



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

April 21st – April 22nd

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER --- DAILY DYING (1 Cor 15:31)

"It was done in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean Whom you crucified and Whom God raised from the dead." —Acts 4:10

Jesus said: "I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11). "For these sheep I will give My life" (Jn 10:15). "The Father loves Me for this: that I lay down My life to take it up again. No one takes it from Me; I lay it down freely" (Jn 10:17-18). Jesus repeatedly emphasized that He freely laid down His life for us.

"The way we came to understand love was that He laid down His life for us; we too must lay down our lives for our brothers" and sisters (1 Jn 3:16). "Continually we carry about in our bodies the dying of Jesus, so that in our bodies the life of Jesus may also be revealed. While we live we are constantly being delivered to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh" (2 Cor 4:10-11). Paul said: "I swear to you, brothers, by the very pride you take in me, which I cherish in Christ Jesus our Lord, that I face death every day" (1 Cor 15:31). The Christian life is a life of love expressed in a daily dying to self, which culminates in a total and final dying for Jesus and His people.

As we die daily, we bear much fruit for God's kingdom, although we may know this only by faith. Jesus said: "I solemnly assure you, unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit" (Jn 12:24). Therefore, die today and every day for love of Jesus.

Prayer: Father, let my faith in Your risen Son free me to die daily, knowing that Your resurrection power is within me.

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

Sunday, April 22--8.30 a.m. Clarence & Anna Marie Wink Family

Monday, April 23--7:30 a.m. Clarence & Anna Marie Wink Family

Wednesday, April 25--6:00p.m. Clarence & Anna Marie Wink Family

Thursday, April 26--7:30a.m. Clarence & Anna Marie Wink Family

Friday, April 27--7:30a.m. Donna Burton By Marcia and Donnie Conrad

Saturday, April 28--5:30p.m. Donna Burton By Marcia and Donnie Conrad

Church Cleaning for April

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres,

Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotatra, Melanie Hinson and Karen Brown

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaie, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, , Willie Mae Barnett, Dylan Stafford, James Weinheimer, Alan Acker, Sherry Koetting, Georgann Hinson, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Eileen Asher, Margaret Heinrich, Dorothy Britten and Dora Jean Homen

Family Chalice Program

April 21/22 Tami Keesee Family
April 28/29 Corkey, Sandie and Hope Hickey
May 5/6 Nick Weinheimer Family
May 12/13 Keith Barkley
May 19/20 Neysa Friemel
May 26/27 Alice Kuehler

Birthdays

April 22nd Jacob Torres & Chris Britten
April 24th Scott McLaughlin & Travis Britten
April 25th Charleen Weller
April 27th Madison Friemel

Anniversaries

Stewardship Reports

04-15-18	
Individual	\$1,715.00
Loose	\$ 199.00
Children	\$ 0.00
Total	\$1,914.00

04-15-18 Building Fund

Individual & Total \$3075.00

04-15-18 Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Individual	\$ 320.00
Loose	\$ 202.00
Total	\$ 522.00

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 21st, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hugh

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, April 22nd, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Grace and Katie

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Sharon Britten, and Susan Britten

Saturday, April 28th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

Sunday, April 29th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Madison

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling, Kay Britten, and Marla Britten

Saturday, May 5th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, May 6th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Grace and Carrigan

Lectors: Cari Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer, Susan Britten, Tabitha Eggemeyer

Saturday, May 12th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Saffron and Kacie

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, May 13th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Cari Weinheimer, and Sandie Hickey

Announcements:

Second offerings:

Christian Mothers:

New Officers are as follows:

President: Joannie Kling

Vice Pres. : Marla Britten

Secretary: Melanie Britten

Treasurer: Pam Ashford

2nd Vice: Wamyth Britten

3rd Vice: Lorri Connelly

Flowers: Doris Homer

Cards: Linda Bohr

Little Flower Charirman:

Rita Lister, Tabitha Eggemeyer, and Krista Johnson

St Monica:

Donna Barnett, Sandie Hickey

Installation of officers will be Monday, May 14th @ 7p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please bring a salad with you. Crackers and dessert will be provided.

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

Announcements:

***UCA 2018-19**

Every year the Diocese of Amarillo conducts its annual United Catholic Appeal after Easter. The appeal funds approximately 33% of the operational costs of the various ministries and programs the diocese offers to all of our parishes. This is a vital and very important appeal for the ongoing financial stability of our diocese. This year the united catholic appeal commitment Weekend is on April 21 and 22.

*Fr. Raj is taking four weekends of vacation and one weekend of Retreat from May 15 to June 22nd. In his absence we will be having Five Sunday Masses at 11a.m. (**Sunday, May 20th, 27th, June 3rd, 10th and 17th**) by Fr. Hrudaya Raju Kindamudi from St. Francis Catholic Church – cell no: 806-665-5358. There will be no change on Saturday day Masses in my absence.

Worshipping a Suffering God: The most important difference between Christianity and other world religions — even Judaism, from which our religion grows — is that we follow God as He suffered. We are the religion of the suffering God. In our churches there should be a crucifix. The sign of Christ is the Cross, a sign of terrible punishment and dereliction that has been transformed into a sign of hope. For this reason a Christian is willing to suffer and endure things in order to grow closer to God in the spiritual life. People of other religions also suffer, but they do not have the incredible example of a suffering God. They may have the idea of enduring difficulties and sufferings as a form of worship and dedication and acceptance of the divine will. Obviously, they would do painful things like fasting in order to accomplish God's will and, I assume, offer that as a prayer. There is no way for them, however, to identify with the sufferings of God. Christianity is the religion of the God who weeps, who struggles, who falls on the pavement, who cries out in agony, and who dies offering Himself to the heavenly Father. That is what makes Christianity so obviously different.

Praying Amid the Noise: Prayer is difficult. In our contemporary world we are too often unaware not only of God's thirst for us but even of our own thirst for Him. Prayer is often forgotten: God's call to us to turn to Him in prayer goes ignored or unheard. We live frantic lives that keep us rushing from one task to another. Our days are cluttered with constant and often unimportant activity. Cell phones and the Internet intrude, even when we are alone in our cars. Text messages bombard us with meaningless chatter from which we can find no escape. The whisperings of God become drowned out by the incessant noise of the world. What can we do in such a situation? How can we pray if we barely have time to think? "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist tells us, reminding us that prayer demands an end to chatter, an end to distraction, a focus on what really matters. Prayer requires of us that we hear — if only for an instant — the "still small voice" (1 Kings 19:12) of God calling to us, for this voice offers to us a way to live that is different from the one the world offers — different and infinitely better.