

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Third Sunday after Easter

April 26, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Apr. 26th 8:00 a.m.	Third Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i> Most Afflicted & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory <i>Mr. & Mrs. James Hanisch</i>
Mon. Apr. 27th 7:30 a.m.	St. Peter Canisius, <i>Confessor & Doctor, III Class</i> Sr. Jane Frances Williams - <i>Eileen Hanisch</i>
Tues. Apr. 28th 7:45 a.m.	St. Paul of the Cross, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> † Gabriel Testo - <i>D. A. Valentino</i>
Wed. Apr. 29th 7:45 a.m.	St. Peter of Verona, <i>Martyr, III Class</i> † John & Rosita Bellington - <i>John Bellington</i>
Thu. Apr. 30th 7:45 a.m.	St. Catherine of Siena, <i>Virgin, III Class</i> † John Favello, Jr. & Sr. - <i>Ken & Susan Skuba</i>
Fri. May 1st 6:00 p.m.	St. Joseph the Workman, <i>I Class</i> Jean Ignatovich - <i>Mary Ignatovich</i>
Sat. May 2nd 9:00 a.m.	Immaculate Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i> Gillenkirk Family - <i>Pheasant Family</i>
Sun. May 3rd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fourth Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i> Teresa LaFata - <i>Her Husband</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

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INTROIT

Ps. 65, 1, 2

Shout with joy to God, all the earth, alleluia; sing ye a psalm to His name, alleluia: give glory to His praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 65, 3.* Say unto God, how terrible are Thy works, O Lord! In the multitude of Thy strength Thy enemies shall lie to Thee. *V.* Glory be to the Father ... Shout with joy ...

COLLECT

O God, Who dost show the light of Thy truth to them that go astray, that they may be able to return to the path of justice, grant unto all who profess themselves and are reckoned Christians, both to reject the things that are opposed to that Name and to follow after the things that befit it. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2, 11-19

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, to refrain yourselves from carnal desires which war against the soul, having your conversation good among the gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by the good works, which they shall behold in you, glorify God in the day of visitation. Be ye subject therefore to every human creature for God's sake: whether it be to the king as excelling: or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of the good: for so is the will of God, that by doing well you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not as making liberty a cloak for malice, but as the servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

V. Ps. 110, 9. The Lord hath sent Redemption to His people. Alleluia. *V. Luke 24, 46.* It behooved Christ to suffer these things, and so to enter into His glory. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 16, 16-22

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, A little while, and now you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me; because I go to the Father. Then

some of His disciples said one to another, What is this that He saith to us, A little while, and you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me; and because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that He saith, A little while? We know not what He speaketh. And Jesus knew that they had a mind to ask Him: and He said to them, of this do you inquire among yourselves because I said, A little while, and you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me? Amen, amen, I say to you, that you shall lament and weep, but the world shall rejoice; and you shall be made sorrowful but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in labor hath sorrow, because her hour is come; but when she hath brought forth the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. So also you now indeed have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man shall take from you.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 145, 2

Praise the Lord, O my soul, in my life I will praise the Lord: I will sing to my God as long as I shall be. Alleluia.

SECRET

May these mysteries, O Lord, quench the ardor of our earthly desires, and teach us to love only the things of heavenly. Through our Lord.

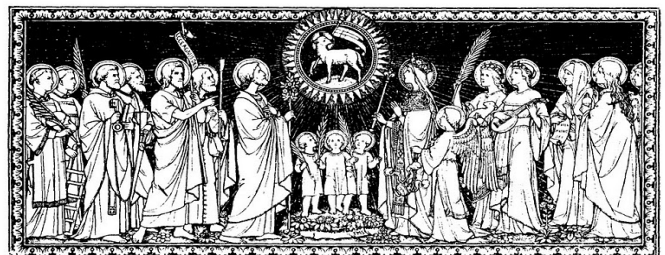
COMMUNION

John 10, 14

A little while, and now you shall not see Me, alleluia: and again a little while, and you shall see Me: because I go to the Father. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord, we beseech Thee, both restore us with its spiritual nourishment and protect us with its help for our bodies.



Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

Grant, O Lord, that the things of earth may not take hold of my heart and impede it from aspiring to heaven.

Today the liturgy begins to direct our thoughts toward the coming Ascension of Jesus: "A little while, and now you shall not see Me...because I go to the Father." The Gospel which relates this passage is taken from the discourse that Our Lord made to the Apostles at the Last Supper. His purpose was to prepare them for His departure, before He went to His Passion; but the Church presents to us this farewell speech of Jesus today, before His Ascension. Having accomplished His mission, Jesus must return to the Father who sent Him. One day we shall have to do the same; earth is not our lasting dwelling, but the place of our pilgrimage. Jesus has said so: "A little while, and now you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me..." These words which were enigmatic for the Apostles, who did not understand them, are now clear to us: "a little while"—that is our short lifetime, and very soon we too must leave the earth and follow Jesus to heaven where we shall see Him in His glory. Then, as our Lord said, "your heart shall rejoice; and your joy no man shall take from you." However, before reaching this happy state, we have to endure the difficulties, struggles, and sufferings of life on earth. Although it is "short" compared with the "eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor 4:18) which awaits us, the Lord knows that for us, overcome as we are by the trials of life on earth, it is "much" and painful. He warns us, therefore, so that we shall not be scandalized: "You shall lament and weep, but the world shall rejoice..." The world rejoices and wants to rejoice at any cost, because it is immersed in the pleasures of this life, with no thought of what awaits it beyond. If it cannot escape the inevitable sufferings of life, it tries to stifle its sorrow in pleasure, by contriving to extract from every fleeting moment all the enjoyment possible. A Christian does not do this; he imposes on himself a life of sacrifice and renunciation, in view of heavenly happiness: "You shall be made sorrowful," said Jesus, "but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."

The Epistle likewise exhorts us to live on earth with our eyes turned toward heaven. "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, to refrain yourselves from carnal desires which war against the soul." The pilgrim cannot delay to enjoy the pleasures and joys which he meets on the road, or he will endanger the success of his journey and may even run the risk of not reaching the end. So the Christian, God's pilgrim, cannot allow himself to be detained by the things of earth; he can use them and even enjoy them, if Providence puts them in his way, but only with a detached heart which immediately leaves them behind. Nothing can delay him, for he is in a hurry to reach the goal. The life of a Christian is like that of a traveler in a foreign land, who never delays because he is anxious to get back to his own country. The Secret of the Mass very aptly puts on his lips the following prayer: "May these mysteries, O Lord, quench the ardor of our earthly desires, and teach us to love only the things of heaven!" We need this prayer very much, for present satisfactions and goods, with their tangible, concrete character, may always make an impression on our senses and heart, even to the point of detaining us in our progress toward heaven, and of making us forget the emptiness of all earthly things. Another characteristic of the pilgrim is that he is never satisfied until he reaches his native land; this unrest throws a veil of sadness over his life. Thus, the Christian, God's pilgrim, can never be wholly content until he reaches heaven and possesses God. Today, sighing, he runs toward Him; he quickens his step, sustained by the hope of meeting Him "face to face" some day. His hope, however, is accompanied by a feeling of sadness, because he hopes for what he does not yet possess. His is the holy sadness of those who are seeking God. Let us thank God if He has made us experience this; it is a good sign; it is a sign that our heart has been captivated by His love, and that earthly things can no longer satisfy it. Once again the words of Jesus comfort us: "Your sadness shall be changed into joy."

Support FSSP Priestly Vocations: The 2015 priestly vocation campaign is underway. This is an annual campaign which supports the formation of our priests at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton Nebraska. Please use the envelopes attached to the poster, which is located in the church vestibule and respond with your usual generosity to this appeal. Your donations will be used 100% for priestly formation, and are fully tax deductible. May God reward you.

KOC DRAWING: The next KOC 50/50 drawing will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. Tickets for the drawing can be purchased before or after the 10:15 Mass in the basement. All proceeds support Knights activities in the parish.

The 2015 Knight at the Races will be held by our Knights of Columbus on May 30th. This event is a family event, and proceeds will go to help local seminarians. Please support us by purchasing a horse for \$10. Each winner receives \$50 and there is a 1 in 10 chance of winning. Horses will be sold after each Sunday Mass from April 26th to May 24th.

FIRST FRIDAY is May 1st. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY is May 2nd. Make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

ATTENTION: The Altar Boys and the St. Michael's Vestment Guild will meet on the First Saturday of May at the regular hour.

MAY CROWNING is May 3rd! All participants will meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. Please see the sign-up sheet in vestibule of Church. Don't forget to wear your prettiest dresses. Any questions please call Mrs. McGuirk at 570-333-1484.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 2nd - Confirmation Testing 10:00 a.m.
- May 3rd - May Crowning
- May 9th - Confirmation 11:00 a.m.
- May 16th - First Communion Testing and First Penance 10:00 am
- May 24th - First Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
- August 15th - Parish Picnic 1:30 p.m.

COLLECTION: April 19 - \$4,874.00

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

April 26th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B
MC Anthony Mitchell
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C Timothy Sica
S1 John Mitchell
S2 Brian LaFata
S3 Ian McGuirk

WEEK THREE

Monday Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

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

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

May 3rd
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C
MC Robert Seeley
TH Timothy Emig
AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Francis LaFata
C
S1 Brendan Seeley
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata