

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
4/18 11:00	Aldei Lachance +	Pauline Cavanaugh
4/21 12:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowen
Latin		
4/22 12:00	Lupe's Son +	Brian Seifried
4/23 9:00	George Scheiber +	Ellen Nolan
4/25 11:00	Mary Long	Ellen Nolan



Our Lady of the Mountains—Offertory

(Weekend of April 11, 2021)

Offertory—\$6,205 Attendance—52

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Our Lady of the Mountains

Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19

Pandemic

We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.

1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
7. Congregational singing is suspended.
8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

NEW LIFE

Peter saw Jesus after the Resurrection. He listened as Jesus told the disciples all that had been written about him in the scriptures, all that he had said and done when he was ministering among them. Peter heard how Jesus had fulfilled all in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. Jesus, the Messiah, had come to be among them to bring them peace, to offer forgiveness of their sins. Peter shared this Good News with the crowds who gathered to hear him tell the sacred story, the story of God's love, poured out in Jesus the Christ and offered to the whole world. All who hear and believe are offered new life, life in which God's live is perfected in them. Are you listening? Are you ready to share in this abundant new life?

Saint of the Week

Nothing is anything more to me; everything is nothing to me, but Jesus: neither things nor persons, neither ideas nor emotions, neither honor nor sufferings. Jesus is for me honor, delight, heart and soul.

St. Bernadette April 18th

Father's Column

A Change to the Our Father?

On April 4th, a major change was experienced in the Mass in Italy. Pope Francis commanded a change in the Italian translation of the Our Father, namely the penultimate petition. The traditional "lead us not into temptation" is now replaced with "abandon us not into temptation." Francis reportedly disapproved of the prima facie meaning of the traditional prayer: "I am the one who falls; it's not Him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen."

Why is this move significant? Two reasons. First, the traditional prayer is, in fact, faithful to the original Greek of the New Testament. Secondly, it breaks with two-thousand years of Tradition, even to the time of the early Christians in the earliest Christian centuries when the Our Father would be taught to catechumens only at the end of their three-year formation process as a priceless gem.

As for the Pop's concern about whether God truly leads us into temptation, I will turn to the Church's official theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, who dealt directly with this concern:

"But does God lead one to evil, that he should pray: 'Lead us not into temptation'? I reply that God is said to lead a person into evil by permitting him to the extent that, because of his many sins, He withdraws His grace from man, and as a result of this withdrawal man does fall into sin. God, however, directs man by the fervor of charity that he be not led into temptation. For charity even in its smallest degree is able to resist any kind of sin: 'Many waters cannot quench charity.' He also guides man by the light of his intellect in which he teaches him what he should do. For as the Philosopher says: 'Everyone who sins is ignorant.' 'I will give thee understanding and I will instruct thee.' It was for this last that [King] David prayed, saying: 'Enlighten my eyes that I never sleep in death; lest at any time my enemy say: I have prevailed against him.' We have this through the gift of understanding.

Therefore, when we refuse to consent to temptation, we keep our hearts pure: 'Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.' And it follows from this petition that we are led up to the sight of God, and to it may God lead us all!



Retreat: The Heart of Mary. Spend a weekend deepening your understanding and devotion to the Blessed Mother. Find out why so many people today seek out Mary for peace, direction and hope, and how she might be able to give the same to you. From May 7-9, the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is offering a weekend retreat – a perfect gift to share with your mother for Mother's Day. To dovetail with your particular Mother's Day plans, we have options for one night or two, plus some for commuter sessions and even a separate Mother's Day Sunday brunch. In addition to powerful talks, you'll be able to enjoy our beautiful setting in full springtime bloom and delicious full-course meals prepared by our own Executive Chef. Visit www.catholicconference.org/mary, email info@catholicconference.org, or call 828.327.7441 for more information.

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Nancy McGowan, Carolyn Neupauer, Alesia Sutton & Family, Christine Walker, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, James Urbanski, Griffin Harper

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.

Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.

Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, and Ron Simmons,
Harry Vaughn