



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

April 29-30, 2017

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Hope Springs Eternal

"Your faith and hope, then, are centered in God."

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus said that they "were hoping" that Jesus would redeem Israel (Lk 24:21). The two disciples had lost hope when Jesus was crucified. Many of us likewise may be struggling to hold on to hope. We may feel that we have "toiled in vain, and for nothing, uselessly, spent" our strength in our families, evangelization, work, or life in general (Is 49:4). We know that the Lord has promised that our "hope will not leave us disappointed," but we feel disappointed anyway (see Rm 5:5).

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus found their lost hope when their hearts were burning as Jesus interpreted the Scriptures for them (Lk 24:32) and when they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, which probably refers to the Eucharist (Lk 24:35). Our hope is in Jesus teaching us His word and giving us His body and blood.

However, we will not accept the power of the risen Christ to transform our lives until we yield to and receive the Holy Spirit in a new Pentecost. For example, Peter met the risen Christ several times, heard His words of life for years, and was even at the Last Supper. However, Peter put hope in Christ only when the Holy Spirit transformed Him at Pentecost (see Acts 2:14ff).

Prayer: By the Holy Spirit, we put our hope in Christ to the glory of the Father.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Saturday, April 29 -----5:30p.m. Tom Britten By Kay & Cobb Britten
Sunday, April 30-----11.00 a.m... + Tom Britten By Mike & Marla Britten
Monday, May 01----7:30 a.m.---- + Tom Britten By Mike & Marla Britten
Wednesday, May 03---6:00pm----- + Tom Britten By Mike & Marla Britten
Thursday, May 04----7:30a.m.--- + Tom Britten By Mike & Marla Britten
Friday, May 05-----7:30a.m.---- + Tom Britten By Mike & Marla Britten

Stewardship Reports

Individual.....\$ 2020.00
Loose.....\$ 332.00
Children.....\$ 3.80
Total.....\$2,355.80

Cathloic Home Missions

Individual.....\$ 350.00
Loose.....\$ 160.00
Total.....\$ 510.00

Building Fund

Individual.....\$1300.00
Loose.....\$ 40.25
Total.....\$1340.25

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Shawn Meidinger, Dorothy Weller, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Leroy Littlefield and Anna Marie Wink

Family Chalice Program

April 29-30 Mike, Marla and Caroline Britten
May 6-7 Rodney and Michele Bohr
May 13-14 Jason and Vanessa Eugea Family
May 20/21 Nick Ashford Family
May 27/28 Keith, Kathleen, and Hallie Barkley
June 3/4 Pam and Cassie Ashford

Birthdays

April 30th Stanley J Homer, Dennis Babcock & April Burton-Jones
May 1st Piper Britten
May 5th Stephanie Tucker, Nathaniel Hinson

Anniversaries

Church Cleaning for May

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joanie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotatra, Diane Bruso

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan
Lectors: Cari Weinheimer
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Madison
Lectors: Kay Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Kacie
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Kate
Lectors: Marcia Conrad
Extraor. Com. Minister: Bill Homer

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Owen and Braxton
Lectors: Gary Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Cody and Carrigan
Lectors: Cliff Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling

Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Madison
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Announcements:

Mass Schedule:

April 30th – First Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. Mass
May 21st – Graduation at 8:30 a.m. Mass

Faith Formation: End of year party is scheduled for May 3rd, Mass will begin at 6pm., followed by hot dogs and party at Groom City Park (Weather permitting). Letters will go home with your child on April 26th with a list of what to bring for the party. Parents and family members are encouraged to join the fun!

TYM- Flower Sale April 29th in the Parrish Hall 9a.m. to 3p.m. (come early if you are going to Regionals), all TYM and family members are asked to help. Also TYM will be serving breakfast Sunday April 30th. This Breakfast is to celebrate First Communion, Father Raj's Birthday and Ordination, a basket will be provided for cards.

Christian Mothers: May 7th immediately after Mass will have installation of new members. We ask all members to stay in support of these new members: Marissa Clement, Melanie Hinson, Dayna Britten, Krista Johnson and Melanie King.

Contact: Cara Ashford at 806-584-6250 or ashfordcar@gmail.com (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin.

Effects of Holy Communion Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. Since the earliest times, the benefits of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ were spelled out to encourage frequent, even daily, Holy Communion. Thus, St. Cyril of Jerusalem (died 387) said that reception of the Eucharist makes the Christian a "Christbearer" and "one body and one blood with Him" (Catecheses, 4,3). St. John Chrysostom (died 407) speaks of a mixing of the Body of Christ with our body, "...in order to show the great love that He has for us. He mixed Himself with us, and joined His Body with us, so that we might become one like a bread connected with the body" (Homily 46,3). These and other comparisons of how Communion unites the recipient with Christ are based on Christ's own teaching, and St. Paul's statement that, "the bread which we break, is it not the partaking of the Body of the Lord? For we, being many, are one bread, all that partake of this bread." (I Corinthians 10:16-17). So, too, the church officially teaches that "Every effect which bodily food and bodily drink produce in our corporeal life, by preserving this life, increasing this life, healing this life, and satisfying this life - is also produced by this Sacrament in the spiritual life" (Council of Florence, November 22, 1439). Thus:

1. Holy Communion preserves the supernatural life of the soul by giving the communicant supernatural strength to resist temptation, and by weakening the power of concupiscence. It reinforces the ability of our free will to withstand the assaults of the devil. In a formal definition, the Church calls Holy Communion "an antidote by which we are preserved from grievous sins" (Council of Trent, October 11, 1551).
2. Holy Communion increases the life of grace already present by vitalizing our supernatural life and strengthening the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit we possess. To be emphasized, however, is that the main effect of Communion is not to remit sin. In fact, a person in conscious mortal sin commits a sacrilege by going to Communion.
3. Holy Communion cures the spiritual diseases of the soul by cleansing it of venial sins and the temporal punishment due to sin. No less than serving as an antidote to protect the soul from mortal sins, Communion is "an antidote by which we are freed from our daily venial sins" (Council of Trent, October 11, 1551). The remission of venial sins and of the temporal sufferings due to sin takes place immediately by reason of the acts of perfect love of God, which are awakened by the reception of the Eucharist. The extent of this remission depends on the intensity of our charity when receiving Communion.
4. Holy Communion gives us a spiritual joy in the service of Christ, in defending His cause, in performing the duties of our state of life, and in making the sacrifices required of us in imitating the life of our Savior.

On Christ's own promise, Holy Communion is a pledge of heavenly glory and of our bodily resurrection from the dead (John 6:55). St. Irenaeus (died 202) simply declared that, "when our bodies partake of the Eucharist, they are no longer corruptible as they have the hope of eternal resurrection" (Against the Heresies, IV, 18,5).

UCA 2017-18: The Annual Diocesan Appeal, the United Catholic Appeal, kicks off in parishes the weekend of **Saturday, April 29-Sunday, April 30.** “The United Catholic Appeal supports the bishop and ministries of the Diocese of Amarillo,” said Kim Richard, diocesan director of Development and Stewardship. “The appeal provides more than 40% of diocesan operating revenue on an annual basis. The remainder of the operating revenue is generated through grants, fees and Cathedralium. “Please be generous in supporting your parish's UCA campaign. The funds support a range of ministries from seminarian formation and education to bishop's work, from Hispanic Ministry and resources for religious education programs to assistance for our Catholic Campus Ministries and resources for our smaller rural parishes.”

Sixth Annual Bishop's Gala-The Catholic Foundation of the Texas Panhandle cordially invites you to the Sixth Annual Bishop's Gala on May 5, 2017 Amarillo Country Club, 4800 Bushland Blvd. Cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, will be the keynote speaker. Social Hour begins at 6:30 PM followed by a seated dinner, live auction, casino tables & photo booth. Tickets are \$100 per person or a table for 8 for \$1,500. This year funds raised will benefit Holy Cross Catholic Academy. To make your reservations & ticket information please contact Kim Richard [806-383-2243](tel:806-383-2243) or www.amarillodiocese.org/gala