



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

April 28th – April 29th

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ----- SHOW ME THE FRUIT

"They even refused to believe that he was a disciple." —Acts 9:26

Paul had been a notable sinner. By the grace of God, Paul became a new convert to Christianity. Many in the Jerusalem community couldn't believe Paul's conversion was sincere. "They even refused to believe that he was a disciple" (Acts 9:26). Paul was notorious for persecuting the Church. Understandably, the Christians didn't trust Paul. They may have thought he was pretending to be a Christian so he could later arrest them (see Acts 26:10).

Scripture cautions against too readily taking new believers at their word. When the new generation of Israelites promised to serve the Lord, Joshua wanted extra assurance of their willingness to commit themselves to the Lord (Jos 24:19ff). John the Baptizer didn't believe the Sadducees and Pharisees as they came forward to be baptized. He challenged them to "give some evidence that" they meant to reform (Mt 3:8). Similarly, Paul advises the Church not to promote a new convert too quickly, "lest he become conceited" (1 Tm 3:6).

Are you a new disciple of Jesus? If you face this situation of not being readily accepted by the community, take Jesus' advice. Humble yourself before God and concentrate on bearing fruit (Jn 15:16). Accept your cross as a pruning from the Father, your loving Vinegrower, Who always does what is best for you (Jn 15:1-2). Bear the fruit of "patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness, and chastity" (Gal 5:22-23) and "good deeds" (Eph 2:10). "Give...evidence" of your belief in Jesus (Mt 3:8). Glorify God by bearing much fruit and being His faithful disciple (Jn 15:8). "That should be the proof they need" (Mt 8:4).

Prayer: Father, prune me any way You choose. I am all Yours.

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 29--8.30 a.m. Christian Brothers By Dunn Clement

Monday, April 30--7:30 a.m. Christian Brothers By Dunn Clement

Wednesday, May 02 6:00p.m.----Dr. Watt Mathews Casey By Dunn Clement

Thursday, May 03--7:30a.m. Dr. Watt Mathews Casey By Dunn Clement

Friday, May 04--7:30a.m. Donna Burton By Marcia and Donnie Conrad

Saturday, May 05--5:30p.m. Donna Burton By Marcia and Donnie Conrad

Church Cleaning for May

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, Tabitha Eggemeyer, Shelley Britten and Britney Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, 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, James Weinheimer, Alice Britten, Alan Acker, Sherry Koetting, Georgann Hinson, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Eileen Asher, and Margaret Heinrich

Family Chalice Program

April 21/22 Tami Keese 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

Birthdays

April 28th Fr. Raj Samala, Chris McLaughlin, & Cara Ashford
April 30th Stanley J Homer, Dennis Babcock & April Burton-Jones
May 1st Piper Britten
May 4th Melanie K Britten

Anniversaries

Stewardship Reports

04-08-18	
Individual	\$1,645.00
Loose	\$ 192.00
Children	\$ 6.00
Total	\$1,843.00

04-08-18 Building Fund	
Individual	\$ 205.00
Total	\$ 205.00

Liturgical Ministers

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

Saturday, May 19th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Trace
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

Sunday, May 20th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Wesley
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Marla Britten,
Nichole Kuehler, and Susan Britten

Announcements:

Second offerings: N/A

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday May 2nd form 7p-10p. Please sign in the south entrance of the church for a time to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Faith Formation: End of year party May 2nd
Children will attend Mass at 6p.m. and go to Groom Park (weather permitting) for hot dogs and play time! We encourage all family members to come! Lists of items to bring will be sent to each family. It has been another fantastic year teaching your children! Thank you for your support and thank you for sharing them with us!

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.

Announcements:

*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 11 a.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.

***Weird Things Catholics Believe :MARY**

The devotion that Catholics show to Mary is so foreign to much of the Protestant world that it doesn't even look Christian to them — it looks like idolatry, like a reversion to a kind of polytheism. As such it seems not only wrong but deeply sinful because it seems to divert worship from the only One who should truly receive it, in other words, from God himself. A large part of the problem that Protestants have in understanding Mary can, I think, be traced to a rather unlikely source: the fact that the Protestant and Catholic ideas of prayer are actually somewhat different. Catholicism contains the entire understanding of prayer that exists in the Protestant world, but it goes further, meaning that the Catholic idea is more expansive and inclusive. For most Protestants, prayer exists simply between a human soul and God. It is a two-way street: You pray to God and God responds as God wills.

For a Catholic there is much more to prayer than that. Our participation in the Mystical Body of Christ makes possible an intimate connection with the saints in heaven, and through this connection God permits us to be in prayerful relationship with those saints. This is especially true in the case of Mary, the Mother of God. Thus, for a Catholic, prayer is not a two-way street but rather countless streets and avenues that we can venture down. We don't need a map because we have friends on all these streets and each one of those friends will point us toward our ultimate destination — God. We can and do pray to saints, and especially to the Mother of God. Yet no Catholic sees that prayer as the same as one he would make to God. It is not completely unrelated, yet it is radically different. In Catholic understanding, Mary is like a pane of perfectly clear glass. As light reaches the glass and flows through it, so our prayers reach the Mother of God and flow through her to her Son. Thus, for a Catholic, prayer to Mary never stops with her. Prayer to Mary is ultimately prayer to prayer to Christ. And in a very real sense, she perfects these prayers.

Month of May is the Month of Mary: In this month, learn more about Marian devotion. Our Lady is the Mother of the Universal Church. There are many ways she has affected Christians in various times and places during these nearly 2,000 years since she walked the earth. It is fascinating to read the stories behind each one, and many are associated with miracles, apparitions, saints, and holy images. Will one of them touch you in a special way? This month (May) consider researching and adopting a special devotion to Mary under one of her many titles (find a short list here). For example, Our Lady of Fatima (whose feast is May 13th), Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady Undoer of Knots, Our Lady of Guadalupe, or Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This could become an annual tradition for you and your family to learn about a new Marian devotion each May.

