

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)



My Lord And My God

The early Christians' question: How can one believe in the risen Lord without having seen him is answered by Thomas in his confession, "My Lord and My God." Seeing Jesus does not guarantee believing in him. Even after the disciples saw Jesus, they still had to come to faith in the resurrection. Jesus therefore calls Blessed those who have not seen and have believed. Are you numbered among them?

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 4
4:30 p.m. Margie Davis
Sunday, May 5
8:00 a.m. Agnes Jasek & Lillie Zimmerhanzel

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30
Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19



Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Rudy Patek.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week in memory of
and prayer for Jim Schneider.



St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Anonymous Donor - \$100
Mark Lee, League City, TX - \$20
St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4 - \$500
Dennis Sparks, Georgetown, TX - \$20
Elisabeth Ayala, San Antonio, TX - \$20
Gethsemane Autumn Group (Painted Church Tour) - \$48
Melvin Hutzler, Bulverde, TX - \$200
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To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY

First Anniversary Special Breakfast



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
Join us in the Praha Hall for pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice, coffee & milk. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

*** Next Sunday is the First Anniversary of the Praha Pancake Sunday sponsored by the St. Mary's Altar Society. The ladies are planning something special. Come join them, celebrate this event and enjoy good food and fellowship!**

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY MASS – MAY 12

To have your mother specially remembered in the Mass intention of the day, drop the attached Mother's Day envelope in the collection or mail May 7.

PICNIC RAFFLE PRIZES BEING SOLICITED



It's time to start thinking about making donations to the Raffle – August 15th will be here before you know it! Beginning May 1st Thomas Petru will begin contacting businesses to solicit raffle prize donations.

Anyone interested in making a donation may call Thomas Petru (512-751-6191) or Liz Janak (361-596-8206). The Raffle Prize donation deadline is May 31. *Thank you.*

AREA PICNICS

Today – San Luis Church Jamaica, Yorktown
May 5 – Holy Rosary Mayfest, Hostyn

REFLECTION

Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen And Have Believed

As often as we have heard this saying of Jesus, we have difficulty seeing how it can be so. We have the need to verify things for ourselves. We, at the same time sometimes accept testimony on the basis of the words of others, without the need to see things for ourselves. There is therefore no need to see in order to believe. The apostles saw Jesus suffering, his nailing to the cross, his death and burial. How could he be alive, three days later? They, like us had to go beyond trusting their own eyes to attain faith in the resurrection.

The testimony of the apostles allows us to participate in their experience as privileged witnesses and believers; so those of us who have not seen him can still have the blessedness of faith. The blessing pronounced by Jesus continues to encourage us who long to see but who are content to believe and hope and trust that one day, we will see God face to face for all eternity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 28 – Andrew Velasquez
April 30 – Bridgette Cerny
– Cynthia Koncaba
May 3 – Kristen Olsovsky

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS



The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.

Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For A Happy Family
To Unify My Family
For My Sister's Son ...
For Bryn and Life's Decisions
Pray For The Holy Souls In Purgatory
For Carmina Danini, Good Health & Wealth
Don't Let My Grandpa Spend A Minute In Purgatory
For More Blessings on Our 46th Wedding Anniversary
For Justine & Ruben Velasquez, Give Them Strength
Please Pray For My Visa So My Family Can Stay Together
For Stella, That She May Recover Quickly From Her Illness
For My Niece Who Died Unexpectedly, May She Rest In Peace
Prayer For Good Health For Me & Family, Children To Meet Somebody This Year
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Home Missions
Be generous.

MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY



The month of May is one of two months in the year when Catholics traditionally honor the Blessed Virgin. This month is referred to as the month of Mary. The other, October, is the month of the Most Holy Rosary.

Easter Activities at St. Mary's: The Easter festivities went over very well. Thanks to all for your participation and support. Details next week.

ORIENTATION – OCTAVE OF EASTER

Today marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter.
It is the eighth day: the day of new creation.

Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. In a similar way to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.

This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings for today and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church's Easter faith.

MORE EASTER FLOWER FUND DONATIONS

Staci & Scott MacDonald
In memory of Frank Branecky, Marvin Rothbauer, Gladys & Ronnie Dodds
In memory of M/M Thomas Petru, B. F. (Red) Dailey, M/M Doug Brown, Robert W. Petru
We thank all those who donated generously towards the Easter Flowers.

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies

The multinational **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES** prayer event, coordinated by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization, is **scheduled for May 3 - 5, 2019**. Persons participating in this pro-life prayer event will pray at least one rosary for the following intention: For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. *You are encouraged to pray the rosary for this event.*