

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

The Priests will celebrate a private Mass for each of the particular intentions on the day indicated. In charity, he also remembers all of the parishioners and the silent intentions of their hearts. If you need Confession or Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.

Saturday, April 25th

Jane Corrette (Fr. Hahr) by her husband Bruce
John J. Roy (Fr. Robert) by his wife and children

Sunday, April 26th

Mass for the People (Fr. Hahr)
Hazel Baranowski (5th Ann) (Fr. Robert) by her husband Stan

Monday – April 27th

Rita Howard by (Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko
Special Intention (Fr. Robert) by Bill & Sally Young

Tuesday, April 28th

Lann Johnson George (Fr. Hahr) by Bill & Sally Young
Special Intention (Fr. Robert) by Deacon/Mrs Pete Gummere

Wednesday, April 29th

Raoul Houde (Fr. Hahr) by Noella Dufour
Jeanette Young & deceased family members by Bill & Sally Young

Thursday, April 30th

Intentions of the Good Shepherd Catholic School (Fr, Robert) by Fr. Robert
Patrick Cochran (Fr. Hahr) by Amy Marcinko

Friday, May 1st

Safety/Spiritual welfare of our children & deceased family members (Fr. Hahr)
Harold Elliot & deceased family members (Fr. Robert) by M/M Scott Schoppe
by Bill & Sally Young

Saturday, May 2nd

Francis & Alice Goyette (Fr. Hahr)
Gerry & Mary Ellen Goya (Fr. Robert) by Terri Binney

Sunday, May 3rd

Mass for the People (Fr. Hahr)
Richard & Anne Wilkins (Fr. Robert) by their loving family

Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Charlene Chase, Connie, Lapage, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas & Jerry Prevost.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)

Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$196,736 + **On-Line: YTD:** \$43,241

Collections and Receipts: April 19, 2020

Regular Offertory :\$1,976.00

Many thanks to those who are able to mail in their Collection Envelopes.

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!

Thank you to those who are continuing to contribute to the weekly offertory. We appreciate your ongoing support in these difficult times!

PARISH EVENTS

All Parish events are cancelled until further notice.

PLEASE NOTE: Confirmation and First Holy Communion has been postponed. The new date will be announced a.s.a.p. All students need to continue with their religious studies from home. Thank you.

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

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Daily Mass: Watch the Mass anytime on FORMED

An View from the Cross After Easter

From sermon by St Theodore the Studite: The precious and life-giving cross of Christ

How precious the gift of the cross, how splendid to contemplate! In the cross there is no mingling of good and evil, as in the tree of paradise: it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste. The fruit of this tree is not death but life, not darkness but light. This tree does not cast us out of paradise, but opens the way for our return.

This was the tree on which Christ, like a king on a chariot, destroyed the devil, the Lord of death, and freed the human race from his tyranny. This was the tree upon which the Lord, like a brave warrior wounded in his hands, feet and side, healed the wounds of sin that the evil serpent had inflicted on our nature. A tree once caused our death, but now a tree brings life. Once deceived by a tree, we have now repelled the cunning serpent by a tree. What an astonishing transformation! That death should become life, that decay should become immortality, that shame should become glory! Well might the holy Apostle exclaim: *Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world!* The supreme wisdom that flowered on the cross has shown the folly of worldly wisdom's pride. The knowledge of all good, which is the fruit of the cross, has cut away the shoots of wickedness.

The wonders accomplished through this tree were foreshadowed clearly even by the mere types and figures that existed in the past. Meditate on these, if you are eager to learn. Was it not the wood of a tree that enabled Noah, at God's command, to escape the destruction of the flood together with his sons, his wife, his sons' wives and every kind of animal? And surely the rod of Moses prefigured the cross when it changed water into blood, swallowed up the false serpents of Pharaoh's magicians, divided the sea at one stroke and then restored the waters to their normal course, drowning the enemy and saving God's own people? Aaron's rod, which blossomed in one day in proof of his true priesthood, was another figure of the cross, and did not Abraham foreshadow the cross when he bound his son Isaac and placed him on the pile of wood?

By the cross death was slain and Adam was restored to life. The cross is the glory of all the apostles, the crown of the martyrs, the sanctification of the saints. By the cross we put on Christ and cast aside our former self. By the cross we, the sheep of Christ, have been gathered into one flock, destined for the sheepfolds of heaven.

April 28th: Feast of St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

Jacob and Esau were the twin sons of Isaac, whose story is told in the 27th Chapter of the Book of Genesis. St. Louis de Montfort uses the story to teach about how those who are truly devoted to the Blessed Virgin should be:

Esau, the elder, was strong and robust of body, adroit and skillful in drawing the bow and in taking much game in the chase. He hardly ever stayed in the house; and putting no confidence in anything but his own strength and address, he worked only out of doors. He took very few pains to please his mother Rebecca, and indeed did nothing for that end. He was such a glutton and loved eating so much that he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. He was, like Cain, full of envy against his brother, and persecuted him beyond measure. Now this is the daily conduct of the reprobate. They trust in their own strength and aptitude for temporal affairs. They are very strong, very able and very enlightened in earthly business; but very weak and ignorant in heavenly things. It is on this account that they are never at all, or very seldom at their own homes- that is to say, in their own interior, which is the inward and essential house God has given each man, to live there, after His example; for God always dwells in Himself. The reprobate do not love retirement, nor spirituality, nor inward devotions; and they treat as little, or as bigots, or savages, those who are interior or retired from the world and who work more within than without.

The reprobate care next to nothing for devotion to our Blessed Lady, the Mother of the Predestinate. Indeed they sometimes praise her and say they love her, and even practice some devotion in her honor, but they have not the tenderness of Jacob for her ... they do not think devotion necessary for salvation; and they consider that, provided that they do not hate our Lady formally or openly despise her devotion, they do enough. The reprobate sell their birthright, that is to sell the pleasures of Paradise. They laugh, they drink, they dance, and take no more pains than Esau did to render themselves worthy of the blessing of the Father. In a word, they think only of the earth and they love earth only; they speak and act only for earth and for its pleasures, selling for one moment of enjoyment, their Baptismal grace, their robe of innocence and their heavenly inheritance. ...

As to Jacob, the younger son, he was of feeble constitution, meek and peaceful. He lived at the most part at home, in order to gain the good graces of his mother Rebecca, whom he loved tenderly. He loved and honored his mother. It was on this account that he kept at home. He was never so happy as when watching her. He avoided everything which could displease her, and did everything which he thought would please her; and this increased the love which Rebecca already had for him. He was subject in all things to his mother. He obeyed her in all matters, promptly, without delaying and lovingly, without complaining. At the least indication of her will, the little Jacob ran and worked; and he believed without questioning, everything she said to him. For example, when she told him to fetch two kids in order to prepare something for his father Isaac to eat, Jacob did not reply that one was enough to make a dish for a single man, but did without argument what she told him to do. He had great confidence in his dear mother, as he did not rely in the least on his own ability; he

depended exclusively on her care and protection. He appealed to her in all his necessities, and consulted her in all his doubts. For example, when he asked if instead of a blessing he should receive a curse from his father, he believed her and trusted her when she said she would take the curse upon herself. Lastly, he imitated as far as he could all the virtues he saw in his mother, who was virtuous and kept away from bad companions who corrupt the morals. By this means he made himself worthy of receiving the double blessing of his beloved father.

Such also is the conduct which the predestinate daily observes. They love retirement and are interior. They give themselves to prayer; but it is after the example and in the company of their Mother, the Holy Virgin, the whole of whose glory is within, and who during her whole life loved retirement and prayer so much. It is true that they sometimes appear without, in the world, but it is in obedience to the Will of God and that of their dear Mother, to fulfill the duties of their state. However important their outward works may be, they esteem more highly those which they do within themselves, in their interior, in the company of the Blessed Virgin. It is on this account that, while sometime their brother and sisters are working outwardly with much energy, success, and skill, in the praise and with the approbation of the world, they on the contrary know by the light of the Holy Ghost that there is far more glory, more good and joy in remaining hidden in retreat with Jesus Christ, their Model, in an entire and perfect subjection to their Mother, then to do of themselves wonders of nature and grace in the world. "Glory for God and riches for men are to be found in the house of Mary." (CF Ps. 111:3)

Lord Jesus, how sweet are Your tabernacles! The sparrow has found a house to lodge in, and the turtle dove a nest for her little ones. Oh, happy is the man who dwells in the house of Mary, where Thou was first to make Thy dwelling! The predestinate tenderly love and truly honor our blessed Mother as their good Mother and Mistress. They love her, not only in word but in truth. They honor her not only outwardly but in the depths of their hearts. They avoid, like Jacob, everything which can displease her; and they practice with fervor anything which they think will make them find favor with her. They bring to her and give her, not two kids as did Jacob to Rebecca, but their body and their soul, with all that depends on them ...

February 29th: Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena

Saint Catherine of Siena was born in 1347 in Italy. She became a third order Dominican, learned to read and write, and was known for her service to the poor and her involvement in politics. She worked for the unity of the Church and was loyal to the pope. She died April 29, 1380 at the age of thirty-three and was later proclaimed a Doctor of the Church.

"We are such value to God that He came to live among us ... and to guide us home. He will go to any length to seek us, even to being lifted high upon the cross to draw us back to Himself. We can only respond by loving God for His love." ~ St. Catherine of Siena

Happy Birthday Fr. Lively: 91 years on April 25th!

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