

## **This Week of April 3, 2016**

Sun No CCD or PCG at St. Mary's - Please attend Children's  
Retreat at Christ the King in McKinleyville (4/3)  
Sun 9:45am Retreat for Children at Christ the King (4/3)  
Sun 3:00pm Adoration (4/3)  
Wed 6:00pm ICF Meeting/Pizza night (4/6)  
Thur 6:30pm Healing Mass -- No morning mass that day (4/7)

## **Next Week of April 10, 2016**

Sun 9:30am Religious Education (4/10)  
Sun 12:00pm High School/Post Confirmation Group (4/10)  
Mon 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (4/11)  
Tues 9:00am Altar Society Meeting (4/12)  
Tues 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (4/12)

## **Mass Intentions**

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

Sat 4:00pm All Souls in Purgatory (4/2)  
Sat 5:30pm Harold Plourde + (4/2)  
Sun 8:30am Gemma Dal Porto + (4/3)  
Sun 11:00am For the People (4/3)  
Mon No Mass (4/4)  
Tues 8:30am Available for Intention  
Wed 8:30am Leonildo Sousa+ (4/6)  
Thur No Morning Mass – Healing Mass this eve (4/7)  
Thur 6:30pm Lorraine & Earl Cooney+ (4/7)  
Fri 8:30am Available for Intention  
Sat 4:00pm For the People (4/9)  
Sat 5:30pm Manuel Matos & Deolinda Freitas+ (4/9)  
Sun 8:30am Maria & Joe Andrade+ (4/10)  
Sun 11:00am Fr. Mike Kelly+ (4/10)

**The Rosary is prayed before the 8:30am Mass Tues thru Fri.**



## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

The devotion to the Divine Mercy commenced with the mission entrusted to St. Faustina (Helen Kowalska), who was born on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1905 in Poland. Our Lord asked Sister Faustina to pray and work to have established a Feast of the Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. This would be a day of total forgiveness of sins for those who approach the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It could be an annual celebration like the Day of Atonement. All sins and punishment would be washed away in His infinite mercy. Pope John Paul II declared the feast of the Divine Mercy to be celebrated throughout the world on the Sunday after Easter. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, this feast should become a memorable day by an increase in our devotion to the Divine Mercy and by engaging ourselves in greater and more corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The combination of pain and glory, of persecution and purification, becomes a pattern of early Church history. Jesus, Himself, reflects this fact when He appears to His disciples between Easter and Pentecost. He comes in glory, but bearing the marks of the nails and spear upon His body. Not even in the moment of exultant triumph will Jesus allow His followers to forget the cross. The memory is necessary to interpret the meaning of suffering and persecution in the days ahead. The Church, in this kind of situation, under strain and persecution, knows that it is not only very necessary but also passing a stretch of time. So, we are meant to be peaceful and tranquil, trusting and trusted. Jesus seems to be telling us today, "Peace be with you! Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Then, like Thomas in today's Gospel, we will learn to say in our hearts: "My Lord and my God!" And Jesus will urge us to be quicker in our response to the needy and to see at once His presence in them: "You became a believer because you saw me. Blest are they who have not seen and have believed."

*~ Father Bala.*

## **One Hour Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Starting today, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016, we will have the One Hour Adoration every First Sunday of the Month starting with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm. Please do come and join in this prayer.

**Healing Mass:** There will be a Healing Mass this Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please note, there will be **no morning mass that day.**

**Please let the parish office know of your loved one's illness or recovery so we are able to keep our prayer list current.**

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

Rick DaMassa, Traci Fitzpatrick, Erica Mills, Paul Hahn, Maria Silva, Patricia Clarke, Peggy Dimmick, Arnold Souza, and Nina DeVilbiss.

## **Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed**

Nadene Peterson, Agnes Gouin, Orlando Silva, Nathan William McCauley, Sr. Pat Carson, and Fr. Mike Kelly.

**Thank You** to our parishioners who contributed to the offerings.

St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Easter Collection: \$4286.27

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: \$943.61

Holy Land: \$620.00

People of India: \$966.21

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

**Coffee Hour** will be hosted by the Portuguese Community in April. The ICF will host in May.

**Children, Youth, & Parents** are invited & encouraged to attend the Children's Retreat given by Fr. John Boettcher at Christ the King Church in McK at 9:45am today, Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to this special opportunity, there will be **no Religious Ed today at St. Mary's.**

Please return your contribution carton this week for the Lenten Offering for the **People of India** suffering from floods. This is the last weekend for accepting cartons.

**Variety Show & Picnic Potluck** will be on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in Leavey Hall after the 11:00am Mass. A dress rehearsal will be on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm in Leavey Hall. Questions? Contact Paula Proctor, 822-9573 or Anita Reynolds, 822-2447.



Remember that all funds generated from scrip sales will now go toward the "celebration fund" for our church's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September. Join other parishioners and buy scrip as much as possible for the easiest fundraiser we have. It is a dollar-for-dollar exchange. We have gift cards in stock plus a list of merchants available for order. Bring your order to us and we will fill it for you. Please make your check to "**ST. MARY'S SCRIP**". **Thank you!**



Thank you to Maria A. Pimentel for the beautiful, handmade Altar cloth she made for St. Mary's. You may have noticed her wonderful handiwork when it was used on Easter.

**Christ the King Church in McKinleyville will hold a mission led by Fr. John Boettcher** on Monday through Thursday, April 4-7. Please come for Mass at 9:00am and a talk at 6:30pm. Fr. John will speak on Mercy: the face, the heart, and the hands of Mercy. All are welcome!



**Baptism class** is held monthly for parents & Godparents on Saturdays at 3:00pm in the Church Meeting Room. The next class will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Appointments are required- call the office, 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.
- A three month waiting period (after initial request) is required.

**Additional Adoration and Mass Opportunities**

**Christ the King Church (CTKC) 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 3:30pm followed by Mass 4:00pm
- Sunday Mass 9:00am
- First Saturday of Month Mass 6:00pm - **Trinidad**

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Mission, Hoopa**

- Sunday Mass 11:30 am

**HSU Newman Center, Arcata**

- First Friday Adoration 4:30 pm - Newman Center
- Friday Mass 5:30 pm - Newman Center
- Sunday Mass 5:30 pm - Lutheran Church (except semester break and in the summer)

**2016 Annual Mission Appeal (AMA) Santa Rosa Diocese**

2016 Target: \$20,500. Pledges to date: \$6,100.

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

**Jubilee Year of Mercy**

**COMFORTING THE SORROWFUL**

The word "comfort" in terms of its older, root meaning, involves something more vigorous than merely giving comfort. The Latin roots are *cum* (with) + *fortis* (strong, or strength), thus to comfort someone, means to strengthen him. Strange though it may seem, a dog often presents a good model, teaching us that when someone is having a bad day, the best thing to do is to just sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Thus, comforting or consoling the sorrowful and grieving people in our life often involves a kind of silent and understanding accompaniment more so than words or actions. To listen and give understanding attention often provides the greatest value. St. Paul says, "Weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15).

People need time and room to grieve. Some take longer than others, and there is no single "right" way to grieve. To comfort and console requires a sensitivity on our part that seeks to discover what the person needs, on *his* terms, not ours.

**--We can pray a lot** – It is often in the face of suffering that we experience our own human limitations. We can't fix everything or sometimes even very much at all. There are many people and situations that we must simply hand over to God.

**--We can say a little (but listen even more)** – People who are suffering often have a lot more wisdom about their situations than we or they realize. Often our simply listening well is what's needed for them to discover that wisdom. So lend a listening ear and offer a long hug.

**--We can stay a while (but not too long)** – Suffering and sorrow are tough enough, but they can seem almost interminable and overwhelming when we have to handle them alone. Having someone there to bear the load can be a blessing. At the same time, sometimes it can be an added stress to attend to even the most helpful people. Space and time are also essential for healing, but a home cooked meal can help.

*Comforting others isn't always comfortable for us but we are asked to do it.*

Christ the King Church in McKinleyville is having a Spring Fling Dinner on Sun, April 17 at 4:00pm. All are invited. Tickets are on a pre-sale basis - \$18 (Adults) \$9 (Children, ages 3-12.) Checks can be mailed to Christ the King. For any questions, contact Carol, 498-7281 or 839-2911 (office.)

The Secular Discalced Carmelites invite you to a Day of Recollection at Assumption Parish, Ferndale, on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30- 3:30pm. Bring a bag lunch - drinks and dessert will be provided. Questions? Alan or Ginny Fox, 725-6930.

**Rectory for Rent:** The Rectory at Christ the King in McKinleyville is available for rent, \$1100.00 per month. This 1500 square foot residence has 2 bedrooms/2 bathrooms with a 2-car garage and a laundry room. If you know someone who is interested, please call **Dolores at 839-0628**.

**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