

Dear Family,

**Happy Easter** to all! Happy Resurrection Day!

When you and I receive Holy Communion, we receive, in a sacramental manner, the resurrected Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our risen Lord Jesus Christ! We receive the whole Christ—truly, really, and substantially. Jesus, the head of our Church, teaches us this fact through our pope in union with the bishops, to whom He gave authority.

All praise be to the Blessed Trinity for giving us the gifts of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Jesus was clear about His teaching. In **John 6:53** Jesus said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you.” God tells us in **Matthew 26:26-27**: “While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to His disciples said, ‘Take and eat; this is My Body.’ Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is My Blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.’” Jesus did not say that it was a symbol of His Body and Blood. He said it *is* His Body and Blood. Jesus said it; we believe it.

Jesus backed up His words with miracles for those who doubt. There are hundreds of recorded Eucharistic miracles throughout the world that demonstrate that there is something special about the Eucharist. Some Hosts have turned into flesh and blood. Others have never decayed. To see just one miracle, please visit

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6SH93arrIE>.

There are many benefits or fruits of Holy Communion. Some are: Holy Communion increases our union with Christ; “wipes out” our venial sins and helps keep us from committing grave sins; renews, strengthens, and deepens our incorporation into the Church, which we received at Baptism; and, commits us to the poor.

Jesus has overcome the power of sin, death, and the devil by His resurrection. He wants us to rise above these things also by the power of His grace. Let us abide in His love so that we can share it with others and, one day, all join together in an everlasting Kingdom that has only joy and love!

Next Sunday, April 3, is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. God has been so good to us that we celebrate His love and mercy for us. An arm of the Vatican, the Apostolic Penitentiary, states from a decree, August 3, 2002:

*The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. They*

*clearly understand the supreme benefit, indeed the duty, that the People of God have to praise Divine Mercy with special prayers and, at the same time, they realize that by gratefully performing the works required and satisfying the necessary conditions, they can obtain spiritual benefits that derive from the Treasury of the Church.*

The bottom line is this: The Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday on April 3 and we should spend extra time in prayer praising God for being so generous to us. Also, the Church, through the binding and loosing authority of Peter—that is, the authority of Pope Francis—has given us one (of many) way of making up for our sins completely through a special novena that began on Good Friday. We can obtain a plenary indulgence.

What is an indulgence? Many non-Catholic Christians are afraid to even talk about it, because the concept of indulgences has been misunderstood over the centuries, and even abused by some of the clergy. Hopefully, we will not stereotype the Church based on the sins of a few people or the lack of understanding of others. To answer the original question, an indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin that has been forgiven. Let me explain further. When we sin, we offend God and hurt (do damage to) others and ourselves. We go to Confession to be forgiven. God, in His infinite mercy, will forgive any sin. After forgiveness, we now must try to make up for the damage of our sins and detach from them. God gives us many opportunities on earth to repair the damage (make reparation) and detach, but we have a tendency not to take advantage of these opportunities. Also, some damage is hard to repair. For example, sexual sins against others are difficult to repair. If we don’t make up for the damages of sin by means of extra prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other opportunities, we will have to go through a purification process in Purgatory. **Revelation 21:27** states that nothing unclean will enter heaven. Cooperating with God’s grace, we can work with Christ’s Church to remit this time of purification in Purgatory.

For more information about Purgatory, please visit <http://grandcatholic.com/prayers/resources/>

Peace of the Risen Christ,  
*Fr. Michael and Fr. Joseph*

### **Divine Mercy Celebrations On Sunday, April 3**

There will be a Holy Hour with Confession available.  
-**St. Peter**. Right after the 10 a.m. Mass ~ **11:10 a.m.**  
-**Our Lady of the Snow**. **3 p.m.** Both priests available.

## **Key Points to Resurrect with Jesus This Easter**

[B.I.B.L.E. = Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth]

-Jesus came to set the captives free (from sin, addiction, fear, depression, etc.; see Lk 4:18-21), and destroy the works of the devil (1 Jn 3:8). He came freely to us because He first loved us (1 Jn 4:19). He loves us eternally. We need Him!

-Many people are not free; they are slaves to their sins. God wants us to tell them about His transforming love.

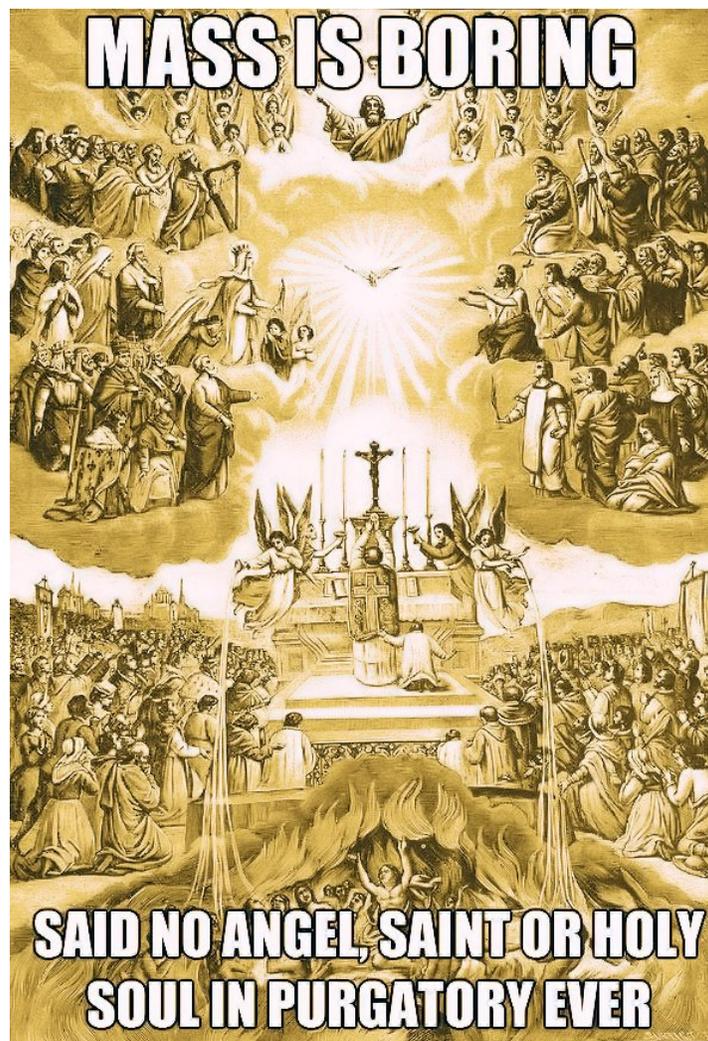
-It takes discipline to be a disciple. We need to surrender our lives over to God each day and pray. Out of our deep prayer lives, God gives us inspirations as to what He wants us to do to spread His love and build up His Kingdom.

-Four signs of a dynamic Catholic Christian: (1) prayer, (2) study, (3) generosity, and (4) evangelization = tell the good news about our loving God!

-In order to be free, we need to (1) repent—turn back to God and confess our sins, and in the powerful name of Jesus (2) forgive every single person who has hurt us, and bless them, (3) forgive ourselves, (4) renounce (reject) unhealthy relationships (“soul-ties”), (5) renounce lies/judgments from others/ourselves, and (6) renounce anything (fear, lust, anger, pride, envy, sloth, doubt, worry, control, etc.) that is “blocking” God’s love from reaching us, and (7) command it to leave and go to Him. (See Mk 1:5, Mt 6:14-15, Tit 2:11-13, Mk 16:17, Num 6:24-27, Mt 22:37-39, Lk 6:27-28, 35).

**-Diary of Saint Faustina, 635.** March 25 [1936]. In the morning, during meditation, God’s presence enveloped me in a special way, as I saw the immeasurable greatness of God and, at the same time, His condescension to His creatures. Then I saw the Mother of God, who said to me, *Oh, how pleasing to God is the soul that follows faithfully the inspirations of His grace! I gave the Savior to the world; as for you, you have to speak to the world about His great mercy and prepare the world for the Second Coming of Him who will come, not as a merciful Savior, but as a just Judge ... Speak to souls about this great mercy while it is still the time for [granting] mercy. If you keep silent now, you will be answering for a great number of souls on that terrible day. Fear nothing. Be faithful to the end. I sympathize with you.*

-My former R.O.T.C. cadet Jennifer was completely healed spiritually and physically (on 15 May 2013) because she surrendered everything over to the Creator of the Universe, our true God and Master. With great humility, and before she was healed physically, she first went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and let Jesus cleanse her spiritually. Her throat was healed while praising God at the end of a 3-hour healing service. At the same time, she was healed of severe symptoms of a concussion. (She had been taking medications for two years and had serious visual problems. She has been med-free since 16 May 2013!) -Fr. Michael



### **An Atheist’s View on Life**

I will live life according to these beliefs  
God does not exist  
It is just foolish to think  
That there is a God with a cosmic plan  
That an all-powerful God brings redemption and healing to the pain and suffering in the world  
Is a comforting thought, however  
It  
Is only wishful thinking  
People can do as they please without eternal consequences  
The idea that  
I am deserving of Hell  
Because of sin  
Is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power  
“The more you have, the happier you will be”  
Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose  
In a world with no God  
There is freedom to be who I want to be  
But with God  
Everything is fine  
It is ridiculous to think  
I am lost and in need of saving

### **A Christian’s View on Life**

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### Morning Offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of Your Most Sacred Heart, for the intentions of our associates and the Holy Father this month, and for the reunion of all Christians. Amen.

### Daily Prayer of Surrender

O God Almighty, King of the Universe, I love You, praise You, and adore You! I surrender to You today with all my heart and soul. I say “yes” to You this day. O Most Holy Trinity, You are the only God, the one true God. Father, You are my true Father. Thanks for giving me a biological father in order to bring me into this world to share in Your divine nature by Your gift of grace. Jesus, I believe in You and receive You as my Lord and Savior. I hold nothing back. Jesus, You have my permission to live in my heart. Conform my heart and mind into Yours; let me love and think as You do. Holy Spirit, bring me to a deeper conversion to the person of Jesus Christ. Help me follow Your daily promptings. Immerse me, Holy Spirit, and let Your gifts come alive in me. Almighty God, I surrender all to You: my health, family, resources, work, skills, relationships, time management, successes, failures, and regrets. I release all of these to You and let them go. I surrender my understanding of how things ought to be, my choices, and my will. I surrender to You the promises I have kept and the promises I have failed to keep. I surrender my fears, temptations, insecurities, and sexuality to You.

Men, pray: Jesus, help me to become a man like You—a man of action that builds up Your Kingdom and who is sexually pure. Women, pray: Jesus, help me to become a woman like Mary—the greatest role model of all Christians, perfectly receptive to You, and sexually pure.

I especially surrender [surrender other areas as the Holy Spirit reveals them to you]: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, etc.

Lord, I surrender my entire life to You—the past, the present, and the future. In sickness and in health, in life and in death, I belong to You alone! Almighty God, I offer up my body to You as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing. Amen.

### Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School; June 19 – 24

Save the date! \$20 donation to offset the cost. Grades 1-6: Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; grades 7-12: Sun – Thur, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. More details coming.

### The Office is Closed for Spring Break, April 4 - 7

### No First Tuesday Confessions at StB on April 5

### Movie—The Original Image of Divine Mercy

Since we are in the Year of Mercy, we invite you to attend a movie night at your local church.

- Monday, April 11, StA; potluck, 5:30 p.m.; movie, 6:30
- Tuesday, April 12, StB
- Wednesday, April 13, StP
- Thursday, April 14, OLS

### Easter Vigil Masses at Our Lady and St. Peter

-Saturday, Mar 26, Easter Vigil Mass (2+ hours), 8 p.m.

### Easter Sunday Masses, March 27

- Saint Bernard, 7 a.m., [Parishioners and visitors]
- Saint Ignatius, 8:30 a.m., [Parishioners and visitors]
- Our Lady, 9:30 a.m., [Margaret Ledezma]
- St. Anne, 12 noon, [Dale and Becky Redeker]

### St. Peter Renovation Collection: \$43,130

### Calendar of Events

- Apr 3 (Sun).** Divine Mercy Celebrations at St. Peter in Kremmling at 11:10 p.m. and Our Lady of the Snow in Granby at 3 p.m. (the hour of mercy!)
- May 1.** First Communion at Our Lady of the Snow

### Mass Collections, Mar 19 – 20

St. Anne	\$ 3213
St. Bernard	2920
Our Lady of the Snow	1750
St. Peter	229
St. Ignatius	644
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8756</b>

### Vocations Prayer Calendar; March - April 2016

*Please pray for our seminarians every day.*

**Sat**--Deacon John Mrozek II & John Paul Almeida

**Sun**--Juan Manuel Madrid & Mateusz Ratajczak

**Mon**--Connor Lyle

**Tue**--Roberto Rodriguez & Shannon Thurman

**We**--Deacon Shaun Galvin & Tomislav Tomic

**Thu**--Boguslaw Rebacz & Deacon Freddy Londono

**Fri**--Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

### Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

**KEY:** StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-See the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Schedule above.

Weekday Masses (see extra Masses listed in bold)

-Mon, Mar 28, StA, 8:30 a.m., Robert and Janice Boynton

-Tue, Mar 29, OLS, John and Carol Janosik

-Wed, Mar 30, StB, 8:30 a.m., Ted and Lynda Parker

-**Thu**, Mar 31, **OLS, 5 p.m.**, Keith/Debbie Morrison Fam

-**Fri**, Apr 1, **OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, Ed and Kathleen Szalkowski

### Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

**KEY:** StI = St. Ignatius (Walden); StP = St. Peter

-See the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Schedule above.

-**Fri**, Apr 1, **StP**, 6 p.m., Jordan and Victoria Goray

-**Sat**, Apr 2, **StP**, 8:30 a.m., James and Julie Crona