

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Low Sunday

April 3, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Apr. 3rd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Low Sunday, <i>I Class</i> James & Diane Craig - <i>Chris & Joyce Keifer</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Apr. 4th 7:45 a.m.	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>I Class</i> Adriana Sherrick - <i>Her Grandparents</i>
Tues. Apr. 5th 7:45 a.m.	St. Vincent Ferrer, <i>Confessor, I Class</i> Dennis/Marie Mitchell (30th Ann.) - <i>Their Children</i>
Wed. Apr. 6th 7:45 a.m.	Votive Mass of St. Joseph, <i>IV Class</i> Souls in Purgatory - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell</i>
Thu. Apr. 7th 7:45 a.m.	Jesus Christ High Priest, <i>III Class</i> Souls in Purgatory -
Fri. Apr. 8th 6:00 p.m.	Votive Mass of the Holy Cross, <i>IV Class</i> † Thomas G. Gallagher - <i>Robert S. McHale</i>
Sat. Apr. 9th 9:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Saturday, <i>IV Class</i> Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i>
Sun. Apr. 10th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Second Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i> Sr. Marie Bernarde, OSB - <i>Her Parents</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

Low Sunday

INTROIT

1 Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, alleluia, desire the rational milk without guile, *alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. 80:2.* Rejoice to God our helper: sing aloud to the God of Jacob. Glory be to the Father ...

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we who have celebrated the Paschal solemnity, may by Thy bounty show forth its effects in our life and conversation. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 John 5:4-10

Dearly beloved: Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory, which overcometh the world, our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit which testifieth that Christ is the truth. And there are three who give testimony in Heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these Three are One. And there are three that give testimony on earth: the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three are one. If we receive the testimony of men the testimony of God is greater: for this is the testimony of God, which is greater, because He hath testified of His Son. He that believeth in the Son of God hath the testimony of God in himself.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA. (*Matt. 28:7*). On the day of My Resurrection, saith the Lord, I will go before you into Galilee. *Alleluia. (John 20:26)*. After eight days, the doors being shut, Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples, and said: Peace be to you. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

At that time, when it was late that same day, the first of the week, though the doors were shut, where the disciples were gathered together for fear of the Jews, Jesus came, and stood in the midst and said to them: Peace be to you. And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore were glad when they saw the Lord. He said therefore to them again: Peace be to you. As the Father hath sent Me, I also send you. When He had said

this, He breathed upon them, and He said to them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, who is called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him: We have seen the Lord. But he said to them: Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe. And after eight days, again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said: Peace be to you. Then He saith to Thomas: Put in thy finger hither, and see My hands, and bring hither thy hand, and put it into My side; and be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered and said to Him: My Lord and my God. Jesus saith to him: Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed. Many other signs also did Jesus in the sight of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, you may have life in His Name.

OFFERTORY

Matt. 28:2, 5-6

An angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and said to the women: He Whom you seek is risen, as He said, *alleluia.*

SECRET

Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts of Thy exulting Church, and grant that she to whom Thou hast given cause for so great joy, may obtain also the fruit of perpetual gladness. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

John 20:27

Put in thy hand, and know the place of the nails, *alleluia*; and be not faithless, but believing, *alleluia, alleluia.*

POSTCOMMUNION

We beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou wouldst make the most holy Mysteries, which Thou hast given to ensure our regeneration, a remedy for us both now and for all time to come. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

O Jesus, I come to You like Thomas; grant that I may not be unbelieving, but faithful.

Today's liturgy is concerned in a very special way with the newly baptized, who, at the close of Easter Week, laid aside the white garments which they had received at the baptismal font. It is actually to them that St. Peter addressed his affectionate recommendation which we read in the Introit of the Mass: "As newborn babes, desire the pure spiritual milk." These words continue to express the maternal solicitude of the Church for the children whom she has regenerated in Christ, and especially for the newly born. We, too, are the object of this solicitude. Although we were baptized as infants, we can say that every Easter regenerates us in Christ by means of our spiritual resurrection in Him. Therefore, we also must be like "newborn babes," in whom there is no malice, deceit, pride, or presumption, but only candor and simplicity, confidence and love. This is a wonderful invitation to the spiritual childhood which Jesus told us is an indispensable condition for attaining salvation: "Unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Each wave of grace purifies and cleanses our soul from sin and its roots, giving us rebirth to a new life in Christ, a pure, innocent life, which craves only "the pure spiritual milk" of the doctrine of Christ, His love and His grace. Today, however, the Church wishes to turn our desires in a very special way toward faith: that faith which makes us cling to Jesus so as to be taught by Him, and nourished and guided toward eternal life. The Master's words upon which we meditated last week are equally appropriate here: "He that believeth in Me... from Within him shall flow rivers of living water... springing up into life everlasting." Let us draw near to Jesus with the simple, sincere faith of a little child, and He will give us the abundance of His grace as a pledge of eternal life.

Today's Gospel has the particular value of

strengthening us in our faith.

Thomas' doubt confirms us in the faith, for as St. Gregory says, "His disbelief was more useful to us than the faith of the other Apostles." If he had not doubted, no man would have "put his finger in the wounds of the nails, nor his hand into the side" of Our Lord. Jesus had pity on the tottering faith of the Apostle, and on ours, too; and He allowed him not only to see Him, as He had allowed the others, but also to touch Him, thereby permitting Thomas, the incredulous, to do what He had not permitted Mary Magdalen, the most faithful one. From this incident we derive a better understanding of God's ways. Whereas He gives sensible consolations and more or less palpable signs of His presence to souls who are still wavering in the faith, He often leads by very obscure paths those who have irrevocably given themselves to Him and on whose faith He can count. God is a Father. He never denies to any soul who seeks Him with sincerity the necessary props to support its faith, but He often refuses to the strong what He grants to the weak. Is this not Jesus' own teaching: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed?" Blessed are they who, in order to believe in God, do not need to see Him or to touch Him and do not require sensible signs, but who can unreservedly affirm: *Scio cui credidi*, "I know whom I have believed," and I am sure of Him. Faith such as this is more meritorious for us, because, being founded solely on the word of God, it is entirely supernatural. It shows greater honor to God, because it gives Him full credence, without demanding any proof, and because it perseveres even in obscurity and in the midst of the most disconcerting events—even when it seems that heaven is closed and the Lord is deaf to our groanings.

Such a strong faith as this is certainly the fruit of divine grace, but we must prepare ourselves to receive it, both by asking for it in prayer, and by exercising ourselves in this same faith.

WELCOME: St. Michael the Archangel Parish extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your charity to pray for the housebound and those family members of our parishioners who have recently passed away.

MANY THANKS: Your generosity during this Eastertide is most gratifying and appreciated. Donations for Good Friday will be forwarded to the diocese for the support of the Holy Land.

Fr. Zepeda will be away on Fraternity business from April 12th through 14th. We will resume our Mass schedule on Friday 15th.

CONFRATERNITY OF ST. PETER: Is a society which gathers those who feel close to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter and who wish to support its charism through prayers & sacrifices. Thus the Confraternity contributes to the service of the Church, through supporting numerous vocations,

the sanctification of priests and their pastoral endeavors. For more information visit (www.confraternityofstpeter.org)

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: The church will be available today, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. for anyone who wishes to pray the Chaplet of Mercy. Mr. Anthony George will lead the devotions.

FR. GERARD SAGUTO FSSP will give his next class on Wednesday, April 20th, at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "Theology of Worship and the Tridentine Mass." This topic will take us into the month of May. Everyone is welcome!

COLLECTION: March 27th - \$3,656.00

GOOD FRIDAY: \$813.00

Altar Boy Schedule

LOW SUNDAY

April 3rd
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Francis LaFata
TH Joseph McWhirter
AC1 John Mitchell
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C Mathias Morris
S1 Brian LaFata
S2 Ian McGuirk

WEEK THREE

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Dominic Gardner
7:45 a.m. Jack Gardner

Thursday Sean Michelin
7:45 a.m. Mathias Morris

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 10th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Collin Chidester
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Robert Seeley
TH Patrick Seeley
AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Joseph Seeley
C Jack Gardner
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Brendan Seeley