



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

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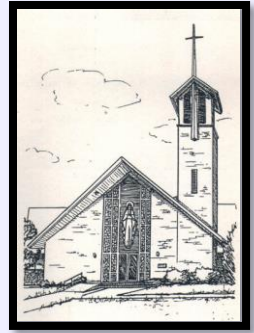
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## *3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - ENABLING DENIAL*

" Reform your lives! Turn to God, that your sins may be wiped away!" —Acts 3:19

When Peter preached about Jesus' Resurrection, he preached repentance (see Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31). He did this to obey the risen Lord Who commanded that "repentance for the forgiveness of sins...be preached to all the nations" (Lk 24:47, JB).

When the early Church preached repentance, they tried to hold people responsible for their part in Jesus' death through their sins (see Acts 5:28). They spoke directly, boldly, fearlessly, and personally to their listeners. Peter bluntly blamed the people for handing Jesus over to Pilate, although Pilate wanted to release Him (Acts 3:13). He told Ananias: "Why have you let Satan fill your heart so as to make you lie to the Holy Spirit?" (Acts 5:3) Stephen told his listeners: "You stiff-necked people...always opposing the Holy Spirit" (Acts 7:51). Peter told Simon the magician: "I see you poisoned with gall and caught in the grip of sin" (Acts 8:23).

These bold calls to repentance are a far cry from the content of some homilies we hear today. We don't want to put anyone on a "guilt-trip," but in doing so we encourage ourselves and others to wallow in denial. When we refuse to talk straight to a world of alcoholics, self-alcoholics, and sin-alcoholics, we enable irresponsibility and sin. We must face both the fact that we are guilty and the fact that Jesus "is an Offering for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world" (1 Jn 2:2). When we accept that we had a part in Jesus' crucifixion, we'll also see that we can share in His Resurrection.

*Prayer: Father, send the Spirit to convict me of sin (Jn 16:8). Help me to take responsibility for what I have done.*

## *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 Father Raj, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## *Masses Intentions*

Sunday, May 05 - 8.30 a.m. +Joyce Eck  
 By Family

Monday, May 06 - 7:30 a.m. Intentions of  
 Donnie & Marcia Conrad

Wed, May 08 - 6:00p.m. Intentions of  
 Donnie & Marcia Conrad

Thursday, May 09 - 7:30a.m. +Joyce Eck  
 By Family

Friday, May 10 - 7:30a.m. +Joyce Eck By  
 Family

Saturday, May 11 - 5:30p.m. +Joyce Eck  
 By Family

## *Church Cleaning for May*

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna 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, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Lynita Brown, Phillip Ollinger, and Herschel Black

## *Family Chalice Program*

May 4/5 Nick Bohr  
 May 11/12 Jan & Hop Britten  
 May 18/19 Nick Kuehler Family  
 May 25/26 Bill Homer  
 June 1/2 Doug Kling Family

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

May 4<sup>th</sup> Melanie K Britten

May 5<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Tucker and Nate Hinson

May 8<sup>th</sup> Isabel Britten

## *Stewardship Reports*

### **04/28/19**

Individual	\$2,285.00
Loose	\$ 132.00
Children	\$ 18.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,435.00</b>

### **04/19/19 Catholic Home Missions**

Individual	\$ 220.00
Loose	\$ 203.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 423.00</b>

### **04/19/19 Building Fund**

Individual & Total	\$ 925.00
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# Liturgical Ministers

## Saturday, Apr 27th, 2018 at 8:30 p.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Maci

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Kevin Brown

## Sunday, Apr 28th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Carrigan

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer, Marla Britten & Nichole Kuehler

## Saturday, May 4th, 2018 at 8:30 p.m.

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea, John Connelly

## Sunday, May 5th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Madison and Ali

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Melanie K Britten, Sandie Hickey, & Susan Britten

## Saturday, May 11th, 2018 at 8:30 p.m.

Servers: K'leigh and Maci

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten and John Connelly

## Sunday, May 12th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Jackson

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister:

## Sunday, May 19th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

## Saturday, May 25th, 2018 at 8:30 p.m.

Servers: Stephen and Damon

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: John Connelly & Jan Britten

## Sunday, May 26th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Zayden and Braxton

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Susan Britten

# Announcements:

## Second Collection:

May 5<sup>th</sup> Building Fund

May 30<sup>th</sup> Ascension Offering

## Christian Mothers Meetings:

May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall @ 6:30pm

**TYM:** 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.

## A Huge thank you to our teachers!

K-1 Sandie Hickey and Tami Keesee

2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Eugea

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sr Jean Marie Lara

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Sr Mary Magdalene Grobe

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Dunn Clement

High School Nicole Kuehler

TYM Kathleen Barkley and Tonda Torres

Music Melanie Britten

Special Help Lorri Connelly, Vanessa Eugea and Cara Ashford

**Contact:** Cara Ashford at

[ashfordcar@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordcar@gmail.com), if you have information for the bulletin.

### Announcements:

\*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

\*Why a Child's First Holy Communion is a Big Deal: As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith: it is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love" For children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, it should always be a big deal. What makes it so special the first time is the same thing that makes it special every time! Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. We should not take it for granted! This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion it is an exciting event for the whole family. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before! It is such a holy, joyful occasion. Our souls become the bride of Christ. That is why girls wear white dresses and boys wear suits. Relatives are invited. Parents take pictures. We celebrate. And the very act of celebrating reveals our belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Unfortunately, for many of us Catholics, First Holy Communion has become simply a right of passage. The essence of the celebration is lost among the parties and gifts. Parties and gifts are fine, as long as the focus never strays from what the celebration is truly about. First Holy Communion is, without question, a time of great joy. The saints in heaven, who are delighted to intercede for us, are celebrating along with your family. "You come to me," says Saint Maximilian Kolbe to Jesus, speaking for all of us, "and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. . . . What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!" St. Mother Teresa also has words for you and your family: "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist..." Yes, the celebration of a child's First Holy Communion IS a big deal. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise!