

This Week of April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday

Sat/Sun 2nd Collection: Special Seminarian Collection (4/9)
Sun 9:30 am Religious Ed (4/9)
Sun 12:00-3:30 pm Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet (4/9)
Sun 12:15 pm RCIA (4/9)
Tue 9:00 am Altar Society Meeting (4/11)
Tue 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (4/11)
Thu 8:30 am Morning Prayer (4/13)
Thu 6:30 pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by
Exposition & Benediction until 9pm (4/13)
Fri 8:30 am Morning Prayer & Holy Land Collection (4/14)
Fri 9:00 am Stations of the Cross (4/14)
Fri 3:00 pm The Lord's Passion & Veneration (4/14)
Sat 8:30 am Morning Prayer (4/15)

Next Week of April 16, 2017

Sat 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass, St. Mary's (4/15)
Sun 8:30 am Easter Mass, St. Mary's (4/16)
Sun 11:00 am Easter Mass, St. Mary's (4/16)
Sun 4:00 pm Easter Mass, St. Joseph, Blue Lake (4/16)

Mass Intentions - Please contact the office, 822-7696, if you would like to schedule a Mass intention.

Sat 4:00 pm Odilia Rodrigues+ (4/8)
Sun 8:30 am Alice Amarant+ (4/9)
Sun 11:00 am Fr. Mike Kelly+ (4/9)
Mon No Mass
Tue 8:30 am Eugene Gallacci+ (4/11)
Wed 8:30 am Jennifer Bellini+ (4/12)
Thu 6:30 pm Tom Goldenberger+ (4/13)
Sat 8:30 pm For the Catechumens (4/15)
Sun 8:30 am Eugene Fusi+ (4/16)
Sun 11:00 am Luis Furtado+ (4/16)

The Rosary is prayed prior to weekday morning masses.

Please let the parish office know the status of your loved one's illness so we may keep our prayer list current.

Pray for the Sick, those here and others known to us:

Katy Trusnovac, Jeffrey Ehrnman, Kevin Krause, Peggy Dickerson, Grace Landry, Jim Hart, Elsie Naye, Michael Shaker, Emma Filipini, Erica Mills, Paul Hahn, Maria Silva, Patricia Clarke, Nina DeVilbiss, Kathleen Fancher, and Debbie McCollister

Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Josephine "Peggy" Richmond, Thomas Goldenberger, Marcella DaMassa, and Lena DalPorto.

Thank You to our parishioners who contributed to the offerings.

St. Mary's Regular Collection	\$3382.66
St. Joseph's Regular Collection	<u>336.00</u>
Total	\$3718.66

Coffee Hour: March Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Portuguese Community. The ICF will host in May.

<u>Sunday, Apr. 16 - 8:30 Mass</u>	<u>Sunday, Apr. 16 - 11:00 Mass</u>
Readers: Christine Campbell Scott Cahill	Readers: Rosemary Melendy Sy Talty
Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Humphry Alicia Uemura	Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Homem Maggie Fleming
Altar Servers: Raven & Aiden	Servers: Josepha & Jack

2017 Annual Mission Appeal (AMA) Santa Rosa Diocese

2017 Target: \$21,250. Pledges to date: \$9,881.

Capital Campaign – The Capital Campaign is a 5 year program.
5-year target: \$295,000. Pledges to date: \$152,309.



Called to the Joy of the Priesthood

The Catholic priesthood is a sign of Christ, a mystery of the Church and a gift for the community. It is a call to joy....

Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is the only salvation of all human beings. He established his Church to continue his salvific mission. He has made it possible to share in his life and salvation through the mediation of the Church. God made visible and experience-able his love and salvation in Jesus Christ who is the high priest. Jesus Christ the high priest not only brings God to human beings but also human beings to God. The priesthood exists in the Church for the glory of God and the salvation of his people. That is why the priesthood of Christ is the origin of all priesthoods in the Church

The priesthood of Christ is realized especially in the Eucharist that is source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist alone the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial priesthood of the priest are celebrated and lived for the glory of God. Christ calls people to act in his name and enables them to assist in his ministry of salvation.

From Christ alone the priest receives his identity and power to perform his priestly ministry because the ordained ministry has its origin, foundation, and legitimation in the person and mission of Jesus Christ. A priest exists for people in the name of God and by his commission. There are two basic aspects to the understanding of what it is to be a priest: God's call and the individual's response. A lifelong partnership is established between God and a particular human being at the moment of identity between a Divine call and a human 'yes'. This partnership grows through the grace of the sacrament of Holy Orders. Through sacrament, he enters into a special relationship with Christ, receives a new quality of life as his follower, and is enabled to fulfill a specific mission.

The priestly life as a sacrament is a sign that shows the face of Christ, a mystery that has its roots in the freedom of a gift and a mission carried out through the church to the world. The priest is called to make God's presence recognizable and visible in his life and ministry through word and deed. He reintroduces and keeps the question of God alive through his ministry. He must be known as the place where God is known and experienced. The task of the priest is to seek God, to find God, and to show God to others because God will be known through those who know him. Being a priest is nothing more than being a witness to the presence of God and his ongoing salvific activity in the world through his life and ministry.

When he carries various ministries in the name of Christ and his Church - the proclamation of the good news, sanctification through the celebration of the sacraments and the pastoral guidance of the faithful - he gives concrete shape to the love and salvation of Jesus Christ for his people. In his life and ministry heaven and earth meet giving a concrete shape to the mission of Christ and his Church. Therefore the Church's sacramental ministry of salvation is the core and the foundation of the priestly life and ministry that is a call to joy in the Lord.

~Fr. Francis Gayam



Holy Week

St. Mary's Holy Week Schedule

- Holy Thursday:** Morning Prayer at 8:30am
Mass of the Last Supper at 6:30pm followed by
Exposition and Benediction until 9pm
- Good Friday:** Morning Prayer at 8:30am
Stations of the Cross at 9:00am
The Lord's Passion and Veneration at 3:00pm
- Holy Saturday:** Morning Prayer at 8:30 am.
Easter Vigil at 8:30pm, St. Mary's
- Easter Sunday:** Masses at 8:30am & 11:00am, St. Mary's
- Easter Sunday:** Mass at 4:00pm, St. Joseph, Blue Lake



St. Mary's Parish Variety Show/Picnic

will be held after the 11 am Mass, April 30th.
Sign up in the Narthex to **perform and/or bring a finger food**. Come and join the Parish Fun!!

Rice Bowls will be collected on Easter Weekend. If possible, please count your change and write a check for the amount of your donation payable to CRS (Catholic Relief Services) & note 'Rice Bowl' in the memo section. There will be a container available Easter Weekend to deposit your Rice Bowl. Thank you very much for your cooperation and for your generosity!

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Lenten Donations



We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical collection on Good Friday which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics in parishes & schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

April North Coast Catholic Newspaper has arrived!

Special Seminarian Collection St. Mary's is participating in supporting a Seminarian in his studies to enter the Priesthood. In light of this, there will be a second collection this weekend, April 8th & 9th. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.



Easter is next week. Please remember to shop with scrip when purchasing Easter treats & Easter dinner supplies.

Scrip sellers: Marge will soon be scheduling scrip sellers for May, June, July, and August. Summer is always a challenge for scheduling so please let her know if you will be unavailable any time during these months. She will need this information before April 15th. Please call Marge at 707-822-0539.



St. Mary's needs a few more volunteer mowers to mow the Parish lawns once a month. Please

contact Elena, 707-822-3579, if you can help out! Thank you to our current volunteers who faithfully keep our grounds looking neat and clean.

Thank you to all of our current Sellers. We always encourage NEW volunteers to step forward. Sellers are usually only scheduled once a month and have their choice of either the 8:30 or 11:00am Mass.

Outreach Ministry: To arrange for a phone call, visit, and/or to receive Holy Communion, please call **707-499-3331**.

Additional Adoration and Mass Opportunities

Christ the King Church Parish, McKinleyville

Weekdays:

- Monday Mass 9:00am
- Tuesday Communion Service 9:00am
- Wednesday & Thursday Prayer Service 9:00am
- Friday Adoration 3:00pm followed by Mass 4:00pm

Weekends:

- Saturday Confessions 4:30-4:45pm followed by Mass 5:00pm
- Sunday Mass 9:00am
- Saturday Mass 6:30pm (1st Sat of month, Sept-May) - **Trinidad**

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Mission, Hoopa

- Sunday Mass 11:30 am

HSU Newman Center, 700 Union St. Arcata

- Fridays : 5:30pm Mass, Dinner, and Fun
- Sunday Mass 5:30pm followed by supper & learning about Catholicism.



The next **Baptism prep class** will be on **Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 3:00 pm** in the Fr. Michael Kelly Room. For information, please call the office at 822-7696.

The basic requirements for Baptism:

- Family must be registered in a parish & be regular Mass attendees.
- One or both parents need to be a practicing Catholic.
- Child must have a reasonable chance to be brought up in the Catholic Faith.
- Parents & Godparents must attend a 'Baptism Preparation' class.
- At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic.

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S! Whether you are a long time parishioner, a returning Catholic, or a new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience. If you haven't registered, please complete this form and return it to the rectory office or place it in the offertory basket. Name: _____ New Parishioner yes/no
Address: _____ Phone: _____