



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>th</sup>

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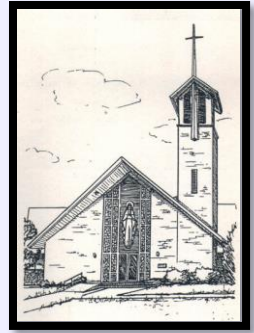
Pastor: Arokia Raj Samala – Parish Council: Jason Eugea

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT --- FORGIVENESS IS...

"...his father caught sight of him and was deeply moved." Luke 15:20

Some people think forgiveness means being nice to those who have offended us. Forgiveness, however, is much more than that. It means actively showing love and mercy to those who have mistreated us. Forgiveness is given before our offenders apologize, and even if they never apologize or stop mistreating us. Forgiveness is expressed affectionately. The father of the prodigal son "ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him" (Lk 15:20). Forgiveness means honoring our offenders by giving them special gifts and throwing a party in their honor (Lk 15:22-23). Forgiveness is extending mercy, treating those who have mistreated us much better than they deserve.

Forgiveness by God's standards is impossible by human power. "To err is human, to forgive is divine." Because we're not divine, we can't do it. However, Jesus is divine. He can forgive, and we can let it be done unto us according to His word (Lk 1:38). In Jesus, we can forgive everyone who has ever hurt us; we can be like the father of the prodigal son. We can forgive by God's standards (Col 3:13). We can receive the miracle of forgiveness, go forth as ministers of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18), and transform an unforgiving and merciless world into the image and likeness of Christ.

***Prayer: Forgiving Father, in this Lent may I change from merely not hating my enemies into loving them.***

## *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, March 31 - 8.30 a.m. Intentions of Alice Kuehler

Monday, April 01 - 7:30 a.m. Intentions of Alice Kuehler

Wednesday, April 03 - 6:00p.m Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 04 - 7:30a.m. Intentions of Alice Kuehler

Friday, April 05 - 7:30a.m. Intentions of Alice Kuehler

6:30p.m Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 06 - 5:30p.m. Intentions of Alice Kuehler

## *Church Cleaning for April*

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, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, Lynita Brown and Phillip Ollinger

## *Family Chalice Program*

April 6/7 Nick Kuehler Family  
April 13/14 Alice Kuehler  
April 20/21 Clifton and Susan Britten  
April 27/28 Keith Barkley Family  
May 4/5 Nick Bohr

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucille Britten

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Emma Darlene Britten

April 4<sup>th</sup> Jack Britten

## *Stewardship Reports*

### **03/24/19**

Individual	\$1,740.00
Loose	\$ 178.00
Children	\$ 13.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,931.00</b>

### **3/24/19 Building Fund**

Individual and Total	\$ 700.00
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# *Liturgical Ministers*

## **Saturday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown & John Connelly

## **Sunday, Mar 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Barbara Homer & Joannie Kling

## **Saturday, Mar 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Braxton and Zadyn

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Vanessa Eugea

## **Sunday, Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Jackson and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Marla Britten & Melanie K Britten

## **Saturday, Apr 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Alex and Derek

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten, Kevin Brown

## **Sunday, Apr 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Kate and Wesley

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Sandie Hickey, & Susan Britten

## **Saturday, Apr 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Phineas and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea, John Connelly

## **Sunday, Apr 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Zadyn and Ali

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Tabitha Eggemeyer, Vanessa Eugea, & Michele Bohr

# *Announcements:*

## **Second Collection:**

Mar 31<sup>st</sup> The Catholic Relief Services Collections

## **Christian Mothers Meetings:**

April 8<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall @ 6:30pm

## **We need volunteers for Holy Week, please sign up in the South foyer.**

**TYM:** TYM will be serving breakfast this on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Flower Sales will be April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with TYM breakfast the 28<sup>th</sup> May breakfast will be served on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Teens wanting to go to ACTS Retreat June 27-30 need to speak with the leaders. This is a wonderful retreat for all teens, and parents your teens might need some encouragement to attend. We will pay ½ the registration fee! Please visit with if your teen would like to go!

The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference this year has been moved to June 7-9 at the Amarillo Civic Center we hope to get a group of kids to go.... If your child knows for sure they can go please let us know.

## **Announcements:**

\*Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6pm CCD Classes and 7:00pm Parish Lenten confessions

\*Wednesday, April 17 No CCD Classes

\*Wednesday, May 1, Last Day of CCD with Party

\*Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – First Holy Communion at 8:30am Mass – St. Monica Circle will decorate and Little Flower Circle will organize food and drinks

\*Sunday, May 12 – Confirmation at 8:30am By our Bishop Patrick J. Zurek followed by TYM Mother's Day Breakfast and reception for confirmation kids.

\*Sunday, May 19 – Graduation Mass at 8:30am Mass – Little Flower Circle will decorate and St. Monica Circle will organize food and drink.

\*Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Picnic Mass at 11:00am at the Mr. Chris Britten Ranch

\*The great denial was forgiven: Peter was one of Jesus' closest followers. He was one of the first called by Jesus and stood by Jesus at almost every moment of his public ministry. However, when it came time for Jesus' passion and death, Peter denied his master and was too ashamed, or afraid, to see his Lord die at the Crucifixion. After Jesus rose from the dead, one of his first tasks

was to assure Peter that his sins were forgiven and that he would lead the rest of the apostles after Jesus' ascension into heaven. St. Peter committed one of the worst sins a person can commit when he denied the man who he knew to be the Son of God. However, his repentance was pure and his sorrow was genuine. When he was forgiven by Jesus, his sadness and anguish were like coals turned into diamonds of an unshakable faith and an unquenchable thirst for souls.

God's mercy has a way of changing the very fabric of who we are. May he fashion our souls into the great saints we were meant to be. "Mount Calvary is the academy of love." St. Francis De Sales.