

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 5/31 9:30 am
Wed: 6/1 5:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm
Sat: 6/4 6:30 pm
Sun: 6/5 8:30 am

CONTRIBUTIONS for May 22, 2016

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 1,493

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

COUNTERS for this week are: Mary Beverly and Jan Dover.

Parish Committees

Pastoral Council: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493
Finance Committee: Bob Defenbaugh 706-886-8950
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Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed. See Fr. Sullivan if interested.

Couples Celebrating 50th and 60th Anniversary in 2016

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1966 and 1956 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday October 1st, 2016 at 12:00 noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow the mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event.



Pray for ... PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Zachary Carreno, Kevin Chase, Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Chuck Hansen, Judy Hawkins, Edna Kane, Ed Kernan, Brenda & Tom McKevlin, Carl Pope, Chloe Smith, Skip Studley, Joe Todd, Jim Zell, Elaine Peterson, Charles Roberts, Glenn Gloeckner, Mary Hennessey, Hubert Jones, Lisa Panatera - Esquivail, Karen Poole, Carlton House, Mac Boswell, Karen Perchinski, Brion Lanier, Max Biester, Gloria Woodall, Laura Barnett, Dell Thomas, Nan Lunn, Dennis Nolan, Joan Akins, Diane Farmer, and Tina Vu.

St. Vincent dePaul

Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference will meet Wednesday evening, June 1st, following Mass (7:15 PM) in the Religious Education room. We invite all parishioners to join us as we are becoming more and more active bringing Christ and assistance to the poor and needy in our Community. This last week we were blessed to be able to assist a veteran, who is unable to work because of knee surgery, with his rent to prevent him from becoming homeless. We purchased a used washer and dryer for a disabled gentleman and paid the water bill for a mother of five children. We were also able to help with a major car repair for one of our own parishioners. The blue bucket collection at our parish last week generated \$126 and, with a very generous donation from Our Lady of Peace St. Vincent dePaul Conference of \$2,000, we can continue our mission to St. Mary's and the community. God is good!! St. Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference central **HELP-LINE** number for those needing assistance is: **1 (678) 892-6163**.

Ministry of Gods Housekeepers

PLEASE, PLEASE!! Are there two church members who can spend 1 hour, 5 times spread out over the year?? Each will work with another church member of God's HouseKeepers to keep St. Mary's clean. Is this too much to ask? If you can help, please call Ray at (706) 779-2700.

Ministry of Gods Gardeners

We are in great need of some folks to help with the upkeep of the gardens and church grounds. If you are able to help even a couple of hours a week or month, please call or email the church office.

Lost Key

The church's Tabernacle key is missing, if anybody knows its whereabouts or finds it please turn in to church office. Thanks!

AN INSIGHT INTO WHAT WE DO EVERY SUNDAY

The priest announces the words of consecration: "This is my Body. . . This is my Blood. . ." And then he says, "Do this in memory of me." It is the most solemn time of the Mass. We get up, quietly file into the aisle, and slowly approach the altar to receive the host and drink from the chalice. Sadly, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass may seem rather meaningless and boring to some people, but in reality it is the most meaningful and vital encounter and work of our lives. So why is the Mass the most meaningful encounter and vital work of our lives? One reason, according to Dr. Hahn, is because every time we participate in the sacrifice of the Mass and receive the Eucharist, the power of Christ's sacrifice is made present and actualized (Letter 91-3). In other words, the work of redemption is carried out, that is, the grace Jesus merited for us during his life and his Passion is applied to us and the world. In order to better appreciate what this means, we need to ask ourselves what is happening when we participate in the work of redemption?

To answer this question, we must move beyond our physical senses to an unseen reality. For Christians, the essence of reality is spiritual. This unseen spiritual reality is at war. It began with Satan's rebellion and will continue until the end of time. We were literally born into a world at war. We cannot escape battle. As children of God, we cannot share in the rule of our Father's kingdom unless we also share in conquering the forces that are trying to deny us our throne (Lamb 131). However, we cannot win this battle without help.

Our help comes from the one perpetual sacrifice of Jesus. Each time we obey his command to "Do this in memory of me," Jesus comes whole and entire--Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity--and he brings us into communion with the divine (Letter 99 & 110). Though our eyes remain veiled to his presence until his final return at the end of time, he is present now in the visible form of the Eucharist in all his glory and power.

Therefore, when we receive the Eucharist, we receive power to rout the enemy. When God's fire enters us, it drives the evil spirits away (Lamb 142-3). By this massive infusion of grace, we are being remade in his image and made ready for heaven (Lamb 151-2). In this way, he unites us more closely with the members of his Mystical Body, and the Church grows in unity with him. Thus, at the Mass, we are being strengthened individually and collectively and all things are being restored in Christ.

The Mass is also where we join forces with the angels and the saints in heaven (Lamb 102-3). God gave angels governance over creation. They preserve order in heaven and on earth by the heavenly liturgy. All creation is caught up in a cosmic liturgy. At Mass we participate in the heavenly liturgy; thereby, sanctifying the order of the cosmos (Letter 112). As a result, our worship at Mass has cosmic and historical significance

Fr. Vincent Sullivan
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