



*St. Mary Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX*

**St. Mary / St. Boniface
Vision Statement**

To serve Christ
and promote
His teachings
through Worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
Community
Involvement



*St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX*

Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., PASTOR

“There’s no such thing as a bad priest, just priests whose people don’t pray enough for them.” St. John Vianney

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on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at 9:15 A.M.
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

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contact Fr. Michael at 423-6687

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Mass Schedule for the Week

**MASSES WILL BE SAID BUT PLEASE NO
CONGREGATION PRESENT.
WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY SERVICES WILL
BE LIVE STREAMED.**

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| Monday | April 13 - St. Mary’s |
| 6:00 pm | † Geraldine Lindemann by Cordella Berend |
| Tuesday | April 14 – St. Mary’s |
| 12:00 pm | † Roger Teichman |
| Wednesday | April 15 – St. Mary’s |
| 6:00 pm | † Bill Schroeder by Terry Schroeders |
| Thursday | April 16 – St. Boniface |
| 6:00 pm | † Richard Krahl by Shirly Holub |
| Friday | April 17 – St. Mary’s |
| 12:00 noon | † Melvin Berend by Ralph Veitenheimers |
| Saturday | April 18 – St. Mary’s |
| 12:00 pm | † Alfred Berend by Cletus Schroeders |
| Sunday | April 19– St. Boniface |
| 8:00 am | † Parishioners |
| Sunday | April 19 – St. Mary’s |
| 10:30 am | † Ed Veitenheimer by John Wolfs |

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS

Monday April 13th – Sunday April 19th 2020

SUPPORT Sunday Envelopes \$5570.00, Rice Bowl \$340.00, Loose \$6.95, Catholic Relief \$40.00, Holy Land \$45.00, Easter \$140.00,

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ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK FOR A Joyous & Blessed Easter for All Parishioners.

THE TEN COMMANDMENT MONUMENT DEDICATION scheduled for April 25th has been rescheduled for a later date due to the recent Health Situation. We will have an update at a later date.

THANK YOU NOTE: St. Mary's would like to thank the following for their generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund In Memory of Steve "Hoss" Munchrath:

Kenny & Karen Berend Charles & Rhonda Steinberger
Larry & Peggy Berend Ray & Dorothy Berend
Terry & Scotta Schroeder The Senior Class of 1968

THANK YOU NOTE: St. Mary's would like to thank Randy & Gina Wolf for their generous donation to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund In Memory of Steve "Hoss" Munchrath & Roger Teichman.

THANK YOU NOTE: St. Mary's would like to thank Donna Schwartz for her generous donation to St. Mary's Building Fund.

ST. MARY'S WISHES TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING INTO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Mavis Jolee Talley, the daughter of Toby Dale Talley & Kimberly (Bachman) Tally. Baptized February 23rd, 2020
And

Cole Gary Wolf, the son of Damian John Wolf & Danielle Nicole (Goode) Wolf. Baptized February 23rd, 2020.

ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN For a Blessed & Happy Easter Season to Father Michael & the Parishioners of St. Boniface by The Altar Society.

ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS: For first responders, doctors & nurses & all those involved in helping with the virus patients.

THE ST. BONIFACE ALTAR SOCIETY will not have any meetings until September. Please Stay Safe and Well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

EASTER FLOWERS

St. Mary's

In Loving Memory of Dad & Mom (A.P. & Veronica Vieth) by Charlie & Joyce.

Reinhold & Josephine Lindemann

William & Lena Fleitman

Ray & Frank Lindemann

Clara & Henry Fleitman by Mildred Lindemann

In Honor of Anna Mae & In Memory of George Veitenheimer

In Memory of Joe & Lucille Schroeder

In Thanksgiving & Good Health for our Family & Community by Joey, Gail & Bruce

In Memory of Bill Hoffman

In Memory of Frank & Elizabeth Hoffman

In Memory of Alfred & Pauline Berend

In Honor of Our Family by Stella & Ron

In Loving Memory of Robert & Lorine Wolf

In Memory of Al Veitenheimer & In Honor of Ann Veitenheimer

In memory of Aunt Margie Himmels by Frank & Joyce Wolf

EASTER FLOWERS

St. Boniface

In loving Memory of Dad & Mom (Ed & Catherine Luig) by Charlie & Joyce.



ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS: Father Michael Moloney, Gloria Schroeder, Gary & Jennifer, John & Lillie, Gus & Nelie by Stella & Ron; All sick & hurting, Ralph & Clara, John & Lillie Rife, All doctors, nurses & 1st Responders, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Butch & Pat Humpert, Gary & Sharon Humpert by Cordella; Our family, good health for Mom, President Trump & government officials, All emergency care doctors & nurses, All those suffering because of the pandemic by Terry & Scotta; +Hoss Munchrath & family, +Roger Teichman & family, Our children & their spouses, Our grandchildren, Our siblings and their families, Marie Veitenheimer, Jess Meurer, Father Michael, All healthcare workers, All those battling cancer including Angie Munchrath, Beth Geis, Becky Schroeder, John Veitenheimer by Richard & Suzette Schreiber; Father Michael, Complete healing for Daphne, Protection for All our medical healthcare & essential workers, Better health for Mom, For all the sick of our communities, Aunt Lillie & Uncle John, Our family, Thank you Sis Smith by Frank & Joyce; Our Sick Members, For an Increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations, Students of WISD/CDA #296 Members by Catholic Daughters Court #296.

YEARLY LIGHTS: For all battling cancer by Charles & Joyce Vieth; In Memory of Janice, Ed & Catherine, Lois Luig, Nanci Luig Carr & Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig Family; For World Peace and safety of our Military, especially for Damian Hoffman (Army), David Ogura (Army), & Zachary Zotz (Army) by Grandmommy; For Jeanne & Family, Ray & Myra & Family, Chuck & Diane & Family, Terry & Kathy & Family, Dolores Sumbera & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30; Our Family & For The Safety of Our Military by Ralph & Clara; For Joe Schreiber & Joseph Schreiber by Agnes Schreiber; For Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C.D.A. #296; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For Lawrence & Helen Berend Family by Terry & Carol Sales; For Our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; Arnold & Lillian Lindeman by the Family; Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; Ben's safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Frank & Joyce Wolf; For all our Family by Don & Benita Essler; For Our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Sick & Hurting of St. Mary's Christian Mother's Society by the Christian Mothers; For my Family & for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; Safety of Volunteer Firemen, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran, Brett Hoff, Kevin Schroeder, Corey George, & Greg Schlumpf, Living and Deceased Members of Charles & Mary Lindemann family by Benny Lindeman; Thank you for all the graces & blessings received for our Country, Community & Family by Bert & Elizabeth Hoff; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; My Family; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & For ceased Al Veitenheimer by Ann Veitenheimer; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; For Our Family & In Memory of Alfred Berend by Cordella; Guidance & Protection for our Military Service Men & Women by V.F.W.

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REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

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MILITARY PRAYER LIST –Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Cpl. Kellen Green (Marine), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Captain Brian Hoff (Marine), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Damian Hoffman (Army), Master Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Stephen Koetter (Army), Adam Lambert (Army), James Devon Lindeman (Army), PVT Miguel Luna Jr., Jess Martinez (Army), Joshua Millican (Navy), Blake Newby (Army), Sgt. Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Private Trey Schenk (Marine), Tracy Hoff Schmitt (Army), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Cpl. Logan Veitenheimer (Marine) Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army), Zachary Zotz (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sunday, Apr 12, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

What do you see?

Once more, we arrive at the most significant void in sacred history: that empty tomb of Easter. What we see in this space defines the shape of our destiny. Do we view nothing or everything in this place? Is Jesus simply gone or restored to glory? Is death the end of us, or the start of something everlasting? Are we God's cherished children or just another expression of nature's capriciousness? Most of all, are we prepared to call Jesus Lord and to follow him through death into life? Or do we have other plans?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 (42); gospel for p.m. Mass: Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."*

Monday, Apr 13, 2020

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Put the Resurrection to work

Do we bravely race from the tomb toward new life as Mary Magdalene and Mary did, or burrow into timid cover? Consider the example of Henri Perrin, born this day in 1914. He was part of the French worker-priest movement where priests went to work in factories to bridge the abyss between the working class and the church. The Vatican grew alarmed by the political activism of the priests on behalf of labor, and stopped the experiment. The concerns of worker-priests were given new life in the Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes*, "On the Church in the Modern World," and later by Pope John Paul II, who demanded of priests that the "fumes of incense mix with those of industry." Reflect on what worker-justice concerns you can give new life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). *"Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed."*

Tuesday, Apr 14, 2020

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Our star witness

Mary of Magdala was first to witness and testify to Jesus' Resurrection. She is called "apostle to the apostles" for good reason. Mentioned by name in the gospels more often than most apostles, Mary traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry financially. The question is, how do we witness to resurrection in our own life and times? In a world too often bent on destruction and death, how can we witness to hope and to life? Let "the Magdalene" be an inspiration!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). *"Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and then reported what he had told her."*

Wednesday, Apr 15, 2020

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Call for backup

The miracles of Jesus did not end with Jesus' earthly sojourn. Today's reading from Acts describes Peter and John healing in

Jesus' name. What confidence that must have taken, to try healing a man lame from birth! The word *confidence* means "with trust." A nice way to understand the power of faith. Be a healing presence in the world, with the trust that Jesus has your back!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). *"Peter said, 'I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk.'"*

Thursday, Apr 16, 2020

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Eat, drink, and take heart

Where would Catholic culture be without food and drink? In today's gospel Jesus reassures his disciples that he is not a ghost by eating a piece of baked fish. Food is simple, basic, and necessary. It is natural that we eat and drink together at the Eucharist, at parish dinners, at family meals. Every bite of baked fish can remind us of our Savior. Savor your next meal with fellow believers and let it drive out fear as it opens you to love, the way it did for Jesus' disciples 2,000 years ago.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). *"Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones."*

Friday, Apr 17, 2020

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

No need to hide your solidarity

However did the fish symbol—two intersecting arcs—come to be associated with Jesus? Because his disciples were fishermen? Because of the miracle of the loaves and fishes? Because Catholics eat fish on Fridays? The letters of the Greek word for fish, *ichthys*, are an acronym for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." It was a secret symbol used by the persecuted early Christians. What outward sign of solidarity can you make with those who are persecuted for their faith today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). *"Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you just caught.'"*

Saturday, Apr 18, 2020

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The news is still good

Do you ever think about how the followers of Jesus must have felt after his death? We see their situation through the lens of the Resurrection, but they thought his death was the end of everything. Those grief-stricken men and women were lost and afraid. Imagine their disbelief when some among them began to report that they had seen Jesus. Disbelief began to feel like hope as he continued to show up and even eat with them. That was the beginning. Two thousand years later, we continue to share the meals and tell the stories of this incredibly good news.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). *"She went to announce the good news to his followers."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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April 2020

St. Mary's/St. Boniface

One Minute Meditations

St. Catherine of Siena

Born in Siena, Italy, St. Catherine was a doctor of the Church. A mystic from a young age, she had regular conversations with Jesus. At age sixteen, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and served the sick and the poor. For her reputation for holiness and wisdom, she was called on to be a peacemaker and counselor, even by popes! She is credited with coaxing Pope Gregory XI back to Rome from Avignon, France.



Necessary choice

Rather than a day to catch up on errands and chores, God intends Sunday to be a day of contemplation and of rest. Sunday is the day we set aside for God and moments of praise and worship.

"He said to them, 'Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here'"
(Mark 16:6).



4 reasons to be hopeful right now

It's hard not to worry these days with reports of viruses and financial concerns. Yet we in God's family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how uncertain the world ...

God, our Father, knows what we need. *"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"* (Matthew 7:11). He will take care of us when we trust him.

He can work miracles when we ask. *"Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful; the Lord hears when I call out"* (Psalm 4:4). *"Be strong and of*

good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you"

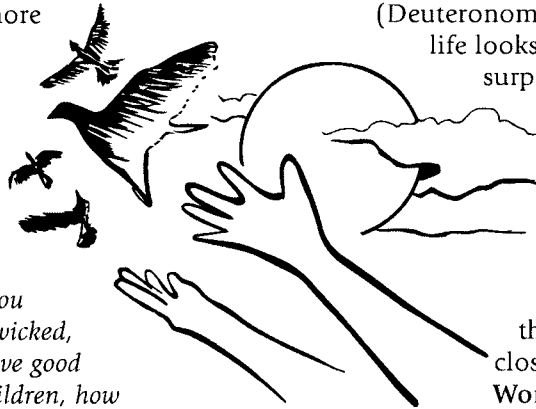
(Deuteronomy 31:6). Just when life looks bleak, God can surprise us.

He will never abandon us.

"You, Lord, are near to all who call upon you ..." (Psalm 145:18). Know that he is always close.

Worrying won't do any good.

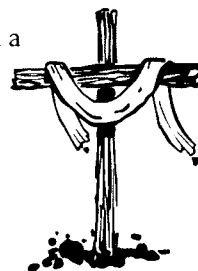
"Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest?" (Luke 12:25). Don't waste energy on worrying about what is beyond your control. Enjoy your blessings.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Easter on different dates?

Although celebrating Easter on a different day every year isn't strictly a Catholic practice, the reason why we do this has its roots in the Church's history. There was a dispute in the second century about the date of Easter: should it be celebrated



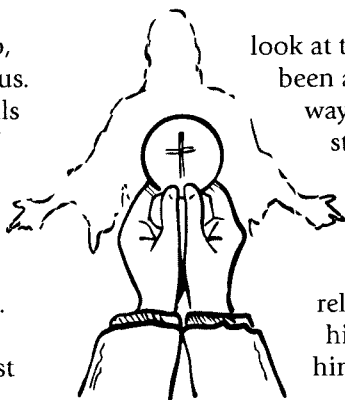
on the exact date or on the nearest Sunday? At the Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.), it was decided that Easter Sunday would be celebrated the Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal (Spring) equinox.

Get personal with Jesus

The Easter season is a perfect time to develop, strengthen and deepen our friendship with Jesus. During this time of celebration, we can set goals that aim to deepen our knowledge and love of our Lord.

The Eucharist is the source. The best way to get close to Jesus is in the Holy Mass and by receiving Holy Communion. It is God's way of bringing us into communion with him.

Visit the confessional. Confession is a Sacrament that encourages us to take an honest



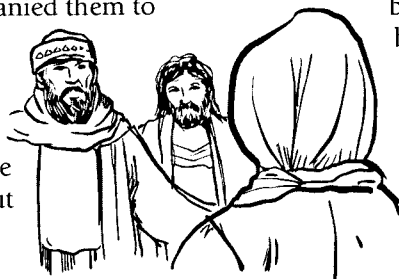
look at the way we are living. Even Catholics who have been away from Confession will find that the best way to get a new beginning with Jesus off to a great start is to visit the confessional. Clean that slate! Begin anew.

Spend time with him. We can spend time reading inspirational books and blogs, and chatting on Catholic sites, but to develop a relationship with Jesus, we need face time with him. Adoration is one of the best ways to keep him company.

from Scripture

Luke 24:13-35, Jesus accompanies us

Imagine what it would be like to have a Bible study with Jesus! This was exactly what Cleopas and his friend experienced when Jesus accompanied them to Emmaus. Failing to recognize Jesus and still grieving his death, they unknowingly told the risen Christ all about it. In an unexpected turn of events, Jesus explained to them how his death and resurrection was part of God's saving plan.



blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples. Suddenly, they recognized him. He vanished, but their hearts burned with joy. They raced back to Jerusalem to share the Good News with their fellow disciples.

Cleopas and his friend's story is ours too. At every Mass, God speaks to our hearts through Scriptures. In the Eucharist blessed, broken and given to us, we encounter Jesus and receive him into our hearts. With the final blessing, we are sent to spread the Good News: Christ rose from the dead and reopened heaven for us.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 19 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised those who honor him as the King of Mercy and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy would receive special graces and great mercy.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). St. Anselm left a rich court life to become a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark travelled with SS. Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.

April 28 – St. Louis de Montfort (1716). A French priest with a passion for preaching the Gospel, St. Louis had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, and his *True Devotion to Mary* is widely popular today.



Q & A

What is a monstrance?

In practicing or learning Catholicism, one can find some funny sounding words. "Monstrance" is one of them. It's



an upright container for the Blessed Sacrament (a consecrated Host), usually made of gold or silver and often shaped like a sunburst. The rays are meant to evoke the power and grace radiating from the Host. They also draw the eye

to the window (luna) at the center where the Host is. By means of it, Christ and the viewers can literally be face to face.

The monstrance is used to display the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. Adoration of the Eucharist outside of Mass developed to satisfy the devotion of the faithful. When you love someone deeply, you want to see him – in person – and spend time with him frequently. God doesn't just want to hear our prayers; he wants to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). Jesus longs for us to visit him in our churches. He remains in the Blessed Sacrament so that anyone who seeks him can find him.

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Abril de 2020

St. Mary's/St. Boniface

Meditaciones breves

Santa Catalina de Siena

Aunque la celebración de la Pascua en un día distinto cada año

no es estrictamente una costumbre católica, la razón de esto tiene sus raíces en la historia de la Iglesia. Hubo una discusión en el siglo II sobre la fecha de la Pascua: ¿debería celebrarse en la fecha exacta o en el domingo más cercano a la fecha? Se decidió en el Concilio de Nicea (325 a.C.) que el Domingo de Pascua se celebrara el domingo después de la primera luna llena tras el equinoccio de primavera.

Una elección necesaria

Seguir a Cristo a veces implica apartarnos aunque nos gustaría pasar desapercibidos. Cuando los israelitas querían mezclarse con sus vecinos y seguidores de Baal, Elías les pidió que eligieran una cosa u otra. Los israelitas eligieron a Dios. Nosotros debemos hacer lo mismo.

"Pero él les dijo: 'No se asusten. Si ustedes buscan a Jesús Nazareno, el crucificado, no está aquí, ha resucitado'"
(Marcos 16:6).



4 razones para tener esperanza en estos momentos

Es difícil no sentir preocupaciones estos días con las noticias de los virus y los problemas económicos. Pero en la familia de Dios tenemos más razones de tener esperanza a pesar de la incertidumbre del mundo...

Dios, nuestro Padre, sabe lo que necesitamos.

"Pues si ustedes, que son malos, saben dar cosas buenas a sus hijos, ¿con cuánta mayor razón el Padre de ustedes, que está en el Cielo, dará cosas buenas a los que se las pidan" (Mateo 7:11). Él se ocupará de nosotros cuando confiemos en él.

Puede hacer milagros cuando se lo pedimos. *"Sepan que el Señor hizo maravillas por su amigo: él me escucha siempre que lo invoco" (Salmo 4:4). "Sean*

valientes y firmes, no teman ni se asusten ante ellos, porque Yavé, tu Dios, está contigo; no te dejará ni te abandonará"
(Deuteronomio 31:6). Justo cuando la vida parece desoladora, Dios puede sorprendernos.

Nunca nos

abandonará. *"El Señor está cerca de aquellos que lo invocan"*
(Salmo 145:18). Recuerde que él está siempre cerca.

Preocuparse no soluciona nada. *"¿Y quién de ustedes, por mucho que se inquiete, puede añadir un instante al tiempo de su vida?"*

Si aun las cosas más pequeñas superan sus fuerzas, ¿por qué se inquietan por las otras?" (Lucas 12:25). No desperdicie energía preocupándose por lo que no podemos controlar. Disfrute de las gracias que recibe.

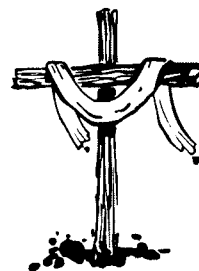


¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

Aunque la celebración de la Pascua en un día distinto cada año no es estrictamente una costumbre católica, la razón de esto tiene sus raíces en la historia de la Iglesia. Hubo una discusión en el siglo II sobre la fecha de la Pascua: ¿debería celebrarse en la

¿Por qué celebran los católicos la Pascua en distintas fechas?

fecha exacta o en el domingo más cercano a la fecha? Se decidió en el Concilio de Nicea (325 a.C.) que el Domingo de Pascua se celebrara el domingo después de la primera luna llena tras el equinoccio de primavera.

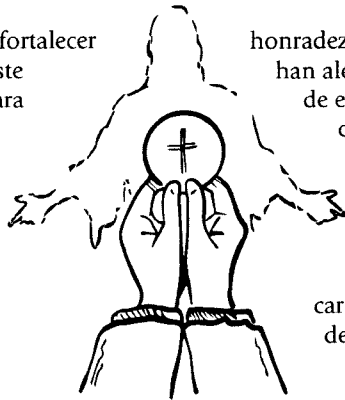


Conozcan a Jesús de cerca

El tiempo pascual es el indicado para desarrollar, fortalecer y profundizar nuestra amistad con Jesús. Durante este tiempo de celebración podemos ponernos metas para profundizar nuestro conocimiento del Señor y nuestro amor a él.

La Eucaristía es la fuente. La mejor forma de acercarnos a Jesús es asistir a la santa misa y recibir la sagrada comunión. Dios nos atrae de esta manera a comulgar con él.

Visiten el confesionario. La confesión es un sacramento que nos anima a contemplar con



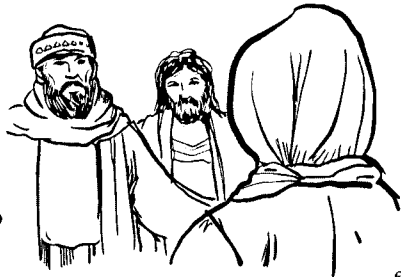
honradez nuestra forma de vida. Incluso los católicos que se han alejado de la confesión descubrirán que la mejor forma de empezar de nuevo con Jesús es visitar el confesionario. ¡Borrón y cuenta nueva! Empiecen de nuevo.

Pasen tiempo con él. Podemos pasar tiempo leyendo libros y blogs edificantes y charlando en sitios web católicos, pero para desarrollar una relación con Jesús necesitamos tiempo cara a cara con él. La adoración es una de las mejores formas de hacerle compañía.

de las **E**scrituras

Lucas 24:13-35, Jesús nos acompaña

¡Imaginen lo que sería estudiar la Biblia con Jesús! Esto fue exactamente lo que Cleofás y su amigo experimentaron cuando Jesús los acompañó a Emaús. Como no reconocieron a Jesús y aún lloraban su muerte, inconscientemente le contaron todo a Cristo resucitado. Sin que se lo esperaran, Jesús les explicó cómo su muerte y su resurrección era parte del plan salvador de Dios.



Los discípulos invitaron a Jesús a que se quedara con ellos aunque aún no lo habían reconocido. Jesús tomó el pan, lo bendijo, lo partió y se lo dio a los discípulos. En ese

momento lo reconocieron. Él desapareció, pero sus corazones ardían de alegría. Volvieron corriendo a Jerusalén a

compartir la Buena Nueva con los otros discípulos.

La historia de Cleofás y de su amigo es también nuestra historia. En cada misa, Dios habla a nuestros corazones mediante la Sagrada Escritura. En la hostia consagrada, partida y entregada a nosotros, nos encontramos con Jesús y lo

recibimos en nuestros corazones. Con la bendición final, se nos envía a difundir la Buena Nueva: Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos y volvió a abrirnos las puertas del cielo.

Fiestas y celebraciones

19 de abril – Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. En 1931, Jesús se le apareció a santa Faustina y le pidió que el domingo después de Pascua pasara a ser la “Fiesta de la Misericordia”. Jesús prometió que quienes lo venerasen como Rey de la Misericordia y rezaran la Corona de la Divina Misericordia recibirían gracias especiales y gran misericordia.

21 de abril – San Anselmo (1109). San Anselmo abandonó la vida rica de la corte para hacerse monje en Francia y, a regañadientes, se convirtió en obispo de Canterbury, Inglaterra. Fue enviado al exilio por rechazar la interferencia del rey en los

asuntos de la Iglesia.

25 de abril – El evangelista san Marcos (siglo I). San Marcos escribió el segundo evangelio basándose en gran parte en la perspectiva de san Pedro. Marcos viajó con san Pablo y san Bernabé (que era primo de Marcos) por la isla de Chipre y se le atribuye el establecimiento de la Iglesia de Alejandría.

28 de abril – San Luis de Montfort (1716). Sacerdote francés apasionado por predicar el evangelio, san Luis tenía una especial devoción a la Bendita Madre y su *Tratado de la verdadera devoción a la Santísima Virgen* sigue siendo muy popular hoy día.



P & R

¿Qué es una custodia?

En la práctica del catolicismo o cuando lo estudiamos podemos encontrarnos con algunas palabras curiosas. “Custodia” es



una de ellas. Es un recipiente vertical donde se expone el Santísimo Sacramento (una hostia consagrada), normalmente hecho de oro o plata y a menudo con la forma de un sol con rayos. Los rayos del sol evocan el poder y la gracia que emana de la

hostia. También atraen la mirada a la ventana (luna) en el centro donde está colocada la hostia. Mediante la custodia, Cristo y los que la contemplan pueden verse literalmente cara a cara.

La custodia se usa para exponer el Santísimo Sacramento a la adoración de los fieles. La adoración de la eucaristía fuera de la misa se desarrolló para satisfacer la devoción de los fieles. Cuando se quiere profundamente a alguien, se quiere verlo—en persona—y pasar tiempo con él a menudo. Dios no quiere sólo escuchar nuestras plegarias; quiere estar siempre con nosotros (Mateo 28:20). Jesús desea que lo visitemos en nuestros templos. Está en el Santísimo Sacramento para que quien lo busca lo encuentre.

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SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

<p><u>SATURDAY APRIL 11</u> <u>HOLY SATURDAY</u></p> <p>MASS St. Mary's 8:30PM NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY APRIL 12</u> <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u></p> <p>St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM NO CONGREGATIONS AT MASSES Both Masses live streamed</p>	<p><u>MONDAY APRIL 13</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>TUESDAY APRIL 14</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS Church Office closed</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY APRIL 15</u></p> <p>Mass St. Marys 6:00 pm Adoration 6:30 pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS Mass & Adoration live streamed</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY APRIL 16</u></p> <p>Mass St. Boniface 6 pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY APRIL 17</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>
<p><u>SATURDAY APRIL 18</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY APRIL 19</u> <u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</u> <u>PLENARY INDULGENCE</u></p> <p>St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Divine Mercy Service 3:00 PM NO CONGREGATION AT MASSES All services live streamed</p>	<p><u>MONDAY APRIL 20</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>TUESDAY APRIL 21</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS Church Office closed</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY APRIL 22</u></p> <p>Mass St. Marys 6:00 pm Adoration 6:30 pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS Mass & Adoration live streamed</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY APRIL 23</u></p> <p>Mass St. Boniface 6pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY APRIL 24</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>
<p><u>SATURDAY APRIL 25</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY APRIL 26</u> <u>3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER</u></p> <p>St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM NO CONGREGATION AT MASSES Both Masses live streamed</p>	<p><u>MONDAY APRIL 27</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>TUESDAY APRIL 28</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS Church Office closed</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY APRIL 29</u></p> <p>Mass St. Marys 6:00 pm Adoration 6:30 pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS Mass & Adoration live streamed</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY APRIL 30</u></p> <p>Mass St. Boniface 6pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY MAY 1</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>
<p><u>SATURDAY MAY 2</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY MAY 3</u> <u>4th SUNDAY OF EASTER</u></p> <p>St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM NO CONGREGATION AT MASSES Both Masses live streamed</p>	<p><u>MONDAY MAY 4</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>TUESDAY MAY 5</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS Church Office closed</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY MAY 6</u></p> <p>Mass St. Marys 6:00 pm Adoration 6:30 pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS Mass & Adoration live streamed</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY MAY 7</u></p> <p>Mass St. Boniface 6pm NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY MAY 8</u></p> <p>Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon NO CONGREGATION AT MASS</p>



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Prayer provided by Dr. Edward Sri

