

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Low Sunday

April 23, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Apr. 23rd	Low Sunday (<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>), I Class
8:00 a.m.	Liam Holden - <i>His Father</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Apr. 24th	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, <i>Martyr, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Francois Lardeux - <i>Pierre Delaplace</i>
Tues. Apr. 25th	St. Mark, <i>Evangelist, II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Cynthia Jarose - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Ken Skuba</i>
Wed. Apr. 26th	Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus, <i>Popes & Martyrs, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Francisco Zepeda - <i>Gillenkirk Family</i>
Thu. Apr. 27th	St. Peter Canisius, <i>Confessor & Doctor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Luke Geise - <i>His Godparents</i>
Fri. Apr. 28th	St. Paul of the Cross, <i>Confessor, III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Barbara Kickman - <i>Thomas Giordano</i>
Sat. Apr. 29th	St. Peter of Verona, <i>Martyr, III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Anthony J George, III - <i>His Parents</i>
Sun. Apr. 30th	Second Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Robert Ciaruffoli - <i>Gillenkirk Family</i>
10:15 a.m.	<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 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

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 Ne.

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.

Introduction to the Devout Life

How the Saints are United to Us

Part II, Chapter 16

Inasmuch as God continually sends us inspirations by means of His Angels, we may fitly send back our aspirations through the same channel. The souls of the holy dead, resting in Paradise, who are, as our Lord Himself has told us, "as the Angels in Heaven," are also united to us in their prayers. My child, let us gladly join our hearts with these heavenly blessed ones; for even as the newly-fledged nightingale learns to sing from the elder birds, so by our sacred communing with the Saints we shall learn better to pray and sing the praises of the Lord. David is continually uniting his prayers with those of all the Saints and Angels.

Honour, revere and respect the Blessed Virgin Mary with a very special love; she is the Mother of our Sovereign Lord, and so we are her children. Let us think of her with all the love and confidence of affectionate children; let us desire her love, and strive with true filial hearts to imitate her graces.

Seek to be familiar with the Angels; learn to realize that they are continually present, although invisible. Specially love and revere the Guardian Angel of the Diocese in which you live, those of the friends who surround you, and your own. Commune with them frequently, join in their songs of praise, and seek their protection and help in all you do, spiritual or temporal.

That pious man Peter Faber, the first companion of Saint Ignatius, and the first priest, first preacher and first theological teacher of the Company of the

Jesuits, who was a native of our Diocese, once passing through this country on his way from Germany, (where he had been labouring for God's Glory,) told how great comfort he had found as he went among places infested with heresy in communing with the guardian Angels thereof, whose help had often preserved him from danger, and softened hearts to receive the faith. He spoke with such earnestness, that a lady who, when quite young, heard him, was so impressed, that she repeated his words to me only four years ago, sixty years after their utterance, with the utmost feeling. I had the happiness only last year of consecrating an altar in the place where it pleased God to give that blessed man birth, the little village of Villaret, amid the wildest of our mountains.

You will do well to choose out for yourself some individual Saint, whose life specially to study and imitate, and whose prayers may be more particularly offered on your behalf. The Saint bearing your own baptismal name would seem to be naturally assigned to you.

St. Francis de Sales

APPRECIATION: Your generosity during this Eastertide is most gratifying and appreciated. Donations for Good Friday **-\$1,009.00** -will be forwarded to the Diocese for the support of the Holy Land.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Low Sunday) is today. A plenary indulgence is granted to those who take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or in the tabernacle, recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g., “Merciful Jesus I trust in You!”). For those who wish to take part in the devotions, **the chaplet will begin ten minutes after the High Mass.**

Fr. Zepeda will away on pastoral work from Tuesday, April 25th through Thursday, April 27th. Mass will resume on Friday, April 28th.

FIRST FRIDAY is May 5th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Our Lord is waiting for you.

ALTAR BOYS: Altar Boy practice is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th. All altar boys need to attend.

FIRST SATURDAY is May 6th. Our Lady requests that we pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Her Immaculate Heart.

SECOND COLLECTION: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that a one-time national collection be taken up in all parishes throughout the United States to support the completion of the mosaic adorning the central Trinity Dome of the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The Basilica of the National Shrine is dedicated to Our Lady as Patroness of the Church in the United States. **This national collection is scheduled for Mother’s Day, May 14, 2017.**

Joan Bennett Artwork will be set up and available for purchase in the church basement after mass from Friday, May 5th through Sunday May 7th.

MAY CROWNING will be Sunday, May 14th! We will meet in the church basement at 9:45 am. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you would like to participate. For more information please contact Caroline Gillenkirk 570-629-5292.

LOW SUNDAY

April 23rd
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 William Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C
10:15 Mass

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

WEEK TWO

Monday Mathias Morris
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Timothy Sica
Peter Sica
7:45 a.m.

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

April 30th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Francis LaFata
AC2 Mathias Morris

TEAM D
10:15 Mass

MC Matthew Gillenkirk
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Andrew pheasant
AC2 John Skuba
C Timothy Sica
S1 Joseph Skuba
S2 Peter Sica