



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

April 27th & 28th

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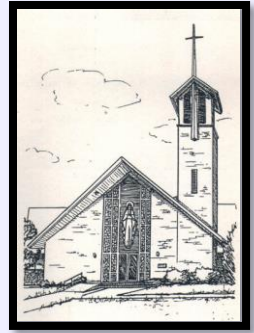
Pastor: Arokia Raj Samala – Parish Council: Jason Eugea

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - THE SPIRIT OF OUR FATHER

"The Father loves Me for this." —John 10:17

The Holy Spirit confirms and strengthens us. He makes us confident, bold, and immune to manipulation by fears. Peter, for example, before receiving the Spirit, denied Christ three times when he was confronted with very minimal pressure from a servant girl (Lk 22:56ff). After receiving the Spirit, Peter fearlessly proclaimed Jesus as Lord and Savior without being intimidated by a formidable group of leaders, elders, scribes, and members of the high priest's family (Acts 4:5-6).

How does the Spirit change the fearful into fearless warriors for God? The Spirit from our hearts cries out "Abba!" ("Father") (Gal 4:6; Rm 8:15) By the Spirit, we become convinced that God the Father loves us. We know that even if a mother would be without tenderness for the child of her womb, our heavenly Father will never stop loving us (see Is 49:15). The Spirit opens our eyes to realize that after the Father has sent the Son to die for love of us, we can be sure that our Father will never forsake us (Rm 8:32). "See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God! Yet that is what we are" (1 Jn 3:1). We have no more reason to fear. If God the Father "is for us, who can be against us?" (Rm 8:31)

When we receive the Spirit from the Father and the Son, we begin to know and trust the Father and the Son so deeply that we can fearlessly face death, endure sufferings, and live the risen life. Come, Holy Spirit!

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 12 - 8.30 a.m. +Joyce Eck By Family

Monday, May 13 - 7:30 a.m. +Joyce Eck By Family

Wednesday, May 15 - 6:00p.m. +Joyce Eck By Family

Thursday, May 16 - 7:30a.m. +Joyce Eck By Family

Friday, May 17- 7:30a.m. +Joyce Eck By Family

Saturday, May 18 - 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 11/12 Jan & Hop Britten
 May 18/19 Nick Kuehler Family
 May 25/26 Bill Homer
 June 1/2 Doug Kling Family
 June 8/9 Cliff and Susan Britten

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 11th K'Leigh Keesee & Nicole Kuehler
 May 12th Tucker Hinson
 May 13th Mark Koetting & Corkey Hickey
 May 15th Neysa Friemel
 May 17th Halee Kotara & Nick Ashford

Stewardship Reports

05/05/19

Individual	\$1,310.00
Loose	\$ 232.00
Children	\$ 31.00
Total	\$1,573.00

05/05/19 Building Fund

Individual	\$ 410.00
Loose	\$ 134.00
Total	\$ 544.00

05/05/19 Catholic Home Missions

Individual & Total	\$ 15.00
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Liturgical Ministers

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 & Vanessa Eugea

Announcements:

Second Collection:

May 30th Ascension Offering

Christian Mothers Meetings:

May 13th 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 Keese

2nd Jason Eugea

3rd/4th Sr Jean Marie Lara

5th/6th Sr Mary Magdalene Grobe

7th/8th 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, if you have information for the bulletin.

Announcements:

*Sunday, May 5th – 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 9th – Picnic Mass at 11:00am at the Mr. Chris Britten's Ranch

*Things You Need to Know About Confirmation: 1. Confirmation is the Completion of Baptism_ Baptism marked the start of your relationship with Christ. Your soul changed permanently and you were filled with grace from God. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens these graces, gives you more of them, and seals them all inside you – like a carefully wrapped present! This brings you closer to Christ and better prepares you to face the daily challenges of Christian life. 2. Confirmation Increases the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Think about a team of basketball players. It's possible to get some good results from a team of players that just met their coach and have only played together a few times, but you'll get great results from a team of close-knit players that have played under the same coach for years. Baptism is like being introduced to the team (the Church) and your coach (Jesus). Confirmation is like the years of practice and team-building that it takes to really bring a team together. 3. A Mission from God: Operation Confirmation: Confirmation is your own personal Pentecost. The Holy Spirit descends upon you and you accept the same challenge given by Jesus to the disciples. 4. Chrism is Much More Than a Sweet-Smelling Oil: Oil is slippery and, in ancient times, warriors would cover themselves in it before battle to make it difficult for their enemies to grab them. In other words, Chrism makes it hard for the Devil to grab you! 5. Why My Forehead? St. Thomas Aquinas explained that this is because your forehead is part of your face – the first thing people see when they talk to you. Having the Chrism spread on your forehead proclaims to the world that the first thing people should notice about you is your faith in Christ. 6. What's in a Name? Many Catholics adopt the name of a biblical figure or saint that they find inspiring at their Confirmation. This shows your intention to copy their dedication to God. It makes you a heavenly friend who will pray and intercede for you on your Christian journey. Other Catholics choose not to select a new name and stick with the one that they were baptized with to show Confirmation's close connection with Baptism!