

HE IS Risen

EASTER 2025



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

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| Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm |
| Sunday | 8:30am |
| | 10:30am |
| | 12:30pm |
| | 5:00pm |

Daily

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| Monday-Friday | 6:30am |
| Monday-Saturday | 8:15am |
| Wednesday | 6:00pm |

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

All available by appointment.
Pre-Baptism Class is required.

Sponsors need letter from
their pastor. Please contact the
Parish Office for information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Prior to Sunday morning Masses;
2:30pm-3:30pm Saturdays;
6:30pm-7:30pm Wednesdays;
Anytime upon request,
please call for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to
seeing a priest or deacon six
months before desired date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

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SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER



ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition each Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and from 5:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 9:00 p.m. Friday evenings. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com to sign up or use the QR code.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are currently available to schedule for 2025. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please scan the QR code to order and pay online or visit the Parish Office. One should never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul, both for the living and the deceased.



LOW-GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.



NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at www.saintmichael-cd.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing srriya@stmichael-cd.org.



ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 20, 2025

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 19 – Holy Saturday

9:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members
of our Parish

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. + Dominico & Dominica Canini
(Armando & Liliana Tempesta)
10:30 a.m. + Matthew Zaldarriaga (Anita Claricoates)
12:30 p.m. + James R. Cecil (Rich & Theresa Agnello)
5:00 p.m. + Lawrence & Margaret Sur

Monday, April 21

6:30 a.m. + Bruce Crosby (Earl Crosby)
8:15 a.m. + George Pirrie

Tuesday, April 22

6:30 a.m. + Joe Maurer (The Maurer Family)
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Mr. Yi &
The Collard Family (The Collard Family)

Wednesday, April 23

6:30 a.m. + Betty Maurer (The Maurer Family)
8:15 a.m. For the School
6:00 p.m. + Thomas Lavin (Mary & John Crerand)

Thursday, April 24

6:30 a.m. + Jerry Wilson (The Maurer Family)
8:15 a.m. + Deceased Members of the
Weaver Family (Barb & Brian Weaver)

Friday, April 25

6:30 a.m. + Patricia Ware (Joe Fiala)
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of
Cathy Zupan Sylvester & Family
(Leo Zupan)

Saturday, April 26

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Fr. David Reese
(Lauren Jazwiec)
4:00 p.m. + Vincent J. Sharron, Jr.
(Tony Pfeifer)

Sunday, April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 a.m. + Leo Thomas Zupan II (Leo Zupan)
10:30 a.m. The Lawrence Sur Family
(Anita Claricoates)
12:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members
of our Parish
5:00 p.m. + Leopoldo Enrile

PARISH CALENDAR: APRIL

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| SUNDAY, April 20 | Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. |
| Monday, April 21 | Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus (C,LMR) |
| Tuesday, April 22 | Eucharistic Exposition (AC) |
| Wednesday, April 23 | Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR) |
| Thursday, April 24 | Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C) |
| Friday, April 25 | Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR) 7:30 p.m. Opus Dei (C) |
| Saturday, April 26 | 7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 9:30 a.m. Opus Dei (UMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C) 5:00 p.m. SVDP Reception (UMR) |
| SUNDAY, April 27 | Divine Mercy Sunday 9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A) 1:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Eucharistic Exposition & Confessions (C) 2:00 p.m. Baptisms (C) 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (C) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (G) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (G) |

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance,
please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting:
www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/.

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) =
Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor
of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the
Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel, (A) = Atrium

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus,
He is RISEN! Indeed and TRULY, HE IS RISEN!

Our extra special attention given to the Holy Mass for Easter Sunday speaks to our profound gratitude and joy for the Lord's victory over death in His Resurrection.

The Church as our Mother is both ever ancient and ever new. We reflect upon the glorious events of 2,000 years ago, ever ancient, while also considering how we have brothers and sisters who just entered the Church at the Easter Vigil thus making her ever new and young.

The celebrations won't stop with our experience of Easter Sunday as they will continue and go on for the whole octave, the eight-day period following Easter, which takes us to Divine Mercy Sunday.

I invite you to join me in making prayers of thanksgiving for the newest members of the Church. Their example of conviction and desire for the Lord should teach each one of us about the need to keep alive the fire within our own souls. May we also pray that many more souls will come to the realization of the TRUTH of Jesus' Resurrection and seek entrance in to the Church.

May the Glory of the Lord illuminate your day and your whole life.

Blessed and Happy Easter! He is Risen!

Fr. Stash Dailey

AROUND THE PARISH



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To all volunteers, patrons, and everyone else who made this year a success:

**Thanks for a successful
fish fry season!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/21 — 6:30PM LMR — New Knight Exemplification
4/21 — 7:30PM LMR — Business Meeting
4/27 — Corporate Communion after 10:30 Mass

PSR Survey for the 2025-2026 School Year

St. Michael's is excited to bring back PSR programming for children of our parish for the next school year! As we prepare to welcome your children, we need your assistance to aid us in our preparations. We kindly ask all those who would be interested in registering for or helping with children's faith formation to please complete our PSR survey by scanning the QR code below, or by visiting

<https://forms.gle/TBF3Q2LjzbEbzfmZ9>



Scan to
complete
today!

Easter Flowers

Name:

In Honor/Memory of:

Mr. Tom Abbinante

In Loving Memory of Madalyn Grace Abbinante, Michael Thomas Walsh, John Francis Warton, Karishma Mary Trushel

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Antry

In Loving Memory of Wilfred & Helen Kane, Arthur & Billie Antry

Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Kathie Baseshore

In Honor of the Priests, Deacons, Sisters & Laity who unselfishly support our Parish

Mrs. Kathleen Bloomer

In Loving Memory of Marie & Harry Bloomer, Helen & Al Snyder

Mr. & Mrs. Matt Burger

Drs. Perry & Marisa Cahall

In Loving Memory of Caroline Cahall

Mr. & Mrs. David Cap

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Cap, Kasper, Youngs & Humbert Families

Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Carrison

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Ionadi & Fusca Families

Ms. Anita Claricoates

In Loving Memory of Julian James Lundy

Dcn. & Mrs. John & Mary Crerand

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Crerand & Lavin Families

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Di Rosario

In Loving Memory of Lewis & Lucy Di Rosario, Lawrence & Joseph Di Rosario

Mr. Robert Fann

In Loving Memory of Tina Fann

Mrs. Jeann Ferkany

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Ferkany & Hoerig Families

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fischer

In Loving Memory of Betsy & Tony Nicolosi, Bea & Joe Fischer, Patrick Nicolosi, Michael Nicolosi

Mrs. Sharon Fricke

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Fricke & Mains Families

Mr. & Mrs. Brett Gissel

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Gissel & Taylor Families

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Gladysz

In Loving Memory of Stanley & Kathleen Gladysz, Karl & Flora Wuerfel

Mr. Mike & Melody Gross

In Loving Memory of Allyson Marie Gross

Mr. Howard Hartman

In Loving Memory of Mildred & Glen Hartman

Ms. Rita Hollingsworth

In Loving Memory of Daniel Hollingsworth

Mr. Dennis Jaketic

In Loving Memory of Vera Jaketic, Gilda Di Battista

Mr. Michael Jasiewicz

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Komperda & Jasiewicz Families

Mr. & Mrs. David & Mary Jeffries

In Loving Memory of Tom Kalinoski

Mrs. Cynthia Kalinoski

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kazor

In Loving Memory of Theodore & Angela Schlesinger, Ann & Michael Kazor, Terry Schlesinger, Jon Kazor, Bernadette Schlesinger, Jody Munhall, Barbara Ann Flak, Gloria Popik

Mr. & Mrs. Kregg Kish

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Rankin & Kish Families

Name:

In Honor/Memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Donovan LaDuke

In Loving Memory of Agnes Rose LaDuke, Victor & Cecilia Doris, Dorothy Albert, Margaret Albert, John LaDuke, Evelyn Pokriefke

Mrs. Mary Lamatrice

In Loving Memory of Thomas Loughlin, Lucian Klimas, Eleanor Klimas

The Loughlin Family

Mrs. Laurie Luft & Family

In Loving Memory of Peter Luft & Rosemarie Doersam

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Lund

In Loving Memory of David Rocchi

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Meck

In Loving Memory of Harry Hollern, Jeanne Cahill Hollern, Wilbur Meck, Eunice Meck, Steven Meck

Mr. Kevin McIver

In Loving Memory of Jack & Charlotte McIver, Francis McIver, Terrence & Mary McIver, Florian & Mary Szczepanek

Mr. David Melfi

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Leopardo & Melfi Families

Ms. Sue Mogan

In Loving Memory of Jerry & Rosemary Mogan

Mr. & Mrs. Skip Mosaic

In Loving Memory of Donald Mosaic

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In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Murray & Crosbie Families

Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Cathy Myers

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Myers & McKenzie Families

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In Loving Memory of Chris & Judith Pena, James & Anne O'Leary, Tom O'Leary, Claudia Pena, Joan O'Leary

Mr. & Mrs. Peter & Kathy Pajor

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Dixon & Pajor Families

Mr. & Mrs. James Pardi

In Loving Memory of Janice Pardi, Stella Pardi

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pfeifer

In Loving Memory of Timothy Pfeifer

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In Loving Memory of Samuel Joseph Pillivant

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Nancy Pine

In Loving Memory of George & Lorraine Labanc

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Preston

In Loving Memory of Joe & Helen Preston, John & Sue Korte

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Rankin

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Rankin & Pitcock Families

Ms. Mary Rayburn

In Loving Memory of Leon, Delphine, Peter & Patti Fox

Mr. & Mrs. Don & Cheryl Sands

In Loving Honor of our family & special relatives

Mrs. Charlene Scott

In Loving Memory of Arleen Mayer, Darrell Mayer; deceased family & friends

Mr. & Mrs. Ray & Kathleen Simendinger

In Loving Memory of Helen Duft

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Smiley

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Smiley, Geiger & Miller Families

Ms. Ellen Sullivan

In Loving Memory of Fr. Richard Pendolphi

Mr. & Mrs. Armando Tempesta

In Loving Memory of Domenico & Domenica Canini, Antonio & Donata Tempesta, Loreto Tempesta

Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Paula Tucker

In Loving Memory of our parents

Mr. & Mrs. Voytovich

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Wagner

In Loving Memory of Kyle Ann Kowaleski

Mrs. Kathryn Zaenger

In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of the Hoffer Family

The Nicene Creed: an expression of Christian identity by Vatican News

The International Theological Commission publishes “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour: 1700th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325-2025)”, dedicated to the Council that produced the first universal creed and proclaimed the faith of salvation in Jesus Christ, and in the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



On May 20, the Christian world will commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the opening of the first ecumenical council, held in Nicea in 325, which has gone down in history primarily on account of the Creed, which brings together, defines, and proclaims the faith in salvation in Jesus Christ and in the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Later completed by the Council of Constantinople in 381, the Nicene Creed became in practice the identity card of the professed faith of the Church. For this reason, the International Theological Commission (ITC) decided to dedicate a document of almost seventy pages to the Council, which was convened by the emperor Constantine in Asia Minor, with the twofold objective of recalling its fundamental meaning and highlighting the extraordinary resources of the Creed, relaunching them in the perspective of the new stage of evangelisation that the Church is called to undertake in the current change of epoch. The new document acquires special relevance as the anniversary of Nicea occurs during the Jubilee of Hope in a year when Easter is celebrated by all Christians on the same date.

“Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour - the 1700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325-2025)” – the title of the document released today, Thursday April 3 – is therefore not simply a work of academic theology, but is offered as a synthesis that can lead to a more profound understanding of the faith and the witness it bears in the life of the Christian community.

Finally, Nicea marked the first time that the Church’s unity and mission were expressed at a universal level (hence the title “ecumenical” or “universal”) in a synodal form. The first ecumenical council can therefore also be seen as a point of reference and inspiration for the synodal journey the Church is currently undertaking.

The theologians

Coming in at 124 numbered paragraphs, the document is the result of the ITC’s decision to initiate a deeper study of the dogmatic relevance of Nicea during the Commission’s tenth quinquennium (five-year term). The work was conducted by a Sub-Commission chaired by French priest Philippe Vallin and composed of Bishops Antonio Luiz Catelan Ferreira and Etienne Vetö; priests Mario Angel Flores Ramos, Gaby Alfred Hachem, and Karl-Heinz Menke; and professors Marianne Schlosser and Robin Darling Young. The text, in forma specifica, was voted on and approved unanimously in 2024, and then submitted for approval to the Cardinal President Víctor Manuel Fernández, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, in which the Commission is established. After receiving the approval of Pope Francis, Cardinal Fernández authorised its publication on December 16.

The document is comprised of an introduction entitled “Doxology, Theology and Proclamation”; four chapters of theological reflection, and a conclusion on the contemporary proclamation of “Jesus our salvation” to all men and women.

A doxological reading of the Symbol

The first chapter, “A Symbol for Salvation: Doxology and Theology of the Nicea Dogma” (nos. 7-47) is the most substantial. It offers “a doxological reading of the Symbol, to highlight its soteriological and therefore Christological, Trinitarian, and anthropological resources,” with the intention of giving “new impetus to the journey towards Christian unity.”

Pointing out the ecumenical significance of the faith of Nicea, the text expresses the hope for and agreement on a common date for the celebration of Easter, which Pope Francis himself has repeatedly called for. Paragraph 43 notes that the year 2025 represents for all Christians “an invaluable opportunity to emphasize that what we have in common is much greater than what divides us: Together, we believe in the triune God, in Christ true man and true God, in salvation in Jesus Christ, according to the Scriptures read in the Church and under the impulse of the Holy Spirit. Together, we believe in the Church, in baptism, and in the resurrection of the dead and eternal life.”

“Consequently,” the ITC states in paragraph 45, “the divergence of Christians concerning the most important feast in their calendar creates pastoral discomfort within communities, to the point of dividing families; and causes scandal among non-Christians, thus damaging the witness given to the Gospel.”

'We believe as we baptise; and we pray as we believe'

But welcoming the richness of Nicea after seventeen centuries also leads to an understanding of how the Council of Nicea continues to nourish and guide Christian existence. The second chapter, "The Symbol of Nicea in the Life of Believers" (nos. 48-69), therefore, explores how the liturgy and prayer have been enriched in the Church since Nicea, which therefore constitutes a turning point in the history of Christianity. Rooted in the teachings of the Fathers of the Church, the document recalls, "We believe as we baptise; and we pray as we believe." It exhorts Christians to draw, today and always from that "fountain of living water" whose rich dogmatic content has been decisive in establishing Christian doctrine. It is in this sense that the document delves into the reception of the Creed in liturgical and sacramental practice, in catechesis and preaching, and in the prayers and hymns of the 4th century.

A theological and ecclesial event

The third chapter, "Nicea as a theological and ecclesial event" (nos. 70-102), then explores how the Symbol and the Council "bear witness to the same event of Jesus Christ, whose irruption into history offers unprecedented access to God and introduces a transformation of human thought."

They also represent a novelty in the way the Church structures itself and fulfils its mission. "Summoned by the Emperor to resolve a local dispute that had spread to all the Churches of the Eastern Roman Empire and to numerous Churches of the West," the document explains, "for the first time bishops from all over the Oikouménè are gathered in Synod. Its profession of faith and canonical decisions are promulgated as normative for the entire Church. The unprecedented communion and unity aroused in the Church by the event of Jesus Christ are made visible and effective in a new way by a structure of universal scope, and the proclamation of the good news of Christ in all its immensity also receives an instrument of unprecedented authority" (Cf. n. 101).

A faith accessible to all

In the fourth and final chapter—"Safeguarding a faith that is accessible to all God's people" (103-120)—"the conditions for the credibility of the faith professed at Nicea are highlighted in a stage of fundamental theology that sheds light on the nature and identity of the Church, insofar as she is the authentic interpreter of the normative truth of the faith through the Magisterium and the guardian of believers, especially the smallest and most vulnerable."

The faith preached by Jesus to the simple is not a simplistic faith, the ITC says. Christianity has never considered itself an esoteric religion reserved for an elite of initiates; on the contrary, Nicea – despite coming about thanks to the initiative of the Emperor Constantine – represents "a milestone in the long journey towards *libertas Ecclesiae*, which is everywhere a guarantee of the protection of the faith of the most vulnerable in the face of political power."

In the year 325, the common good of Revelation was truly made "available" to all the faithful, as confirmed by the Catholic doctrine of the infallibility "in credendo" of the baptised. Although bishops have a specific role in defining the faith, they cannot assume it without being in the ecclesial communion of the entire Holy People of God, a concept that has often been highlighted by Pope Francis.

Perennial relevance of Nicea

The document concludes with "a pressing invitation" to "proclaim to all Jesus our Salvation today," starting from the faith expressed at Nicea in a multiplicity of meanings.

First of all, the perennial relevance of that Council and of the Symbol that sprang from it lies in continuing to allow ourselves to be "amazed by the immensity of Christ, so that all may be astonished" and to "revive the fire of our love for Him" because "in Jesus, homoousios (consubstantial) with the Father... God Himself has bound Himself to mankind forever."

Secondly, it means not ignoring "reality" nor turning away "from the sufferings and upheavals that torment the world and seem to compromise all hope," while at the same time, listening to culture and cultures.

Thirdly, it means making ourselves "particularly attentive to the little ones among our brothers and sisters," because those who have been "crucified" throughout history, "those "who are most in need of hope and grace" are "Christ among us." At the same time, understanding the sufferings of the Crucified Jesus, they are able, in turn, to be "the apostles, teachers, and evangelisers of the rich and wealthy."

Finally, proclamation must be done "as the Church" or rather "with the witness of fraternity," showing the world the marvellous things by which it is "one, holy, catholic and apostolic" and the "universal sacrament of salvation." At the same time it diffuses the treasure of the Scriptures that the Symbol interprets: the richness of prayer, liturgy, and sacraments that derive from the baptism professed at Nicea and the light of the Magisterium; always focused on the Risen Christ who triumphs over death and sin, and not on adversaries, since there are no losers in the Paschal Mystery except the eschatological loser, Satan, the divider.

It is no coincidence that last November 28, during an audience for members of the International Theological Commission, the Pope praised their work, highlighting the value of a document "intended to shed light on the timeliness of the faith professed at Nicea" and "to nourish and deepen the faith of believers and, based on the figure of Jesus, to offer insights and reflections useful for a new cultural and social paradigm inspired by the humanity of Christ."

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

*Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope
The Month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.*

“The power of Easter has burst upon us with the resurrection of Christ. Now we find in ourselves a strength which is not our own, and which is freely given to us whenever we need it, raising us above the Law, giving us a new law which is hidden in Christ: the law of His merciful love for us. Now we no longer strive to be good because we have to, because it is a duty, but because our joy is to please Him who has given all His love to us! Now our life is full of meaning!” ~FATHER THOMAS MERTON, OCSO

Monday, April 21 ~ Monday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce the news to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.” While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. The chief priests assembled with the elders and took counsel; then they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep.’ And if this gets to the ears of the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has circulated among the Jews to the present day.

Meditation: Have you ever asked what the basis is of our faith in the resurrection? The scriptures tell us that “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”(Hebrews 11:1). Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Our faith is a free assent to the whole truth which God reveals to us through his word. Faith is certain because it is based on the very word of God who cannot lie. Faith also seeks understanding. That is why God enlightens the “eyes of our hearts” that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us (Ephesians 1:18). Peter the Apostle says we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). Through the gift of faith, the Lord reveals himself to those who believe in his word and he fills them with “new life in his Holy Spirit”. Do you live in the joy and hope of the resurrection? And do you recognize the presence of the Risen Lord in his word, in the “breaking of the bread”, and in his church, the body of Christ?

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, though in our weakness we fail, we may be revived through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Are you always prepared to meet the Risen Lord? The disciples of Jesus were as unprepared for his resurrection as they were for his death. The empty tomb made them fearful and joyful at the same time. “Where did they put the body or did he really rise just as he predicted?” Even though Jesus had spoken to them before of his death and rising, they could not believe until they saw the empty tomb and met the risen Lord. Aren't we the same? We want to see with our own eyes before we believe! The guards brought their testimony to the chief priests and elders who met the news with denial. They were resolved to not believe that Jesus had risen and they bribed the guards in the hope of keeping others from believing.

Tuesday, April 22 ~ Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 20:11-18 Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to

them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he had told her.

Meditation: The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our hope – the hope that we will see God face to face and share in his everlasting glory and joy. "Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:8-9). And so, do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, in his word, in the "breaking of the bread", and in his church, the body of Christ?

Prayer: O God, who have bestowed on us paschal remedies, endow your people with heavenly gifts, so that, possessed of perfect freedom, they may rejoice in heaven over what gladdens them now on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: How easy it can be to miss the Lord when our focus is on ourselves! Mary did not at first recognize the Lord because her focus was on the empty tomb and on her own grief. It took only one word from the Master, when he called her by name, for Mary to recognize him. Mary's message to the disciples, I have seen the Lord, is the very essence of Christianity. It is not enough that a Christian know about the Lord, but that we know him personally. It is not enough to argue about him, but to meet him. In the resurrection we encounter the living Lord who loves us personally and shares his glory with us. The Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to see the truth of his resurrection and victory over sin and death (Ephesians 1:18).

Wednesday, April 23 ~ Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his Body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the Eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Meditation: St. Augustine provides a reflection on the dimness of their perception: "They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind" (Sermon 235.1). "Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of

their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth "that the Christ would die and rise again, their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth" (from *The Harmony of the Gospels*, 3.25.72) How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to challenge and transform you to living a life in Christ?

Prayer: O God, who gladden us year by year with the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection, graciously grant that, by celebrating these present festivities, we may merit through them to reach eternal joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We often wonder how it would have been difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? To put it simply, Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their slowness of heart to believe what the scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them. Do you recognize the Lord in his word and in the breaking of the bread?

Thursday, April 24 ~ Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Meditation: Isn't amazing how much we are like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The gospels attest to the reality of the resurrection. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the scriptures foretold his death and rising. Saint Jerome, a Bible scholar, comments: "As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them...Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (*From a letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem 34, 5th century*)

Prayer: O God, who have united the many nations in confessing your name, grant that those reborn in the font of Baptism may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: A central teaching of the gospel is the cross; but it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies – death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the gospel to those around you?

Friday, April 25 ~ Friday in the Octave of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14 Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

Meditation: Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Lord when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter decided to return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous career out of despair and uncertainty. The other apostles followed him back to Galilee. When was the last time Peter was commanded to let down his net after a futile night of fishing? It was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord dramatically approached Peter in his fishing boat after a futile night of fishing and commanded him to lower his nets (see Luke 5:4-11). After the miraculous catch, Jesus told Peter that he would be 'catching people' for the kingdom of God. Now Jesus repeats the same miracle. John, the beloved disciple, is the first to recognize the Lord. Peter impulsively leaps from the boat and runs to the Lord. Do you run to the Lord when you meet setbacks, disappointments, or trials? The Lord is ever ready to renew us in faith and to give us fresh hope in his promises.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who gave us the Paschal Mystery in the covenant you established for reconciling the human race, so dispose our minds, we pray, that what we celebrate by professing the faith we may express in deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Skeptics who disbelieve the resurrection say the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrection. Jesus went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his resurrection – that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or ghost. In his third appearance to the apostles, after Jesus performed the miraculous catch of fish, he prepared a breakfast and ate with them. Peter's prompt recognition of the Master and exclamation, "It is the Lord!" stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial of his Master during the night of arrest. The Lord Jesus reveals himself to each of us as we open our hearts to receive his word. Do you recognize the Lord's presence in your life and do you receive his word with faith?

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Join the Confraternity of Christian Mothers at St. Michael the Archangel

A society of women dedicated to the sanctification of their families under the special patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows.

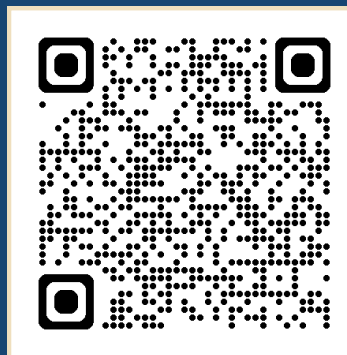
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WHAT IS THE CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS?

The confraternity was founded in Lille, France, in 1850, designed to help wives and mothers combat the forces undermining family life. Under the special patronage of the Mother of Sorrows, the members are encouraged in the important task of training and sanctifying the young souls entrusted to their care.

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CONFRATERNITY?

The mission of the Confraternity is primarily to unite mothers in prayer and also to instruct, educate, and inspire mothers in performing their duties and in practicing virtue. By Catholic instruction at regular meetings, the Confraternity strives to encourage and impress on them the importance of motherhood and to inflame them with ardent zeal. Its aim is to show them the way of attaining their own sanctification and that of their families and to induce them to bring up their children as true Christians, ensuring their temporal and especially their eternal welfare.



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Saturday, May 10, 8:15am

Morning of Reflection

Tuesday, June 17, 6:30pm

First Meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 6:30pm

Reception Ceremony



St. Gerard Majella

A Blessing will be offered after the 10:30am Mass on each second Sunday of the month for all expectant mothers and those desiring to conceive a child.

St. Gerard Majella is the patron of expectant mothers. He was born in 1726 in Muro, Italy to a family of seven. Majella grew up in a poverty with a great respect for the poor. As he was just 12 when his father passed away, he was forced to grow up fast. Shortly after his father's death, his mother sent him away to live with his uncle and learn to become a tailor, like his father. After a few years of working as a sewing apprentice, Majella took on a job with the local Bishop of Lacedonia as a servant. Once Majella began earning money as a journeyman at the age of 21, he split his earnings with his mother, the poor of Muro and the rest in offerings for the poor souls. As the days passed, Majella began to grow pale and thin, often fasting and in prayer at a nearby Cathedral. He applied to the Capuchin monastery at Muro twice, but was turned down both times. Majella was told his health was not well enough for such a strenuous life. However, Majella did not give up. In 1749, at the age of 23, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer and just three years later became a professed lay brother.

Majella lived with the three vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. He stayed close with the poor and worked very many different jobs. He served as sacristan, gardener, porter, infirmarian, and tailor. However, because of his great piety, extraordinary wisdom, and his gift of reading consciences, he was permitted to counsel communities of religious women. Majella was often called on by the poor and the sick. Wherever his presence was demanded he graciously presented himself. He was there to "do the Will of God." This humble servant of God also had faculties associated with certain mystics including, levitation, bi-location and the ability to read souls. His charity, obedience, and selfless service as well as his ceaseless mortification for Christ, made him the perfect model of lay brothers. Throughout his years of life, several reported miracles are tied to Majella including, restoring a boy's life after he fell from a high cliff; blessing a poor farmer's crops, ridding it of mice; blessing a poor family's supply of wheat, causing it to last until the next harvest; and he multiplied bread for the poor on several occasions.

Along with his miracles effected through prayers for woman in labor, Majella's last recorded miracle is one that many credit toward his becoming the patron of expectant mothers. Shortly before his death, Majella encountered a young girl. He had dropped his handkerchief and she set out to return it, only to be told to keep it. Majella told her she "may need it someday." Years after Majella's passing, the young girl became married and with child. She unexpectedly went into labor and was on the verge of losing her baby. She called for Majella's handkerchief to be applied to her. Almost immediately, her pain abated and she proceeded to give birth to a healthy child, something very rare during that time. His prayers are sought for the children, unborn children, women in childbirth, mothers, expectant mothers, motherhood, falsely accused people, good confessions, lay brothers and Muro Lucano, Italy. Even as Majella became ill with tuberculosis, he only desired to live in God's will. His one last request was that a small placard be placed on his door stating, "Here the will of God is done, as God wills, and as long as God wills." Majella was told the Will of God wanted him to get better, and almost at once he became well. However, this only lasted for a month and quickly he became very ill once again. St. Gerard Majella died of disease on October 16, 1755 at the age of 29, living in the religious life for six years.

Due to the numerous miracles performed through Majella's prayers, proceedings for his canonization began shortly after his death. In 1893, Majella was beatified by Pope Leo XIII and on December 11, 1904, Pope Pius X canonized the man of God.

Prayer to St. Gerard:

O Great Saint Gerard, beloved servant of Jesus Christ, perfect imitator of your meek and humble Savior, and devoted Child of the Mother of God: enkindle within my heart one spark of that heavenly fire of charity which glowed in your heart and made you an angel of love. O glorious Saint Gerard, because when falsely accused of crime, you did bear, like your Divine master, without murmur or complaint, the calumnies of wicked men, you have been raised up by God as the Patron and Protector of expectant mothers. Preserve me from danger and from the excessive pains accompanying childbirth, and shield the child which I now carry, that it may see the light of day and receive the lustral waters of baptism through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 50: Transubstantiation

I often hear people ask why it is that, for so many priests, the Consecration is their favorite moment of the Mass. How exactly does the Consecration “work”?

Thanks for asking! Some years ago, I was in the midst of a large assignment by myself and was struggling with some health issues. I was working long days to try and cover all that was needed, but I felt myself regularly falling short. Around that time, I was gifted with a wonderful confession from one of our wise priests, who reminded me that the best and most important part of my day is always what happens at the altar. He said I could end the day with unfinished projects and unanswered messages, but if I prayed the Mass faithfully at the altar, then it will have been a great day. What great words of consolation!

At the moment of the Consecration and the elevation that follows, I am always reassured that I am exactly where I am supposed to be: I am answering the call God gave to me to serve as a priest. As we all are, I am a work in progress, and some days feel like much more progress is needed. However, in that moment of the Mass, I am always comforted and strengthened, humbled and invigorated. Because I can be a perfectionist, I don't always receive compliments well; because I have a quick mind, I'm often thinking of problems to solve and things that need to be done. But in that moment of the Mass is true rest and peace. If you are like me and often have a preoccupied mind, I invite you in that special moment of the Mass to enjoy resting in his peace. Remind yourself that there is no better place to be in that moment than united with Jesus truly present on the altar.

How the Consecration Effects Transubstantiation

How exactly does the Consecration work? Let's turn to our Catechism for some helpful wisdom. “It is by the conversion of the bread and wine into Christ's body and blood that Christ becomes present in this sacrament. The Church Fathers strongly affirmed the faith of the Church in the efficacy of the Word of Christ and of the action of the Holy Spirit to bring about this conversion. Thus St. John Chrysostom declares: ‘It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered’” (CCC, 1375). The Catechism tells us that the word of Jesus is what changes the bread and wine into his Body and Blood.

The Catechism continues, “The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: ‘Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation’” (CCC, 1376). For many of us, transubstantiation can be a big and intimidating word. The reason we use words like these is that they help us describe with precision what we believe is true. Transubstantiation helps us know that the “what it is” is what changes during the Mass. As we said before regarding the gifts, what they are before the consecration is simple bread and wine. Those words of Jesus change the bread and wine into his Body and Blood. Even though the appearances remain, we believe that the whole Christ is present in the consecrated host and chalice. As our Catechism teaches, the reason we believe that Jesus is present is because Jesus said it. We believe him when he says: “This is my Body.” We believe him when he says “This is my Blood.” We believe that the Eucharist really is Jesus. The same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, the same Jesus who offered himself on the Cross—Jesus is truly with us!

Seeing with Eyes of Faith

“But Father, the host still ‘looks’ the same!” some may say. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (314–386) teaches, “Do not think these are just plain bread and plain wine. They are the body and blood of Christ, as the Lord asserted. Faith must convince you of the latter even though your senses suggest to you the former. Do not judge about this according to your preferences but, based on your faith, believe with firmness and certainty that you have been made worthy of the body and blood of Christ” (Understanding the Mass, pp. 140–141). If your faith feels unsure, ask the Lord to help you see with the eyes of faith that he is truly there. Let the genuflections and reverence from your body help remind your mind of what we believe is true. Let the model of faith from the saints and the martyrs inspire you. Let our hearts be filled with joy after the consecration, and let us rejoice in recalling that Jesus is sacramentally present. Let us shout with joy the words of St. John, “It is the Lord!” ([John 21:7](#)).

For Reflection:

1. Study the Church's teaching on Christ's presence “under the Eucharistic species” in the Catechism, paragraphs 1373–1381, or even the entire section on the Eucharist (1322–1419). Consider inviting others to join you in this study to strengthen your faith in the Eucharist and participation at Mass. Consider checking out [episodes 180–194](#) of Fr. Mike Schmitz's Catechism in a Year, which leads listeners on a journey into the mystery of the Eucharist.
2. Bring St. John's words, “It is the Lord!” ([John 21:7](#)), in your heart to Mass to seek and find Christ's presence during the Consecration.

Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 51: Institution Narrative

What is the Institution Narrative? Simply put, the Institution Narrative is the words of Jesus at the Last Supper which we hear in the Mass. These are the words of the Mass that describe what Jesus did and what he said, including the words of Consecration which gave us his Body and Blood for the Holy Eucharist. When we hear the word “Institution” in this context, we are talking about the Institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.





One Narrative from Multiple Texts

Fr. Guy Oury teaches, "The Account of the Institution is reported two different ways in the Gospel narrative. According to the Pauline tradition, followed by Saint Luke, the Lord after each consecration commanded his disciples to do what he had done, in memory of him: 'Do this in memory of me' (Lk 22:19). 'Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me' (1 Cor 11:25). Saint Matthew prefaces each consecration with an invitation to partake of the bread and wine: 'Take and eat'... 'Drink from it, all of you' (Mt 26:26ff)." Fr. Oury continues, "St. Paul and St. Luke speak of the 'cup of the new covenant in my blood.' St. Matthew's rendition is more direct and abrupt: 'This is my blood of the [new] covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins'... As reported in St. Matthew, the words of institution contain what amounts to a complete doctrine of the Eucharistic celebration. They say in effect that the death of Jesus has the character of an expiatory sacrifice for the sin of the world. Beyond that, they say that the Eucharist gives us the true Body and the true Blood of the crucified Christ as our food, and by the very fact of sacramental eating of the victim it also gives us participation in Christ's own sacrifice—this by will of the Lord expressed in person..." Interestingly, "There is not a single Liturgy that adhered strictly to one of the four scriptural formulas to the exclusion of the three others. Every liturgical account of the Institution was made of borrowings from more than one text" (The Mass, pp. 91–92).

A Fuller Picture of the Last Supper

At the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples ate a ritual meal. This meal had an order of events and a progression that would have been familiar to the disciples. What we recognize now in the Mass reflects parts of the meal that Jesus changed significantly. Those changes we now see at the heart of the Mass, as the priest stands in the person of Christ. These words and actions at the heart of the Mass are the true words and actions of Jesus, the words and actions by which Jesus changes the bread and wine into the Eucharist, his true Body and Blood.

To summarize from above, if we take the four Gospels together (or, in this case, Gospels plus the writings of St. Paul), we get a fuller picture of Jesus and his life, words, and ministry. The early Church knew we shouldn't leave anything out and knew the best way to give the "whole picture" was to use all the inspired Gospels and books of the Bible. We certainly benefit from the faith and wisdom of those who have gone before us! We have in the Bible four slightly different accounts of the words and actions of the Last Supper. As we said earlier when reflecting on the Gospels, we have four different Gospels because each writer had a particular audience he was writing for. Some things would have been widely known in certain audiences and so didn't need to be written down. For example, St. Matthew didn't need to talk about Jewish meals, sacrifices, and practices because he was writing to a Jewish audience who would have known all that. On the other hand, St. Luke and St. Paul do talk about the customs more, because they were primarily writing to non-Jewish people. When it comes to the Eucharist, what is essential and what is found in each account is that Jesus, by his word, changes the bread and wine into his Body and Blood, gives Communion to the disciples, and asks them to continue this celebration. That is exactly what we do in every Mass!

For Reflection:

1. Before participating in Mass, spend time with each of the Institution Narratives in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and 1 Corinthians. Attune your mind to be attentive to the words you will hear again during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
2. In prayer, reflect on and give thanks for the religious, cultural, and familial rituals that are part of your life. Consider how you can strengthen these rituals and direct them to the Lord.

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In celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday as well as the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, we are pleased to welcome Bishop Fernandes to offer the 10:30am Mass. Bishop Fernandes will also be installing Father Dailey as Pastor at this Mass.

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**TUESDAY 13TH:
OUR SWEETNESS**

**WEDNESDAY 14TH:
OUR HOPE**

12 Noon Rosary and
Sermon

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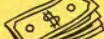


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Do you have a daughter interested in joining the American Heritage Girls? All prospective girls (K-12) are invited to join us on Easter Monday (April 21) at 10:00am at the Bridgettine Sisters Convent to assist the sisters with the spring planting in their gardens. Attendees should all come with garden gloves and towels. If you can join us, kindly RSVP by emailing ahg@saintmichael.cd.org. We hope to see many of you there!



Come and Adore

Inviting all parishioners to take an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on behalf of our parish.

Time spent in the presence of Our Lord will quickly become the most fruitful part of your week & will better equip you for all that you do in your daily life. Register at stmichael.weadorehim.com or by scanning the QR code.



SCHOOLS

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL IS HIRING

St. Michael School is seeking a full-time School Office Lead Administrative Assistant and a part-time Aftercare Assistant. Interested candidates for either position should submit a letter of interest, résumé, and references to Sr. Mary Regina, Principal, at principal@stmichaelworthington.org.

7TH GRADE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Bishop Watterson will host an information session for parents of 7th graders interested in attending Bishop Watterson High School on Wednesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. in Dominican Hall. This session will cover: the admissions process for 2026-2027, financial aid and scholarship opportunities and curriculum and course offerings. Tours will be available. Preregister at bishopwatterson.com. Bishop Watterson is located at 99 East Cooke Road.

ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Join us... starting June 2025! Sign up for a Stallion Camp (or two!). Our camps are a great way to meet new friends while improving your skills on the court or the athletic field. Check out the camps taking place this summer at SFDHS at <https://www.stallionpride.com/camps>.

BWHS SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is open for Bishop Watterson's summer art, sports, theatre and wood shop camps! Sports offered are baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, boys soccer, girls soccer, softball, track & field, boys volleyball and girls volleyball. Go to bishopwatterson.com for dates, registration and other details.



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April 2, 2025

Dear St. Michael Parishioners,

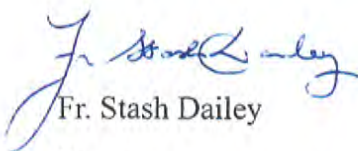
St. Michael Prekindergarten opened in 2015 to support parents in the formation and education of their children, serving the youngest members of our parish community by providing a four-year-old program. Each year since its opening, up to thirty-three children have been instructed in the truths of our Catholic faith and have received excellent academic preparation to ensure a smooth and successful transition to kindergarten.

Over its years of operation, families have consistently expressed interest in St. Michael Prekindergarten providing a program for three-year-olds in addition to its four-year-old program. A recent survey of our current St. Michael Prekindergarten and St. Michael School families showed that there continues to be a strong interest in St. Michael Prekindergarten offering a three-year-old program.

Given the need that our families have expressed, we are pleased to announce that St. Michael Prekindergarten will begin providing a program for three-year-olds for the 2025-2026 school year. This addition will take place seamlessly, with no additional spaces needed and no changes to the physical spaces already utilized by St. Michael Prekindergarten.

We wish to thank parishioners for their continued support of St. Michael Prekindergarten, St. Michael School, and all our parish ministries.

Sincerely,


Fr. Stash Dailey

Pastor


Sr. Mary Regina Whitney, O.P.

Principal

ST. CHARLES OFFERING 33 SUMMER PROGRAMS, CAMPS, AND CLASSES

This June and July, St. Charles will host 33 exciting camps and classes for students of all ages and interests. Options include co-ed camps in Robotics, Volleyball, Ice Hockey, and Basketball, for those as young as incoming 1st graders! Students can also participate in *Camp Cardinal*, a fun-filled day camp exploring the best of St. Charles, along with Baseball, Basketball Shooting, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, and Speed camps. For incoming freshmen, St. Charles also offers readiness courses in Latin, Algebra, English Preparation, and Study Skills. To register or learn more, visit www.scprep.org and select "Summer Programs" under the "Admissions" section. For questions, contact Ned Gruber at 614-804-7230 or ngruber@scprep.org.

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