I am distressed by my own faults, I shall find that my distress is only due to pride, which persuades me by the subtle artifice of self-love that I am better than the just themselves, of whom it is written; "A just man shall fall seven times." (Prov. XXiv.16).