

**Sunday, April 15, 2018  
Second Sunday After Easter**



- Sun. 15 Apr. Second Sunday After Easter, II Class**  
8:00 am Brother Miguel Lozano OFM  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:30 pm † Father James Wilmes  
6:00 pm † Sister Mary Joseph Bregin
- Mon. 16 Apr. Feria of Paschaltide, IV Class**  
7:00 am Thomas Guzik  
12:15 pm Elizabeth "Lizzy Lou" Fernandez
- Tues. 17 Apr. Feria of Paschaltide, IV Class**  
7:00 am Maryna Rose  
6:30 pm Brian Johnson
- Wed. 18 Apr. Feria of Paschaltide, IV Class**  
7:00 am Jeffrey Inferrera  
12:15 pm Richard Cummings
- Thurs. 19 Apr. Feria of Paschaltide, IV Class**  
7:00 am Charlie Houk  
6:30 pm Armand & Mary Seri & Family
- Fri. 20 Apr. Feria of Paschaltide, IV Class**  
7:00 am Shirley Rose  
12:15 pm † Fedilidad Dayap  
6:30 pm Elena Inferrera
- Sat. 21 Apr. St. Anselm, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor, III Class**  
7:00 am † Mike McGrath  
9:00 am Hartzell Family
- Sun. 22 Apr. Third Sunday After Easter, II Class**  
8:00 am Vivica Rose  
10:30 am Pro Populo  
1:30 pm Cummings Family  
6:00 pm Christopher Inferrera

**...In Memoriam**

†Fatima Moitoso, †George Lane, †William Eckerman;  
Msgr. Edward Kavanaugh, †Edward Upczak, †Roy Nelson

**Important Upcoming Dates**

May 5—First Communion  
May 12—May Procession  
May 10—Ascension of Our Lord  
June 8—Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
June 17-23—Camp Sacred Heart  
July 8-12—Annual Retreat

**The Life of Prayer**

A soul who longs for a life of intimacy with God is not satisfied to limit its relations with Him to the time of prayer, but tries to extend them throughout the whole day. This is a rightful desire, for one who loves tries to prolong continuously his relations with the beloved. This is true, therefore, of a soul who loves God; and its desire is the more easily realized, since God Himself is always with us; He is always present and working in us. We are treating, it is true, of a presence which is spiritual and invisible; it is, however, *real* and not merely affective and moral, as is the presence of a loved one in the heart and mind of a lover.

If God is always with us, why can we not be always in continual contact with Him? This contact is realized by thought and love, but much more by the later than by the former. In fact, it is impossible to be always thinking of God, partly because the mind becomes tired and partly because our many occupations demand all the application of our intellect, which cannot pay attention to two different things at the same time. The heart, on the other hand, can always love, even when the mind is busy elsewhere; and it never grows weary of tending toward the object of its love. Since supernatural love does not consist in sentiment, but in an intimate orientation of the will toward God, we know that this turning is possible, even during the performance of duties which absorb all our attention. The will can strengthen this orientation of itself toward God precisely by the desire to fulfill each duty for love of Him, to please Him and give glory to Him. St. Thomas says that the heart can always tend Godward by "the desire of charity," that is, by the desire to love Him, to serve Him, and to be united to Him in every action. "Prayer is nothing but a desire of the heart; if your desire is continuous, your prayer is continuous. Do you wish never to cease praying? Then never cease desiring" (St. Augustine).

Since prayer does not consist in thinking much but in loving much, a life of continual prayer will consist much more in love than in thought. Nevertheless, a certain amount of mental activity is necessary, either to direct the heart toward God, or to maintain it in this direction.

The soul who applies itself well to mental prayer will easily be able to collect in itself some good thoughts which it can use during the day to keep its heart turned toward God. Therefore, it will be useful for the soul to try to recall these thoughts often in the midst of its occupations, and to apply them practically to its life.

Thus, for example, if during prayer, we have been considering God's infinite mercy toward us, we shall strive to preserve this thought even during our occupations, recognizing many signs of this mercy in the various circumstances in which we find ourselves. (Divine Intimacy Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

**From the Pastor**

Not infrequently, we bring Holy Communion to the sick of the parish in their homes. If at all possible, the following should be prepared for the priest's visit: a small table covered with a white cloth where he can lay the Blessed Eucharist; two lit candles (unless the sick person is on oxygen); a crucifix; and a small bowl of water for the priest to purify his fingers after giving Communion (this water should then be poured into a potted plant or directly into the ground). The television should be turned off when the priest arrives. Others in the house should show respect for the Holy Eucharist by stopping what they are doing and joining in prayer with the priest and the sick person. It is a great honor to have the Lord enter under our roof. The priest should not be engaged in informal conversation until after he has concluded the rites. Finally, you may want to clip out this little instruction, and put it someplace where you can find it, in the case you are in need of it someday.

**Mary, help of the sick, pray for us!**

**Catholic Communication Campaign**

Next week, our second collection if for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations**

**Priest:** Let us pray for priestly and religious vocations.  
**All:** O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless the Church with many priests, brothers, and sisters, who will love Thee with their whole hearts, be faithful to their vocations, and gladly spend their entire lives to teach Thy truths, serve Thy Church, and to make Thee known and loved.  
**Priest:** Bless our families, bless our children.  
**All:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.  
**Priest:** O Mary, Queen of priestly and religious vocations:  
**All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us the grace of many more. Amen.  
(Please offer your reception of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month for vocations)

**Prayer of Parents for Priestly and Religious Vocations**

O God, grant that at least one of our sons may become a priest or religious brother, and one of our daughters a religious sister. We ourselves want to live as good Christians, and to guide our children always to do what is right, so that we may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give Thee a holy priest, brother, or sister! Amen.  
(Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

**Around the Parish**

**Congratulations** to Anthony & Marisa Correa on the birth of their 8th child, Magnolia Marina Inez! Magnolia was baptized at St. Stephen's on April 8th.

**Pilgrim Virgin Statue** - If you would like to have our Blessed Mother's image spend a week with you in your home, sign up in the book store. First come, first served! You may pickup the statue on one Sunday and return it the next. By taking the image you're agreeing to pray a family Rosary daily for the duration of the visit.

**Prayer to St. Joseph**

V. He made him lord of his house.  
R. And prince over all his possessions.  
*Let us pray:*

O God, in Thy marvelous providence, Thou hast deigned to choose St. Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother. We ask Thee to grant that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our protector; who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

**Brown Bag Lunch Project**

As a result of your dedication and generosity, we are currently stocked up on fruit-cups, waters, and crackers. However, we are in need of MEATS and DESSERTS at this time. Meat donations must be non-perishable i.e. , tuna foil packets, cans of meat with flip tops (single servings ~5 oz), boxed meat/cracker kits i.e "Bumblebee Snack-on-the Run " -4oz), canned vienna sausages- (5 oz). Dessert donations are best if individually wrapped (i.e., 3-5 cookies/pastries per package) or granola bars. The black box in the vestibule is always ready to receive your food items! Cash donations also welcome at the office or bookstore.

Thank you for participating in this corporal work of mercy. Questions or comments, please contact Julie Solorio @ 209 300-4270.

**2018 Sacred Liturgy Conference**

**Schola Cantus Angelorum** is pleased to announce the sixth annual Sacred Liturgy Conference to be held in Salem, Oregon, June 27-30, 2018. The theme is "**Transfiguration in the Eucharist**" and will focus on the Eucharist as the way of beholding Jesus in His glory.

The Sacred Liturgy Conference is open to anyone interested in the treasures of the Catholic Faith, and promises to be intellectually, liturgically, and spiritually enriching.

Come join us by registering early at [www.sacredliturgyconference.org](http://www.sacredliturgyconference.org) as seating is limited.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers ...**

Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, William (Pat) Cummings, Lorraine Peterson, John Testa, Mitzi Vandenburg, Richard Cummings, Nellie Reyes, Gretchen Medel, Dario Gonzalez, Rick Rabenau, "Holly" Hollingsworth, Mike Hays, Michael Cuellar



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE**

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
 10:30 a.m. High Mass  
 1:30 p.m. Low Mass  
 6:00 p.m. Low Mass

**Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

**DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary:**

- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
- Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays

**Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

**St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday

**Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays

**Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

**Knights of Columbus:** 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6 pm

**CONFESSION**

- One half hour before all Masses
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**  
**THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Friday:** After 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Saturday:** After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. (Holy Hour for Vocations)

**First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

**SICK CALLS**

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an **emergency**, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

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