

Dear Family,

Happy Easter to all! Happy Resurrection Day!

Jesus resurrected to show us what can happen for us. Our goal is to join God and all the angels and saints in heaven (with our new angelic bodies). You would enjoy the following Youtube entitled “Father Spitzer’s Universe: New Evidence of the Resurrection”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOpNzzMJOqE>

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. See five miracles explained here with pictures: <https://churchpop.com/2015/06/28/5-extraordinary-eucharistic-miracles-with-pictures/>

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!

Divine Mercy Celebrations On Sunday, April 8

There will be a Holy Hour with Confession available.
-**St. Peter. 8:45 a.m.**, before the 10 a.m. Mass.
-**Our Lady of the Snow. 3 p.m.** Both priests are available to hear confessions. See more on back page.

Take Advantage of Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus said: *Ask my faithful servant that, on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment.*

-Diary (of St. Faustina), 300

Next Sunday, **April 8**, 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 8** 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 way (of many ways) 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. 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. Peter

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 to a priest, 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. (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
(read the above from bottom to top)

The Office is Closed This Week, April 2 – 6

Easter Vigil Masses, March 31

- Our Lady, 7:30 p.m., Fr. Michael's intention
- St. Peter, 7:30 p.m., Fr. Peter's intention

Easter Sunday Masses, April 1

- St. Bernard, 7 a.m., Bob and Norma Colosimo
- St. Bernard, 9 a.m., Parishioners and visitors
- St. Anne, 8 a.m., Marilyn Ketcham
- Our Lady, 9:30 a.m., Steven and Fran White
- St. Ignatius, 1 p.m., Parishioners and visitors

Celebrate God's Mercy on April 8 at Our Lady

The Sunday after Easter we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a special celebration at 3 p.m. at OLS. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. We will recite the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Confession is available. Those who participated in the "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" retreat will say a short prayer of commitment. A potluck will be held in the basement for everyone. Please bring something to share, and invite your friends and anyone you know who wants to receive God's great mercy this day.

Remember: **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment** (*Diary*, 699).

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St. Anne Prayer Garden Fund Raiser Garage Sale

When: Memorial Day Weekend. Clean and good condition donations accepted by calling Steve/Jan Robar at 970-887-2000. More details to follow concerning volunteers needed, donation sites and hours of sale.

Daily Prayer for the Holy Church and Priests

(St. Faustina and Acts 4:29-30)

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant Her love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of Fr. Michael, Fr. Peter, Fr. Joseph, _____, and all priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord. Eternal Father, grant to all priests to speak Your word with all boldness, while You stretch out Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of Your holy servant Jesus. Almighty God, give us holy priests; You Yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter

and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things.

Jesus, my most beloved, I beg You for the triumph of the Church, for blessings on the Holy Father, and on all the clergy; for the grace of conversion for impenitent sinners. And I ask You for a special blessing and for light, O Jesus, for the priests before whom I will make my confessions throughout my lifetime. Amen.

Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School; June 17 – 22

Our Lady of the Snow. \$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. (Be sure to pack a lunch and snacks for your children.)

Calendar of Events

- Apr 8 (Sun). Divine Mercy celebrations at StP & OLS.
- May 2 (Wed). Confirmation Mass at OLS, 6:30 p.m.
- May 6 (Sun). First Communion at Our Lady, 9:30 a.m.
- May 13 (Sun). First Communion at St. Peter, 10 a.m.
- Consecration of our five churches to Jesus through Mary.
- Jun 17-22 (Sun-Fri). *Totus Tuus* Vacation Bible School
- Jun 23 (Sat). Mass resumes at StB; 5:30 p.m.
- Jul 19-20 (Thu-Fri). Sports-Bible Camp in Fraser

Mass Collections, March 24 – 25

St. Anne	\$ 1792
St. Bernard	2619
Our Lady of the Snow	2413
St. Peter	664
St. Ignatius	347
Total	\$ 7835

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

- Sat**—Blaise Buches & Daniel Rivas
- Sun**—Jason DiRito & Rommy Goyes
- Mon**—David Hall & Drew Jones
- Tue**—Drazen Hosi & Javier Moretton
- Wed**—Jun Pham & Owen Limarta
- Thu**—Trevor Lontine & Kyle McDonald
- 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

Easter Weekend Masses

-See the schedule in the left column of this page

Weekday Masses

- Mon, Apr 2, StA, 8:30 a.m., **Communion Service**
- Tue, Apr 3, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Gary/Bridgette Keating Fam
- Wed, Apr 4, StB, 8:30 a.m., Zachary Hayes
- Thu, Apr 5, OLS, **8:30 a.m.**, Dan/Sabrina Machiniak

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

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

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