

This Week of April 8, 2018

Sat/Sun 2nd Collection: Holy Land
 Sun 9:30 am Religious Ed (4/8)
 Sun 12:15 pm RCIA (4/8)
 Tues 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (4/10)
 Wed 10:30 am Altar Society Meeting (4/11)
 Fri 5:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal (4/13)
 Sat 6:00 pm ICF Plant Night in the Fr Kelly Room (4/14)

Next Week of April 15, 2018

Sun 9:30 am Religious Ed (4/15)
 Sun 12:15 pm RCIA (4/15)
 Sun 3:00 pm Confirmation, Sacred Heart Church (4/15)
 Wed 7:00 pm Latin Mass Class

Latin Mass: Sundays, 1:30pm

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

Sat, Apr 7: **St John Baptist de la Salle**

Readings: Acts 4: 13-21 Ps 118: 1, 14-15, 16ab - 21 Mk 16: 9-15
 4:00 pm - All Souls in Purgatory

Sun, Apr 8: **St Julie Billiart**

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
 8:30 am - Michael William Dal Porto+
 11:00 am - Maria & Joe Andrade+
 1:30 pm - Maria Rafael+

Mon, Apr 9: **St Casilda**

Readings: Is: 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps. 40: 7 -11 Heb:10: 4-10 Lk: 1:26-38
 No Mass

Tues, Apr 10: **St Magdalen of Canossa**

Readings: Acts: 4:32-37 Ps. 93: 1-2, 5, Jn 3: 7b - 15
 8:30 am - Fr. Mike Kelly+

Weds, Apr. 11: **St. Stanislaus**

Reading: Acts: 5:17-26 Ps. 34: 2-9 Jn. 3: 16-21
 8:30 am - Ghimel Gabriel+

Thu, Apr 12: **St Teresa of Los Andes**

Readings: Acts: 5: 27-33 Ps. 34: 2-9, 17-21 Jn. 3: 31-36
 8:30 am - Jose Caetano Silveira+

Fri, Apr 13: **St Marin I**

Readings: Acts: 5: 34-42 Ps. 27: 1, 4, 13-14 Jn. 6: 1-15
 Ralph Holsinger+

Sat, Apr 14: **Blessed Peter Gonzalez**

Readings: Acts: 6: 1-7 Ps. 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn. 6: 16-21
 4:00 pm - Mario & Maria Furtado+

Sun, Apr 15: **Blessed Caesar de Bus**

Readings: Acts: 3: 13-15, 17-19 Ps. 4: 2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn. 2: 1-5a
 Lk 24:35-48
 8:30 am - Leonildo Sousa+
 11:00 am - Isabel & Joe Fraga+
 1:30 pm - Family of Yvonne Cunha

Emergency # and Outreach Ministry: To receive the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion in an emergency, please call **707-672-5859**. To arrange for a phone call, pastoral visit, &/or to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office, 707-822-7696.

Sunday, April 15- 8:30 Mass

Readers: Paula Proctor
 Judy Burns
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Justin Alvarez
 Elizabeth Simovich
 Altar Servers: Raven & Aiden

Sunday, April 15- 11:00 Mass

Readers: Maggie Fleming
 Pat Heavilin
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Judith Cardoza
 Maria Homem
 Altar Servers: Gabriela & Melanie

Thank you to our parishioners who contributed to the offerings.
 St. Mary's Plate Collection \$ 6,807.77

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



Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Healing plays a huge role in our society. We spend billions on healthcare, and rightly so. Like our physical health, our spiritual health also needs attention. Throughout the Gospels, healing is one of the major characteristics of Jesus' ministry. Some are recalled in detail, others simply noted. Yet all these healings are signs of the kingdom of God. Here in Christ, God comes forth into our world in a new and dynamic way, fulfilling his promises and even at times turning the laws of nature upside down.

Today, we hear this ministry of spiritual healing being passed to the Eleven, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Gospel passage today is the scriptural basis for the sacrament of reconciliation. John tells us that Jesus appears to the Eleven as they hid in the Upper Room. One can imagine the stale air and oppressive smell in a room shut away from the world. But Jesus appears among them like a fresh breeze filling the house, displacing that stale air of fear, gently blowing away the dust of disappointment and propelling the disciples to forgiveness and healing.

In this moment of encounter and empowerment, the Apostles are given a holy responsibility to share God's healing and forgiveness with others. They are now carriers of God's promises and have the power to heal physically and spiritually in Christ's name. What they say about the risen Christ is no mere fantasy or delusion. They witnessed his death and Resurrection, and now they bear witness to his risen glory - becoming instruments of the very mercy and forgiveness that Jesus so abundantly and generously bestows on all who follow him.

John then shows us how Thomas receives this life-changing mercy. Thomas finds it hard to believe what the other disciples tell him, and so Jesus literally stands before him and shows him his wounds: he gently takes Thomas from doubt to faith. Using his own words, Jesus coaxes one of the great declarations of faith - *My Lord and my God*. In that moment, Thomas is both healed and changed - healed of his grief and pain, changed from doubt to belief.

The need for that mercy and healing is just as great today as it was in the first century. Perhaps that is why Pope John Paul declared today to be Divine Mercy Sunday. At the heart of our faith is this recognition that we need the risen Christ; we need his healing and above all his steadfast mercy. Without these we are lost, still in our sins - unable to be reconciled with God. As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection, let us each open our own hearts to that healing and then commit ourselves to be channels of that healing in our words and actions this coming week.

~ *Father Francis Gayam*

The Holy Land Collection, which is usually collected on Good Friday, will be taken up today for our second collection. Thank you.

Please pick up a copy of the April edition of the *North Coast Catholic Newspaper* available in the Narthex.

Annual Ministry Appeal This weekend, Cathy Dickerson, the Vice-Chairperson of St. Mary's Finance Council will be speaking to us about the 2018 Annual Ministry Appeal. The AMA, *One Family in Mission*, supports the diversity of people, languages & cultures throughout the Diocese's 41 parishes & 15 schools in six counties. Nineteen distinct ministries nurture our faith in a variety of ways. Your gift helps maintain the vitality of these ministries.

Confirmation: Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation on Sunday, April 15th at 3:00pm at Sacred Heart Church in Eureka. Rehearsal for Confirmation will be on Friday, April 13th at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. RCIA candidates being confirmed by Bishop Robert F. Vasa are Jake Cooper, Debranell Walker, and Mary Watson. The Confirmandi from the Religious Education Class are Olivia Biesecker, Jacob Crandall, Marianna Ennis, Tiago Pimentel, Jack Stark, and Grace Talty.

Altar Society Bake Sale

The Altar Society is having a bake sale after the morning masses on Sunday, April 15th. If you would like to contribute an item to sell, we thank you. Donated baked goods for sale may be brought to the table before the mass you attend. All proceeds will be used to purchase items for the church such as hosts, wine, & linens. We appreciate your support. Please stop by and take home a goody! Thank you!

~Marge Dimmick & Members of the Altar Society

Plant Night Fundraiser

Saturday, April 14th, 6-9pm in the Fr Kelly Room - The ICF will be having an evening of making one's own miniature garden. Mary Barber, nursery specialist from Miller Farms, will be presenting the "hands-on" program on choosing plants and designing your own miniature garden. Supplies will be provided. There will be hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar, and door prizes! *Tickets are \$35/person. Limited seating, so sign-up now!* ~Anne Carlisle Eanni 845-7699

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

Joyce Schirmann, Maria A. Pimentel, Susan Twomey, Kate Clasby & family, Shannon Heavilin, Mary Tanferani, Krista Melendy, Larry De Peel, Olivia Lozano, Katherine Parker, 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

Mary Avila, Bill Deraita, Jose C. Silveira, Maria Rafael, Antonio de Fraga, Virginia Springer and Maria Coelho



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.

Thank you from Catholic Relief Services

We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! We appreciate the donations you made to the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program this Lenten season. If you have not already returned your rice bowl, please do so this week.



Now is the time to start thinking about upcoming graduations and weddings, and now is the time to place your scrip orders! Please look over the sheets on the scrip table (or take one home) of the many merchants we carry. It is only a '3 day turn around' for St. Mary's to receive out-of-town cards from merchants once the order is placed. Let us help you and make your gift giving so much easier. Thank you for your support!

Scrip Sellers: Marge is making the scrip schedules for May, June, July & August. Please let her know before April 15th if you prefer a particular Sunday, if you have vacation plans, or if you have any scheduling conflicts. Summer is always short on sellers so hopefully most of you will be available for at least one Sunday in each month. Many thanks to all of you for your continued support. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

--Marge, 822-0539 or marged@suddenlink.net

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

St. Bernard's Pancake Breakfast

There will be a Pancake Breakfast TODAY, APRIL 8 in the St Bernard's Parish Hall. Featured will be Eggs Benedict, along with the usual wonderful pancake menu. Come join the fun!



Laudate Dominum - Spring Choral Concert

McKinleyville Seventh-Day Adventist Church

April 28th @ 6:30 pm

April 29th at 4:30 & 6:30 pm

Two Discernment Retreats are available in April:

The National Religious Vocation Conference is hosting a retreat for men & women ages 18-35 on April 14th in San Rafael. For information contact carlaop@gmail.com or call 415-686-4183. Registration is online at <http://bit.ly/Encounter2018>.

Retreat Day for Young Women will be held April 21st in Menlo Park. Contact vocations@opnunsmenlo.org or go to www.opnunsmenlo.org.

**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 **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.

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: _____