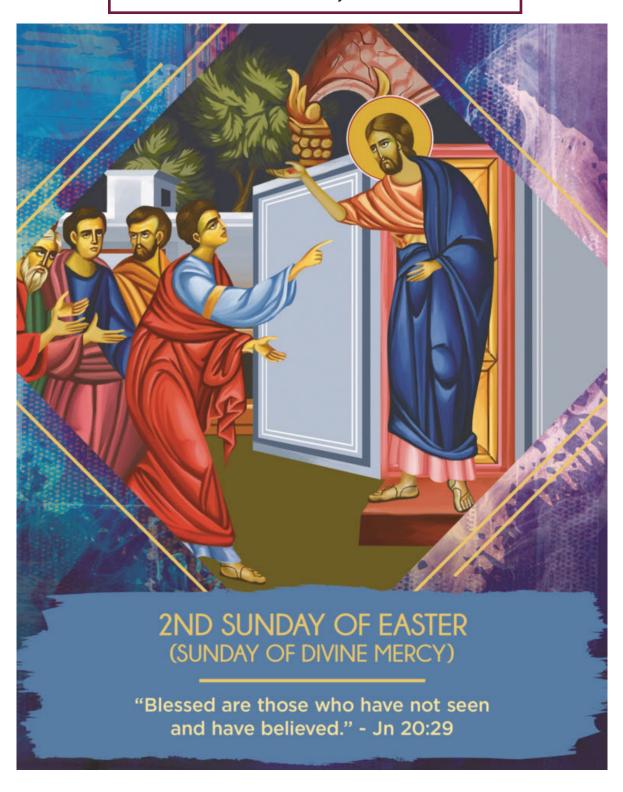


THE CHURCH OF SAINT BONIFACE

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APRIL 27, 2025



THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

APRIL 27, 2025 / SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16/ Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ John 20:19-31

It is significant that Jesus returned with his wounds intact. Not only hadn't they healed, they were just as visible and palpable as on the day he was taken from the cross. Even after he had been raised from the dead, brought to heaven, and returned to appear to the disciples in his resurrected body, he retained the wounds inflicted upon him on the day he was crucified. The Body of Christ, which we receive in the Eucharist, which is made manifest in the Church, is also physically wounded, remains physically wounded. These very real wounds continue to be present today in our sinfulness, in our suffering, and in those in need. How necessary is the gift of divine mercy we receive from one who remains wounded himself!

Question of the Week: Where and when do I recognize Christ's wounds in the body of Christ? What can I do to heal those wounds?

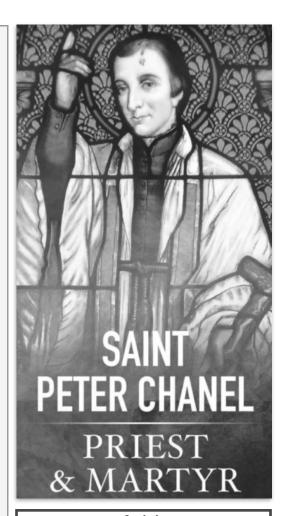
Gospel Meditation

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

> – Father John Muir ©LPi



Prayer of Divine Mercy

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!
O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!

O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!
Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

APR 26	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
APR 27	8:00 AM	HOWARD & ELLA MAY CRANE
MAY 3	4:00 PM	HERBERT & BRIAN CONNORS
MAY 4	8:00 AM	REV. ANDRE GARIEPY
MAY 10	4:00 PM	FRANK RUBINETTI
MAY 11	10:30 AM	KATHLEEN AND DANIEL CRONIN
MAY 11	10:30 AM	LOUISE GIROUARD & JANE HUNTOON
MAY 17	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
MAY 18	8:00 AM	RICHARD & FRANCES HEBERT
MAY 24	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
MAY 25	8:00 AM	RAYMOND POWERS

Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

Food Donations for the months of March and April will go to St Francis food pantry in Fitchburg. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Annual St. Anthony Novena

Annual St. Anthony Novena Nine Tuesday's – Tuesday, April 29th – June 24th .Come join us at St. Anthony Parish, 84 Salem St., Fitchburg. All Novena nights begin at 7:00 PM. Novena prayers, sermon and Benediction with veneration of the relic of Saint Anthony of Padua. Nine Tuesday, nine preachers including Deacon Sal Tantillo, Fr. Juan Ramirez, Fr. Javier Julio, Fr. Ronald Falco, Fr. James Mazzone, Deacon Mark Carrier, Fr. Jose Carvajal, Fr. Stephen Mullaney, Fr. Thiago Ibiapina. Saint Anthony's intercession is best known for helping find lost items. However, his intercession is also sought for many other reasons. The novena can be prayed for any intention. Saint Anthony will listen! Spread the word and plan to join us.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net to arrange these visits.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or contact Louise Nadeau at dinalou1@comcast.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Thomas St. George at tjstgeorge@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at tbodkin@bodkinmason.com or (508-363-3422), or email kofc16480@gmail.com.

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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website. Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.



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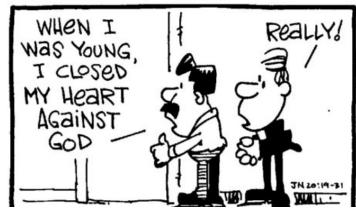




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