



## Sunday of Divine Mercy April 2-3, 2016

### Mass Intentions



**Saturday**  
5:00 PM Nate Lundy (birthday)/ Fortunati  
**Sunday – Second Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 AM ✠Maria Wietzel / Inge Pitit  
10:30 AM Obdulia Coffey & Dan / Skippy Peterson  
**Monday – The Annunciation of the Lord**  
8:00 AM Christina Jenkins / P. Hilderbrandt  
**Tuesday**  
8:00 AM ✠Ernst & Monika Kessler / Inge Pitit  
**Wednesday**  
8:00 AM ✠Rosel Aulbach / Inge Pitit  
**Thursday**  
8:00 AM A. M. Aycock / R. & B. Fortunati  
**Friday**  
8:00 AM Naomi Bigley / R. & B. Fortunati  
**Saturday**  
5:00 PM Fr. Mariadoss (birthday)/ B. & C. Patton

### Pray for the Dead

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Obdulia Coffey, who died last week. Our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



**Paul Bruechner**, Alane Burtleson, Ginny Cook, Vincent Cooke, **Jim** & Dot Davis, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, Antonieta Geronilla, **June Henderson**, Margaret Henson, **Marvin Jenkins**, **Margie Kings**, Joe Lacoy, Cece LaManna, Germaine LaPlante, Mary Link, Evan Linville, **Sara Manning**, Bob & Margaret Nail, **Vera Patterson**, Claire Patton, Marsha Porter, **Anita Sanford**, Ruth Sas, Margaret Schaff, Margie Schwieterman, **Rick Van Norden**, Bootsie Williams

### ~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you are ill or know someone who is ill, due to have surgery, or is in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor, please call the rectory.

### First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail	✠ James E. Link	Living & Deceased Kilday Family
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families	✠ Deacon John Cartaro	Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families		Living & Deceased Fehn Family
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families	✠ Anita Warriner	Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	✠ Joseph LaManna	Living & Deceased Kearns & Paterson Families
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	✠ Doris Mullek	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families	Mignon Kilday	For the Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Cretaro Family		The Holy Souls in Purgatory



### This Week's Schedule

Sunday	9:00 AM	"Coffee with the Padre"
Sunday	2:00 PM	Benedictine Oblate Holy Hour for vocations – Church Followed by fellowship – IMH
Sunday	2:30 PM	<b>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</b>
Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Tuesday	8:30 AM	SVdP Meeting – IM Hall
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice – Church
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Catechism Class – IM Hall
Thursday	8:30 AM	Altar Society Meeting – IMH All women are welcome.
Thursday	5:30 PM	RCIA Classes – IM Hall
Thursday	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus/Auxiliary meeting at Council Home. Info, call Bill Patton 850-607-7151 or Peg Slevin 961-3055.



### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 75 8 AM = 130 10:30 AM = 228 Total = 433

### STEWARDSHIP

Offertory gift for March 27 = \$3,546.00

Maintenance = \$95.00

Holy Childhood Collection = \$205.00

Holy Land Collection = \$280.00

**SVdP Second Collection ~ NEXT WEEK ~ Many thanks!**

**Please call the office for your 2015 contributions.**

### ◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆

April 10 – After the 10:30 AM Mass – Light Luncheon Parish Family Gathering – If anyone would like to bring food, set up, clean up or help in any way, please call Harriet Shields at 961-1611 or the church office.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

## Gospel Reflections

### DO NOT BE AFRAID

Did you notice? Today is called the "Second Sunday of Easter," not the "First Sunday after Easter." Our celebration of Easter is not over. These Sundays of Easter continue to present the mystery of Jesus Christ's victory.

The readings begin with the "signs and wonders" abounding in those earliest days. Sick people lay in the street, hoping that at least Peter's "shadow might fall on one or another of them." Then in a powerful passage from the book of Revelation, the visionary falls down "as though dead" upon seeing the victorious Christ. But Christ extends a gentle touch: "Do not be afraid . . . once I was dead, but now I am alive forever."

In the Gospel, that same Christ appears and breathes on the disciples and gently leads Thomas to believe. This Christ—more powerful than any evil force, victorious over death itself—touches us and whispers, "Do not be afraid."



### "COFFEE WITH THE PADRE"

The host for April is our K. of C. Circle. Everyone is invited to join us for good food and fellowship from 9 AM to 10 AM on the first and third Sunday of each month in IM Hall. To help our host groups, please sign the schedule on the table in the vestibule or call the office.

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY CARDS** with instructions on how to pray the Chaplet are available in the vestibule and also at the west church entrance. We also have 8 X 10 Divine Mercy unframed images available. Pictures that are brought to the Holy Hour on Sunday will be blessed.

### FALL YARD SALE

While spring cleaning, please save your "stuff." For information, call Harriet Shields at 961-1611.

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH COOKBOOK

They are available in the office, or contact Harriet Shields at 961-1611.



Cookbooks are \$12.00 each and are an ideal gift or keepsake.

### CRAWFISH BAKE – April 17, 2016 – 1 PM-5 PM

Tickets are \$35 (advance only) benefiting Catholic Social Services at Knights of Columbus Hall, 22736 Old Foley Road in Elberta. For tickets and additional information, check the flyer on the bulletin board.

<u>April 9-10</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ext. Ministers</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>Sat:</b> 5:00 PM	P. Marceau	J. Caudill / Sr. Thérèse	S. Thérèse / Rhettta Giuli	F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
<b>Sun:</b> 8:00 AM	P. VanNorden	B. & M. McCandless	J. & C. Williams	R. Geiger / B. Partridge
10:30 AM	R. Fortunati	B. & J. Johnston	H. & S. Hayes	J. Crump / B. Jarveis

## Our Congratulations

to our Brenda Till and her son, Derel Seth, who were Confirmed at Our Lady of the Gulf Parish in Gulf Shores at their Easter Vigil Celebration.

**ST. BENEDICT'S GERMAN FEST – April 23** – 8 AM-5 PM St. Bartholomew Parish, Elberta. In order to make it a success, they need your help in baking for the "Sweet Shop." You may drop items off on April 22 at St. Benedict School kitchen. Tickets are on sale NOW for the car raffle. For more information, please contact Lindsay Schumacher at 251-585-6352.



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Paschal Candle tradition has its origins in the early Church and it is believed that St. Ambrose made this candle prominent during the Easter season late in the third century. The term "Paschal" comes from the word Pesach, which in Hebrew means Passover. The flame of the Paschal candle symbolizes Christ's illuminating light and His presence in the midst of His people.

### REMINDER ~ "Divine Mercy for America"

**Novena** begins on the first day of each month. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany of the Saints for respect for the dignity of all life, sanctity of traditional marriage and families, and threat to our religious freedom – for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

### JUBILEE DOOR OF MERCY

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church has been designated by Archbishop Rodi as a pilgrimage church with the **Jubilee Year Holy Doors**. See pamphlets at church entrances.

"If we recognize Jesus in the appearance of bread, we will have no difficulty recognizing him found in the disguise of the suffering poor."

– Bl. Mother Teresa

### The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

To be afraid of death is not weird at all.

It's like hanging from a mountain

And hoping you don't fall.

**NOTICE:** The auditorium, kitchen and rooms in Immaculate Mary Hall are available for rent. For more information, please contact the office.