

Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

Rediscover your faith in Merciful God

This Week of April 23, 2017 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Sat/Sun 2nd Collection: Cemetery Upkeep (4/22-23)
Sun No Religious Ed today (4/23)
Sun 12:15 pm RCIA (4/23)
Sun 3:00 pm Adoration with Divine Mercy Chaplet (4/23)
Fri 10:00 am ICF Board Meeting (4/28)
Sat 10:00 am Variety Show Rehearsal in Leavey Hall (4/29)

Next Week of April 30, 2017

Sun 9:30 am Religious Ed (4/30)
Sun 12:15 pm RCIA (4/30)
Sun 12:15 pm Variety Show (4/30)
Wed 5:30 pm ICF Mass & Meeting (5/3)
Sat 10:00 am First Communion Rehearsal (5/6)

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

Sat 4:00 pm Francisco & Senhorinha Mendes+ (4/22)
Sun 8:30 am Lucy Valadao+ (4/23)
Sun 11:00 am Joe & Isabel Fraga+ (4/23)
Mon No Mass
Tue 8:30 am Lena DalPorto+ (4/25)
Wed 8:30 am Thomas Goldenberger+ (4/26)
Thur 8:30 am Marcella DaMassa+ (4/27)
Fri 8:30 am Daniel Joseph Brownlee+ (4/28)
Sat 4:00 pm Odilia Rodrigues+ (4/29)
Sun 8:30 am Leonilda Sousa+ (4/30)
Sun 11:00 am The deceased family members of
Lucille Fraga (4/30)

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, Jim Hart, Elsie Naye, Michael Shaker, Emma Filipini, Erica Mills, Paul Hahn, Patricia Clarke, Nina DeVilbiss, Kathleen Fancher, and Debbie McCollister

Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Grace Landry (Alicia Uemura's mother), Josephine "Peggy" Richmond, Thomas Goldenberger, Marcella DaMassa, and Lena DalPorto.

Thank You to our parishioners who contributed to the offerings.

St. Mary's Plate Collection - Easter	\$ 4466.64
St. Joseph's Plate Collection - Easter	<u>\$ 148.00</u>
Total	\$ 4614.64
Special Collection: Holy Land	\$ 531.23
Special Collection: CRS Rice Bowl	\$ 1288.06

Coffee Hour: April Coffee Hour is hosted by the Portuguese Community. The ICF will host in May.

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

Sunday, Apr. 30 - 8:30 Mass

Readers: Elizabeth Simovich
Justin Alvarez
Eucharistic Ministers:
Larry Ghidinelli
Cindy Humphry
Altar Servers: Raven & Aiden

Sunday, Apr. 30 - 11:00 Mass

Readers: Pat Heavilin
Maggie Fleming
Eucharistic Ministers:
Maria A. Furtado
Anita Reynolds
Altar Servers: Marianna & Sophia

In the first reading today, Luke depicts the early Christians as immensely communal people whose life was marked with three characteristic activities: They attended to the teaching of the apostles, they lived in solidarity, and they prayed together. This meant first that they attended to their own growth in faith by reflecting together on their Scriptures, their experience of historical Jesus, and the signs and wonders happening in their midst. Secondly, they lived their lives in solidarity. It was a way of being in response to their experience of God among them. The more deeply they were aware of God's love, mercy and forgiveness, the more they created practices that gave concrete expressions and structures to prolong the experience of grace they felt among them. The third dimension of their communal life was shared prayer. They prayed in their traditional way at the temple area as well as in their unique way by celebrating the Eucharist, the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel reading clearly states that John has written the Gospel to a community that was already formed. It was a group of disciples who met regularly and were carrying on their mission. John tells many stories, like the one of Thomas, to remind us of who we are and what we are called to do. Jesus appears again to the disciples gathered together, this time including Thomas, symbolizing the group was complete. In His appearance, Jesus gives His gifts of peace and His Spirit, and the mission to forgive. This time, He calls out Thomas saying, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27 &28).

Jesus appeared in the midst of His disciples to give them peace, a peace that would impel them to mission, a peace that would underpin a community of solidarity and mission. In our faith journey, this is what we need to rediscover. This is how our faith is strengthened, and we are empowered to carry on the mission with greater zeal and commitment.

Pope John Paul II, who is venerated as a Saint today, is known as the Great Mercy Pope. Besides many homilies and messages on Divine Mercy, he wrote an encyclical, 'Dives Misericordia' (Rich in Mercy), in the year 1980. He instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter in the Great Jubilee Year 2000 during the Canonization of St. Faustina. The feast was instituted by the pope as per the instructions of Our Lord to St. Faustina. The devotion to the Divine Mercy commenced with the mission entrusted to St. Faustina. The mission that Our Lord asked her to take up was to pray and to work for establishment of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. Pope Benedict XVI continued this legacy of his predecessor preaching about mercy and promoting the devotion. Pope Francis declared 2016 as the Jubilee Year of Mercy. His teachings and example speak louder on Mercy. Let us be committed more and more to the Devotion of Divine Mercy, and live the lives of mercy believing the words of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5: 7).

~Fr. Bala



St. Mary's Parish Variety Show/Picnic

will be held after the 11 am Mass, April 30th in Leavey Hall. Sign up in the Narthex to perform and/or bring a finger food. (Rehearsal will be on Sat, April 29th at 10:00am in Leavey Hall.) Come and join the Parish Fun!!



THANK YOU!
Our St. Mary's community changed lives this Lent, and those at **CRS Rice Bowl** say thank you!

Pope Francis' Universal Intention for April

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Breakfast Fundraiser

A Breakfast Fundraiser hosted by the Holy Ghost Celebration Committee will be held Saturday, May 13th from 8:00 – 11:00am in the Arcata Portuguese Hall. Delicious linguica, eggs, and all the trimmings will be served. All proceeds will go to this year's queens and their courts to help with the cost of their attire and travel expenses as they represent Arcata's Society of the Holy Trinity. Cost: \$10 for ages 15 years and over, \$5 for children ages 5-14, and free for children under 5 years old. For more information, please call Joe, 798-0933.



We are back in business at the scrip table! Lots of special days are coming soon to celebrate, such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduations, and Weddings. Scrip gift cards are desired & much appreciated, so plan now and let us order the cards you want to give. We order on Sunday and you would have the scrip by the following weekend. If you are not a 'Scrip user' please give it a try. It is easy for you to use and helps our parish. Thank you!

This weekend's Second Collection is for our **St. Mary's Cemetery upkeep**. Thank you for your generosity.



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: _____

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU



There will be Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet today, Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00pm. After that, as is our tradition, we will resume the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration for one hour (3:00-4:00pm) on the first Sunday of each month beginning in May.



Please join in a **Parish Clean Up Day** on Saturday, May 13th from 9:00-12:00 noon. Please bring your gardening gloves and tools. Much can be accomplished if we all participate! Thank you!



Mowers Needed!

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.

2017 Annual Mission Appeal (AMA) Santa Rosa Diocese

2017 Target: \$21,250. Pledges to date: \$12,591.
Capital Campaign – The Capital Campaign is a 5 year program. 5-year target: \$295,000. Pledges to date: \$152,309.

Additional Adoration and Mass Opportunities Christ the King Church Parish, McKinleyville

Weekdays:

- Monday Mass 9:00am
- Tuesday Communion 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.