

This Week of February 11, 2018

- Sun Portuguese Donut & Bread Sale after masses (2/11)
- Sun 9:30 am Religious Education (2/11)
- Sun 11:00 am RCIA Rite of Sending at mass (2/11)
- Sun 12:15 pm RCIA (2/11)
- Mon 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (2/12)
- Wed 2nd Collection—Central & Eastern Europe (2/14)
- Wed 8:30 am & 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Masses (2/14)
- Wed 10:30 am Altar Society Meeting (2/14)
- Fri 5:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (2/16)
- Fri 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (2/16)
- Fri 6:30 pm Meager Meal hosted by Religious Ed (2/16)
- Sat 11:00 am Rite of Election (2/17)

Next Week of February 18, 2018

- Sun 12:15 pm RCIA (2/18)
- Sun 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm ICF Chicken Polenta Dinner (2/18)
- Fri 5:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (2/23)
- Fri 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (2/23)
- Fri 6:30 pm Meager Meal hosted by Altar Society (2/23)
- Sat 6:00 pm Crab Dinner hosted by Knights of Col (2/24)

Latin Mass: Sundays, 1:30pm

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

Sat, Feb 10: **St Scholastica**

Readings: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; ; 13:33-34 Ps 106;6-7, 19-22 Mk 8:1-10
4:00 pm - Antoinette Battilocchi+

Sun, Feb 11: **Our Lady of Lourdes**

Readings: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

8:30 am - Jim Spallino +

11:00 am - Abilio Frietas+

1:30 pm - Available for your intention

Mon, Feb 12: **Saint Apollonia**

Readings: Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 Mk 8:11-13
No Mass

Tues, Feb 13: **St Giles Mary of Saint Joseph**

Readings: Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21
8:30 am - Lincoln Matteri+

Wed, Feb 14: **Sts Cyril and Methodius**

Readings: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17 2Cor 5:20 - 6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:30 am - Julie Sholes+

6:30 pm - Virginia Springer+

Thu, Feb 15: **St Claude de la Colombiere**

Readings: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25
8:30 am - Available for your intention

Fri, Feb 16: **St Gilbert of Sempringham**

Readings: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15
8:30 am - Available for your intention

Sat, Feb 17: **Seven Founders of the Servite Order**

Readings: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
4:00 pm - Antonio & Judite Valadao+

Sun, Feb 18: **Blessed John of Fiesole**

Readings: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

8:30 am - Jim Spallino +

11:00 am - Luis Furtado+

1:30 pm - Available for your intention

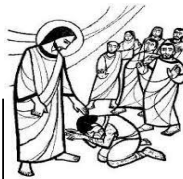
Please let the parish staff know the status of your loved one's illness so we may keep our prayer list current.

Pray for the Sick:

Kate Clasby & family, Shannon Heavilin, Mary Tanferani, Krista Melendy, Larry De Peel, Olivia Lozano, Katherine Parker, Bill Deraita, Katy Trusnovac, Kevin Krause, Jim Hart, Michael Shaker, Emma Filipini, Erica Mills, Paul Hahn, Patricia Clarke, Nina DeVilbiss, and Kathleen Fancher.

Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Virginia Springer and Maria Coelho



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

of Jesus, leprosy was considered repulsive, impure and something to be avoided. It was believed that those who developed leprosy were sinners being punished by God. They violated the law that said the body should be whole and holy like God's. So, as we hear in Leviticus, lepers were ostracized and separated from their families and the communities so as not to contaminate others. For thousands of years lepers were, for all intents and purposes, the "walking dead." They could not work or have a family; they were deprived of their dignity, and treated as subhuman. No one was allowed to touch a leper for fear that they, too, could become unclean.

Jesus touches the leper. He does the unthinkable, exposing himself to impurity as defined by his culture. Mark tells us Jesus reacts with compassion from deep within himself. The fear of ritual impurity does not stop him. The barriers and divisions do not hold for Jesus. His touch heals. He touched him who seems beyond hope. Jesus restores him to the community, to his rightful place among the people of God by touching and healing him whom no one would touch. Jesus made God's reign possible by embracing him who was banished and alienated. God's reign is beyond human boundaries.

For Jesus there is urgency to proclaim about the reign of God. Jesus went to neighboring towns to preach. Jesus sent his followers to preach the good news of God's coming reign. The leper understood; he could not stay quiet. After his healing, he went forth and told others.

There is work to be done, good news to be proclaimed, and to walk alongside the people. Jesus invites us to be partners in his mission: to proclaim the good news of God's reign.

~Fr. Francis

Emergency Phone # for Ministry to the Sick:

To receive the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion in an emergency, please call the office and leave a message on Fr. Pacheco's voice mail, 707-822-7696 ext 203.

Outreach Ministry: To arrange for a phone call, pastoral visit, and/or to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office at **707-822-7696**.

Prolife Rosary: Each Saturday at 7:30am at the corner of Walford Ave & Wilson St in Eureka.

Coffee Hour: February Coffee Hour is hosted by the Portuguese Community. Religious Education will host in March.

Sunday, Feb. 18— 8:30 Mass

Readers: Paula Proctor
Elizabeth Simovich
Eucharistic Ministers:
Justin Alvarez
Larry Ghidinelli
Altar Servers:
Raven & Aiden

Sunday, Feb. 18 - 11:00 Mass

Readers: Anita Reynolds
Peggy Willis
Eucharistic Ministers:
Robert Willis
Maria A. Furtado
Altar Servers:
Melanie & Josepha

Thank you to our parishioners who contributed to the offerings.

St. Mary's Plate Collection	\$ 3339.38
St. Joseph's Plate Collection	344.00
Total	\$ 3683.38

Ordination Anniversary & birthday! We wish Fr. Francis every blessing as he celebrates his Ordination anniversary on Feb 14th and his birthday on Feb 15th. We thank him for his commitment to our parish!

Delicious Portuguese Donuts and Breads will be sold today at St. Mary's! All proceeds will benefit the Leavey Hall flooring project.

Italian Catholic Federation Chicken & Polenta Dinner Charities & Scholarship Benefit

Sun, Feb 18, 4 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish, Leavey Hall
Adults: \$15.00 Children: ages 6-12, \$7.00
Reservations advised: call Doris – 707-822-3049,
Toni – 707-633-5679, or Joan - 443-5176.

Jr/Sr High School Students of St. Marys' Parish - Would you like an easy and fun Community Service opportunity? Please come and be a server at the ICF Polenta Feed on Feb. 18! You may serve at the 4:00 or 5:30 seating, or BOTH if you would like. Contact Paula at 822-9573 or mproctor@arcatanet.com.

Crab Dinner – Saturday, Feb 24th – Tickets on sale!

The latest news is hopeful for the availability of Crab! Tickets are on sale this weekend after the masses for the annual Robert S. Murphy Memorial Crab Dinner on Saturday, Feb 24 at 6:00pm at Leavey Hall. A choice of Dungeness crab or barbequed tri-tip sirloin will be on the menu. Tickets are \$30 per plate & will be sold on a pre-sale basis. If by chance crab is unavailable, the Knights of Columbus will refund your ticket purchase.

Licensed Architect or Engineer

St. Mary's Parish is looking for a licensed architect or engineer who is willing to work on a volunteer basis to draw up plans for a small storage facility adjacent to Leavey Hall. The parish would like these plans to use for quotes to determine if this might be an affordable option. Please contact the office at stmarysarcata@gmail.com or 707-822-7696 if you are interested. Thank you.

Local Natural Family Planning Class

Would you like to learn Natural Family Planning? A class will be offered at the HSU Newman Center (700 Union Street, Arcata) on Monday, March 12 at 6 PM. Please contact Regina Fosnaugh at 707-822-6057 to register for the class or for more information.

SCRIP: Easter is fast approaching so please place your 'special' orders soon. Look over the merchant sheets on the scrip table (or take one home). We are able to order from any of the listed merchants. We are looking forward to helping you make someone happy this Easter!



The next **Baptism prep class** will be April 7th at 3:00pm in the Fr. Kelly Room. Reservations are required. Please call the office at 707-822-7696 & leave your name & telephone number or email address.

The basic requirements for Baptism:

- Family must be registered in a parish & be regular Mass attendees.
- One or both parents need to be a confirmed, 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 confirmed, 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: _____

Lenten & Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14 - Masses at 8:30am & 6:30pm
Exposition – Fridays at 5:30pm
Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 6:00pm
Meager Meals – Fridays at 6:30pm – Leavey Hall
Taize Reconciliation Service – Thursday, March 22 at 6:30pm
Palm Sunday – March 25 – Tambourine Entrance Processional
Holy Thursday, March 29 – Morning Prayer at 8:30am
Mass of the Last Supper - 6:30pm
Exposition follows Mass

Good Friday, March 30 – Morning Prayer at 8:30am
Stations of the Cross at 9:00am
Lord's Passion at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, March 31 – Morning Prayer at 8:30am
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm
Reception follows Mass

(Please note: There is no mass at Blue Lake on Holy Saturday)

Easter Sunday – Masses at 8:30am & 11:00am – St. Mary's
Latin Mass - time to be determined
Mass at 4:00pm – St. Joseph's, Blue Lake

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl: *Encounter Lent*

Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Narthex today. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Thank you to the Altar Society for providing “*Little Black Books*” for Lent.” They are available for you in the Narthex.

Please pick up a copy of the February **North Coast Catholic Newspaper** in the Narthex.

Newman Center. Bishop Robert F. Vasa will be blessing the new **outdoor Stations of the Cross** at the Newman Center on Saturday, February 17th. The time is yet to be determined. All are welcome to attend! For information please call the Newman Center at 707-822-6057.

Holy Land: If you are interested in joining Fr Francis & Fr Bala on a trip to the Holy Land in June please call the office. For more information about the trip, please see the flyer in the Narthex, email info@nativitypilgrimage.com or call 1-844-400-9559.

Additional Adoration and Mass Opportunities

Christ the King Church Parish, McKinleville

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 **Trinidad** (1st Sat. of month, Sept. - May)

Kateri Tekakwitha Mission, Hoopa

Sunday Mass 11:30 am

HSU Newman Center, 700 Union St. Arcata

Friday College Student Mass at 5:30pm followed by Dinner & Fun.
Sunday Mass at 5:30pm followed by supper & a Formation Night.