

*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*



*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*

### **Mailing Address for Both Churches**

PO Box 230, Windthorst, Texas 76389  
Phone (940) 423-6687 \* Fax (940) 423-6657  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm  
Closed on Tuesdays  
[www.stmarysstboniface.org](http://www.stmarysstboniface.org)  
Email: [windscot@comcell.net](mailto:windscot@comcell.net)

### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

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

### **Marriage Preparation**

contact the office at least **nine to 12 months prior**  
to wedding date

### **RCIA**

contact Fr. Michael at 423-6687

### **Funerals**

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as  
soon as possible.

### **Ministry to the Sick**

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone  
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

### **Confession**

Every Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 pm

At the Church Office

### **Hispanic Ministry**

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent  
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

### **Protecting Our Children Sessions**

Call Sharon Humpert @ 423-6283

### **Mass Schedule for the Week**

**Please wear a mask & practice social  
distancing at all Masses. Sunday & Wednesday  
services will be live-streamed.**

**Monday  
6:00 pm**

**April 12 – St. Mary's**  
†Melvin Berend by John Wolfs

**Tuesday**

**April 13 – St. Mary's**  
Father Michael's Intention

**Wednesday  
6:00 pm**

**April 14 – St. Mary's**  
Living & Deceased Members  
of K of C #1824 by K of C #1824

**Thursday  
6:00 pm**

**April 15 – St. Boniface**  
†Bob Baumer by Kenny Berends

**Friday  
3:00 pm**

**April 16 – St. Mary's**  
†Troy Pennartz by Margaret Schroeder

**Saturday**

**April 17 – St. Mary's**

**12:00 noon**

†Bill Hoffman by His Family

**5:00 pm**

†Bill Wolf by Gerald Schreibers

**7:00 pm**

Parishioners

**Sunday  
8:00 am**

**April 18 – St. Boniface**  
Welfare of Yvette Smith by Sis & Albert

**Sunday  
10:30 am**

**April 18 - St. Mary's**  
†E.A. & Pauline Hoff by The Family



**ST. MARY'S MINISTERS**  
**Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**SATURDAY APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Lectors** – Deana Vieth

**Ushers** – Doug Wolf, James Vieth Jr.,  
M.J. Geis, David Green

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Leo & Donna Hoff

**SUNDAY APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Lectors** – Kristi Veitenheimer

**Ushers** – Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder, David McCann

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Shelley Schlumpf(center)  
Dawn Vieth(choir)

**SUPPORT** – Envelopes \$820.00

Easter: Envelopes \$4540.00 Loose \$192.00

Children \$44.52 Rice Bowl \$1468.16 Holy Land \$755.00

**ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS**

**Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**SUNDAY APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Lector** – Pat Hemmi

**Ushers** – Brad Wolf & Dan Smith

**Eucharistic Ministers**– Robert & Debbie Krah

**SUPPORT** – Envelopes \$630.00 Loose \$230.00

Rice Bowl \$30.00 Holy Land \$30.00

**ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** for healing  
for Ryan Schroeder by Denise & Jerry Cooper

**BAPTISMAL CLASSES** are offered on the third Sunday of the  
month at 9:15 a.m. Classes need to be attended by Parents  
and Godparents. Baptismal classes need to be refreshed every  
three years. You may attend the class before the baby is born.  
Please call the office at 423-6687 or Diane Hubbard at 631-  
1803 to register. Thank you.

Next Baptism will be April 18<sup>th</sup> & May 30<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 Mass.

**Please call the office to schedule a date for your child's  
Baptism.**

**WINDTHORST SR. CITIZENS** meet every Tuesday at 1pm  
at the Berend Family Center for bingo & games. All are  
welcome for an afternoon of fun & socializing.

**THE THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,  
KETTLER COUNCIL #1824**, will meet on **Wednesday,**  
**April 14<sup>th</sup>** after Mass & Novena services.

**ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' SOCIETY** would like  
to invite everyone to join us on April 25, 2021 for the  
Dedication of the Ten Commandment Monument led by Father  
Michael Moloney. This ceremony will begin immediately after  
the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. Hope to see you there.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL** – Thank you to everyone who  
responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your  
gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany  
in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church  
united in Christ. **As of March 31, 2021, 112 families have  
donated for a total of \$14,139.01.** We are counting on  
every family to make a commitment in order to reach our  
parish goal of \$20,000.00. Please return a pledge card even if  
you are unable to donate. There are cards in the office & on  
the tables in Church, in case you need one.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** As flowers are removed from Church,  
they will be placed near the south sacristy doors. Please feel  
free to take and replant.

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to everyone for helping to  
make the Easter Liturgy a special celebration. Thanks to Fr.  
Michael for his dedication in making the Holy Week Services  
special for everyone. Thanks to all the Ministers—Ushers,  
Music Organists/Guitarists, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers,  
Lectors, Bell Ringers, Candle Lighters, Live Streamers and any  
others that we have overlooked. The Church was decorated  
simply throughout the Lenten Season and was highlighted at  
the Easter Vigil—thanks to all who donated money for the  
flowers and for the ladies that gave of their time to turn it into  
a beautiful Church filled arrangement. Thanks to the members  
of the Knights, Mothers' Society and CDA and Fr. Michael for  
leading the Stations of the Cross throughout Lent. Thanks to  
those who helped to cover & uncover the statues. Christ has  
Risen. Alleluia! Thanks to everyone for making this a special  
celebration in spite of the pandemic.

**THANK YOU:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Chester & Patricia  
Tracy for their generous donation to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund  
in memory of Judy Hellman.

**ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** for the  
health & complete recovery for Jennifer & Gary Julian, D. J.  
Rater & Andreas Bernhard by Jerry & Margaret Smith.

**7 DAY LIGHTS:** Blessings on all the hurting by Joyce Moer;  
Happy Easter to all the deceased, my Dad & Mom & Dwain &  
Everyone by Joyce Moer, For Our Country, Our Military & their  
families, Our parents & families, All those in pain or suffering  
by Kenneth, Laurie & Family; For safety & protection of the  
unborn. That all people will realize sanctity of life by donor;  
Paul Dossett's full healing from coronavirus complications by  
donor.

**SCOTLAND SR. CITIZENS** will meet at noon on April 11<sup>th</sup> at  
the K of C Hall. We will have a meal & play games.

**ST. BONIFACE Fatima Prayer Hour** on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:00 a.m.

**ST. BONIFACE THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
#1715** will meet on **Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 P.M.

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responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your  
gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany  
in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church  
united in Christ. **As of March 31, 2021, 26 families have  
donated for a total of \$4,485.00.** Please, please we beg of  
you, please turn in a pledge card even if you are unable to  
donate. We are counting on every family to make a  
commitment in order to reach our parish goal of \$5,500.00.  
There are pledge cards in the office & on the tables in Church,  
in case you need one. Thanks!

**THANK YOU:** St. Boniface would like to thank everyone for  
helping to make this Easter Celebration special. Thanks to Fr.  
Michael for his dedication in making the Holy Week Services  
special for everyone. Thanks to all the Ministers—Ushers,  
Music Organists/guitarist, cantors, Eucharistic Ministers,  
Lectors, and others that we have overlooked. Thanks to all  
who donated money for the flowers and for the ones that gave  
of their time to decorate the Church. Christ has Risen. Alleluia!  
Thanks to everyone for making this a special celebration in  
spite of the pandemic.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

**THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE** is in the home of Lester Anderle Family the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>. They as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

April 25<sup>th</sup>                      Joey Schroeder Family

May 2<sup>nd</sup>                         Caroline Anderle

**Confessions:** Father Michael will be hearing confessions on Saturdays at the Church Office from 3:00 to 4:00pm or by appointment.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** April 11th, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration & Benediction will be at St. Mary's at 3PM.

**MASS TIMES:** Friday Masses will be at 3:00 pm. Monday Masses will be at 6:00 pm. **PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.**

**ACTS OF CHARITY:** Please wear a mask at all Masses and practice social distancing (3 ft. apart). This is an act of charity to our neighbors when we practice social distancing & wear a mask.

**NOTICE:** Due to the coronavirus surge, we would like to ask that you call the office to make an appointment for any type of transaction, such as a visit with Father Michael, book the hall (For the future), or any type of concern you might have at this time. First of all it is to make sure the person you would like to speak with is in the office the time you plan to come by. We also ask that you wear a mask. This is for the protection of all concerned..we have the health and safety of our visitors in mind. You may continue to drop off bulletin notices, requests for lights in the slot of the office door. You may also drop off your stewardship donations if you would like. Even though the Church is serving a 50% capacity, the bills still continue. Thank you for your understanding.

**SCAM ALERT:** There is still a scam going on. Fr. Michael is not texting anyone for gift cards/money etc. Please be aware!

**CCD:** Classes are Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. at 7:25AM. Friday Liturgy of the Word at 7:25AM in Church. Wednesday evening there is a Youth Mass for K-12 at 6PM.

**RCIA CLASS:** Sundays at 7 pm in the parish hall.

**V.F.W. LADIES AUXILIARY** – The Scotland-Windthorst Post #2676 will meet **Monday APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 p.m.

**V. F. W.** will meet **Monday, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** meet Wednesdays after Mass & Novena services.

**1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION SESSION** is Sundays at 5pm for parents & their child. The meeting is in the St. Mary's Church.

**CONFIRMATION** will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm at St. Mary's.

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-** Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. For dates for "virtual" Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org>. For more information e-mail [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call Brian and Tina Little 281-773-9014. Somos como Tomas y dudamos del poder de Dios? Aprende las herramientas para poner a Dios en tu Sacramento del Matrimonio. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmddf@gmail.com](mailto:emmddf@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." – ACTS 4:32**

**All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.**



**MUENSTER, TEXAS GERMANFEST 2021:** Experience Germanfest in Heritage Park, 301 N. Ash St., Muenster, TX. Featuring exciting events, great entertainment, delicious food & drink, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>. Purchase tickets online at [muensterchamber.com](http://muensterchamber.com).

**10 DAY IRELAND PILGRIMAGE  
HOSTED BY FATHER MICHAEL MOLONEY  
October 18 – October 27, 2021**

**11 DAY ITALY PILGRIMAGE  
Including the Passion Play of  
Oberammergau in Germany!  
September 5 – September 15, 2022**



**ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS:** Our Mothers, Gerald's Complete Healing, Jim & Geneva Simpson, Terry & Carol Sales by Gerald & Sherry Berend; Florence & Lester Anderle, Gerald & Sherry Berend, Our Family, Healing for Mom, Ryan, Tammy, Ricky, Josh, Jim & Geneva, Carol Sales by Denise & Jerry Cooper; Healing for Ricky, Linette, Tammy, Geneva & Jim by Mom; Healing for Josh, Ryan, Rick Fleitman by Grandma; Our Sick Members, For an increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations by CDA #296

**YEARLY LIGHTS:** Terry & Carol Sales by Ray & Dorothy Berend; +Jerry Anderle by Marsha, Victoria & Rachel; +Leroy Anderle by Caroline & Family; +Bill Wolf by Vinie; +Dale Barrett by Family; +Clarence & +Dorothy Wolf by Family; Ed & Alvina Veitenheimer by Family; +Gus Berend, +Nell Vieth by James & Deana Vieth; +Joe & +Magdalena Lindemann by Family; For Fr. Michael, For +Henry & Mildred Pennartz Family by Hillary & Roy; For all battling cancer by Charles & Joyce Vieth; In memory of +Janice, +Ed & +Catherine, +Lois Luig, +Nancy Luig Carr & +Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig Family; For World Peace & 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 Zotz Family, Terry & Kathy & Family, Dolores Sumner & 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; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & For +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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Branch #36 of Scotland

### REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

**Lester Anderle,** Conner Berardi, Chuck Berend, Gerald Berend, Nellie Berend, Patience Blake, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Mabel Bowlden, Al Cabrera, David Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, Brandy Evans, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Rick Fleitman, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Tootsie Gardner, Jerry Green, Louise Green, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Artie Hallenbeck, Betty Hammack, Betty Hilbers, Gary Humpert, Pat Humpert, Billie Hoff, Debbie Hoff, Ernie Hoff, JoAnn Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Libby Ingram, Donnie Johnson, Gary Julian, C.D. Knobloch, Elsie Koetter, Beatrice "Tootsie" Kuntz, Misty Lindley, Agnes Loran, Karen Lowe, Louis Lowe, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Hans Meyer, Madi Scogin, Skylar Mueller, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Jerry Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Nancy Pennartz, Sgt. Kelly Perry, Colby Peterson, Gina Phillips, Phillip Rafferty, Dawson Reynolds, Bradley Rodgers, Carol Sales, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Grady Schenk, Sr., Paul Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Agnes Schreiber, Fern Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Roxanne Schreiber, Alex Schroeder, Hans Schroeder, Lauren Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Mary Lou Schroeder, Rosalee Schroeder, Ryan Schroeder, Helen Seigler, Henri Seto, Debbie Shifflett, Geneva Simpson, Jim Simpson, Lisa Smith, Yvette Smith, Weldon Snyder, Kelly Summitt, Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Ann Veitenheimer, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, John Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, James Vieth, Tim Vieth, David Williams, Debbie Williams, Charles Winkles, Joe Witten, Sarah Witten, Jim Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Bruce Zotz, Chuck Zotz, Harola Zotz.

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen

**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), 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), 1<sup>st</sup> 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



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2021

St. Mary's/St. Boniface

## One Minute Meditations

### For His love

Each day, offering our very best to God raises all of our efforts to the level of a prayer. He rewards our dedication with peace, joy, and awareness of His presence in all that we do.

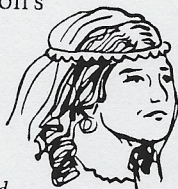
### Choose companions well

Delilah had to know the secret of Samson's strength but God had forbidden him to reveal it. *"And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death"* (Judges 16:16). He gave in and it was his undoing. Don't let anyone – friend or family – pressure you into violating God's commandments.

### Hold hope

*"When a man has died, were he to live again, all the days of my drudgery I would wait, until my relief should come"* Job 14:14.

Despite all his misery, Job clung to the one truth that also gives us hope – salvation. God offers the hope of being with Him forever.



## Open the gifts of Easter throughout the year

Easter is the highest Sunday throughout the year, but each Sunday is a chance to celebrate a "little Easter." We can live the gifts of the Resurrection each Sunday of the year:

**Death doesn't have the last word.** Easter means that we can face each day with joy, knowing that Jesus paved the way to Heaven for those who choose to follow Him. Refuse to worry about earthly matters and share your joy with friends, family, colleagues.

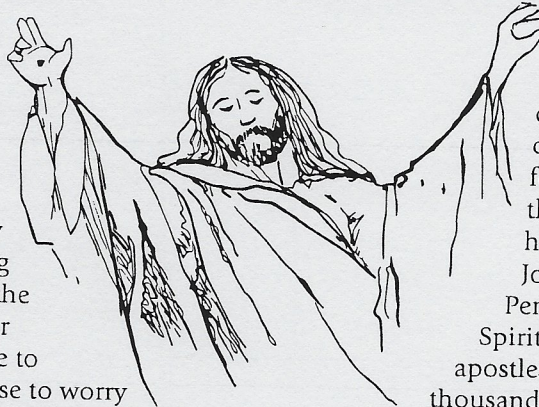
**Jesus offers peace the world can't give.** Jesus ascended to Heaven and left everything behind. We follow his example when we detach from worldly concerns and care more about God's

will than our own. If we seek God before everything else, we can join Him in His Heavenly kingdom.

**We place our faith in the Holy**

**Spirit.** "Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him" (Pope St. John Paul II). At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to bring thousands to Baptism. Call upon the Holy Spirit to help you bring Jesus to others through words, actions, and compassion.

**Forgiveness is ours for the asking.** Jesus bore the punishment for our sins. That means no matter what we have done, Jesus is ready to forgive. All we have to do is ask.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

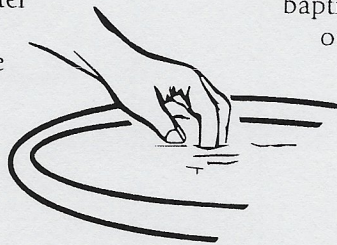
The practice of blessing oneself with holy water harkens back to the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews, who had to bathe before entering the temple.

Today, when we bless ourselves with

## Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

holy water, it brings to mind our own baptism. It was at our baptism that our souls were washed clean of original sin and we were officially made members of the Church. We also received the gift of faith.

In blessing ourselves, we renew our baptismal promise.





# Creciendo en la Fe

Descubriendo esperanza y gozo en la fe católica.

Abril de 2021

St. Mary's/St. Boniface

## Meditaciones breves

### Por su amor

Cuando cada día ofrecemos lo mejor de nosotros mismos a Dios, nuestros esfuerzos son elevados al nivel de oración. Él premia nuestra dedicación con paz, alegría y con la consciencia de su presencia en todo lo que hacemos.

### Elijan bien su compañía

Dalila insistía en conocer el secreto de la fuerza de Sansón, pero Dios le había prohibido a Sansón que lo revelara. *"Como siguiera molestándolo y acosándolo todos los días con la misma pregunta, creyó que se iba a morir"* (Jueces 16:16). Él cedió y ello fue su ruina. No dejen que nadie —amigos o familiares— los presione a violar los mandamientos de Dios.

### Tengan esperanza

*"Un hombre, una vez muerto, ¿podrá revivir?. Entonces yo esperaré, todos los días de mi servicio, hasta que llegue mi relevo"* (Job 14:14). A pesar de su desgracia, Job se agarró a la verdad que nos da esperanza: la salvación. Dios nos ofrece la esperanza de estar con él para siempre.

## Abra los dones de la Pascua a lo largo del año

La Pascua es el domingo más solemne de todo el año, pero cada domingo es una ocasión de celebrar una "pequeña Pascua". Podemos vivir los dones de la Resurrección cada domingo del año:

La muerte no tiene la última palabra. El significado de la Pascua es que podemos hacer frente a cada día con alegría, sabiendo que Jesús allanó el camino al Cielo para quienes eligen seguirlo. Niéguese a preocuparse por asuntos terrenales y compartan su alegría con amigos, familia y colegas.

Jesús ofrece la paz que el mundo no puede dar. Jesús ascendió al Cielo y dejó atrás todo. Nosotros seguimos su ejemplo cuando nos alejamos de las preocupaciones terrenales y nos ocupamos más de la voluntad de Dios que de la nuestra. Si buscamos ante todo

a Dios, podemos unirnos a él en su reino celestial.

Ponemos nuestra fe en el Espíritu Santo. "Los que han estado en contacto

genuino con Cristo no pueden guardárselo sólo para ellos, deben proclamarlo"

(Papa San Juan Pablo II). En Pentecostés, el Espíritu Santo inspiró a los

apóstoles a que bautizaran a miles de

personas. Invoquen al Espíritu Santo para que les

ayude a llevar a Jesús a los

demás mediante palabras, obras

y compasión.

El perdón se nos da sólo con pedirlo. Jesús soportó el castigo por nuestros pecados. Esto significa que hagamos lo que hagamos, Jesús está dispuesto a perdonar. Lo único que debemos hacer es pedirselo.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué se santiguan los católicos con agua bendita?

La costumbre de santiguarse con agua bendita se remonta a los lavados rituales de los judíos del Antiguo Testamento, los cuales debían lavarse antes de entrar en el templo.

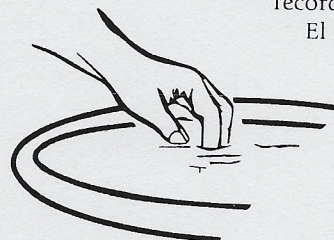
Hoy, cuando nos

santiguamos con agua bendita, recordamos nuestro propio bautismo.

El bautismo lavó nuestras almas del pecado original y nos

convertimos oficialmente en miembros de la Iglesia.

También recibimos el don de la fe. Al santiguarnos renovamos nuestra promesa bautismal.





## Contemplan el Cielo a lo largo del día

Santa Teresa de Lisieux explicaba: "Para mí la oración es un oleaje del corazón, una simple mirada al Cielo, es un grito de reconocimiento y de amor, que acepta tanto las dificultades como la alegría". Añadir plegarias breves y sinceras a nuestras actividades cotidianas nos ayuda a levantar la vista al cielo a lo largo del día:

La oración de Jesús – "Señor Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios, ten misericordia de mí, pecador". Procure repetirla 100 veces al día.

"Enséñame, Señor, a hacer tu voluntad pues tú eres mi Dios". Diga esto al empezar una tarea, un



trabajo o un proyecto.

"Que las almas de los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz". Una oración por las almas del Purgatorio.

"Jesús, manso y humilde de corazón, haz mi corazón semejante al tuyo". Rece esto para pedir humildad y amor.

"Reza por nosotros, Santa Madre de Dios, para que seamos merecedores de las promesas de Cristo". Ella está siempre dispuesta a ayudar.

"Que se cumpla tu voluntad". Es lo que dijo Jesús.

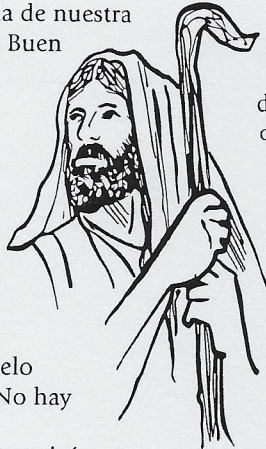
## de las Escrituras

### Juan 10:11-18, Dios es el Buen Pastor

Este pasaje evangélico habla de nuestra relación con Dios. Jesús es el Buen Pastor y nosotros somos su rebaño.

Hoy la sociedad nos dice que es bueno ser independiente y no rendir cuentas a nadie. Se nos anima a que nos demos placeres y sigamos nuestros deseos. Sin embargo, no hay nadie a quien acudir en busca de orientación y consuelo cuando las cosas se tuercen. No hay pastor.

En tiempos de Jesús un pastor vivía con las ovejas, las cuidaba y hasta se arriesgaba para protegerlas. Las atendía en un rebaño



por seguridad, por protegerlas de los predadores. El pastor era alguien conocido y de confianza, de modo que las ovejas conocían su voz y lo seguían a él y no a otra persona.

Jesús es el Buen Pastor para toda la humanidad. En este pasaje evangélico Jesús definió el papel del pastor. Predijo cómo él desempeñaría ese papel al dar la vida por sus ovejas. Pero miró más allá del redil de Israel. Su esperanza es tener un rebaño y un solo

pastor para todo el mundo. Ese rebaño es la Iglesia que él fundó.

## P & R ¿Por qué debo participar en la misa si no es obligatorio?

En muchas diócesis del país la obligación de asistir a misa en persona sigue en suspenso mientras dure la pandemia. Aun así, encontrar el modo de celebrar la Eucaristía—en persona, si se

puede hacer sin riesgo, o en la red—proporciona beneficios espirituales en tiempos difíciles.

"Hagan esto en memoria mía" es el único mandato directo que Dios dio a sus seguidores. Esto

significa que Dios es quien inicia este encuentro con nosotros. Y cuando Dios nos pide que hagamos algo, lo sensato es hacerlo.

**Santificar el día.** Participar en la misa dominical nos ayuda a satisfacer la obligación del Tercer Mandamiento de respetar la santidad del domingo y de santificar el día.

**Usted es una persona bautizada necesitada por su comunidad.** "Pues donde están dos o tres reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos" (Mateo 18:20). Ayudamos a adorar a Dios simplemente con nuestra presencia.

**Nos lo llevamos a casa.** La homilía da relevancia a nuestras vidas mediante el evangelio. Así tenemos algo en lo que concentrarnos durante la semana.

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## Fiestas y celebraciones

**4 de abril – Domingo de Pascua.** La solemnidad que celebra la resurrección de Jesús. Es la festividad más importante del año litúrgico.

**11 de abril – San Estanislao (1079).** Obispo de Cracovia en 1072, san Estanislao trató de reformar al violento y depravado rey de Polonia, Boleslao. Al fallar sus esfuerzos, excomulgó al rey. Boleslao se vengó asesinando al santo cuando celebraba misa.

**11 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 se convirtiera en la

"Fiesta de la Misericordia". Jesús prometió que todo el que lo honre como Rey de la Misericordia y rece la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia—la oración que dio a santa Faustina—recibirá gracias especiales y gran misericordia.

**21 de abril – San Anselmo (1109).** Nacido en Italia, de jovencito san Anselmo vivió una vida despreocupada en la corte. Tras la muerte de su madre se hizo monje en Francia y a desgana se convirtió en arzobispo de Canterbury. Fue desterrado por oponerse a la intromisión del rey en los asuntos de la Iglesia.





April 10, 2021 – May 7, 2021

**SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

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**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

<p><b>SATURDAY APRIL 10</b> St. Mary's Mass 12:00 noon Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Spanish Mass 7:00PM Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY APRIL 11</b> <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration &amp; Benediction St. Mary's 3PM Scotland Sr. Citizens Noon @ K of C Hall 1st Communion Session /Parent &amp; Child RCIA class 7PM Parish Hall</p>	<p><b>MONDAY APRIL 12</b> <b>Church Office closed</b> Mass St. Mary's 6:00 pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing VFW/VFW Aux. 7pm</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY APRIL 13</b> CCD 7:25AM Mass St. Mary's St. Boniface Fatima Prayer hr. 10am <b>Church Office closed</b> Sr. Citizens 1pm</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY APRIL 14</b> CCD 7:25AM K-12 Youth Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed. 3rd Degree K of C #1824 3rd Degree K of C #1715 Confirmation class after Mass</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY APRIL 15</b> CCD 7:25am Mass St. Boniface 6:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY APRIL 16</b> Liturgy of the Word 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY APRIL 17</b> St. Mary's Mass 12:00 noon Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Spanish Mass 7:00PM Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY APRIL 18</b> <b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed 1st Communion Session /Parent &amp; Child RCIA class 7PM Parish Hall</p>	<p><b>MONDAY APRIL 19</b> CCD 7:25AM Mass St. Mary's 6:00 pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY APRIL 20</b> CCD 7:25AM Mass St. Mary's <b>Church Office closed</b> Sr. Citizens 1pm</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY APRIL 21</b> CCD 7:25AM K-12 Youth Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed. Confirmation class after Mass CDA after Mass</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY APRIL 22</b> CCD 7:25am Mass St. Boniface 6:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY APRIL 23</b> Liturgy of the Word 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY APRIL 24</b> St. Mary's Mass 12:00 noon Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Spanish Mass 7:00PM Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing Special Collection: Catholic Home Mission Collection</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY APRIL 25</b> <b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed Mothers' Society Dedication after 10:30 Mass Catholic Home Mission Collection 1st Communion Session /Parent &amp; Child RCIA class 7PM Parish Hall</p>	<p><b>MONDAY APRIL 26</b> Mass St. Mary's 6:00 pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing 4th Degree K of C after Mass</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY APRIL 27</b> CCD 7:25AM Mass St. Mary's <b>Church Office closed</b> Sr. Citizens 1pm</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY APRIL 28</b> CCD 7:25AM K-12 Youth Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed. Confirmation class after Mass</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY APRIL 29</b> CCD 7:25AM. Mass St. Boniface 6:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY APRIL 30</b> Liturgy of the Word 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY MAY 1</b> St. Mary's Mass 8:00 AM Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Spanish Mass 7:00PM Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing 2nd Collection: Seminarian Education Fund</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY MAY 2</b> <b>GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed CONFIRMATION 4:00PM Seminarian Education Fund Collection 1st Communion Session /Parent &amp; Child RCIA Class 7PM Parish Hall</p>	<p><b>MONDAY MAY 3</b> CCD 7:25AM Mass St. Mary's 6:00 pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY MAY 4</b> CCD 7:25AM Mass St. Mary's <b>Church Office closed</b> Sr. Citizens 1pm</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY MAY 5</b> CCD 7:25AM K-12 Youth Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed. Family Life &amp; Mission Outreach @5 Confirmation Mystagogy / St. Mary's Mothers' Society after Mass</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY MAY 6</b> CCD 7:25AM Mass St. Boniface 6:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing. Food Distribution 9-11am</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY MAY 7</b> 1st Friday Liturgy of the Word 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please wear a mask &amp; practice social distancing.</p>



**Sunday, Apr 11, 2021**

SOLENNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### **Hold onto the holy memories**

It's unlikely that those who survive the pandemic will look back on these days with much nostalgia. Sickness and loss, fear and division, stress and isolation: The consequences will be with us for a generation. Yet emerging from the tragedy were also instances of humanity, decency, and heroism that echoed the time of the first apostles. We've shared food, masks, information, errands, toilet paper, songs. We've gathered on balconies and in virtual rooms. We've found ways to pray and to encourage. This Divine Mercy Sunday, give thanks for those who have helped you through this and every crisis.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (44).  
*"No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common."*

**Monday, Apr 12, 2021**

EASTER WEEKDAY

### **Stand with those who stood for you**

Though you may not remember it, your Baptism was an extremely important day in your life—the beginning of your life in Christ. Your godparents represented you that day, speaking on your behalf if you were a baby. Perhaps later you became a godparent to others. Whether you're still close or have drifted apart over time, reach out to your godparents or godchildren and reminisce about that day. Talk about the role you have played in each other's spiritual life and pray together for deepening conversion. Promise to keep on praying for each other in our ever-growing identity as children of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 (267). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."*

**Tuesday, Apr 13, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN I, POPE, MARTYR

### **The dilemma of indifference**

The Eastern Church began exploring monotheletism, the notion that Jesus had only a divine will, despite being both human and divine, in the 600s. Pope Martin I issued a reprimand, opposing this heresy. This angered the Eastern emperor, who had the sickly Martin dragged to Constantinople for trial. The pontiff was beaten, starved, and exiled, leading to his death. But Martin also blamed a Western Church that never came to his rescue. "I am surprised at the indifference," he wrote, of "those who belong to the church of Saint Peter." Ask for Martin's intercession today, for all who suffer indifference.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268). *"The community of believers was of one heart and mind."*

**Wednesday, Apr 14, 2021**

EASTER WEEKDAY

### **Let your life be your witness**

How do you live your faith? Some days may be harder than others, but rarely, if ever nowadays, will the effort to be a faithful follower of Jesus land someone in jail or cost them their life. Yet that was the fate of the early disciples who insisted on proclaiming the stories of Jesus' life, death, and rising. There are 20th-century martyrs as well (Blessed Stanley Rother, Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, the martyrs of El Salvador among others), but faith calls

all of us to kindness to all people, fairness in the face of injustice, trust in God's promised Spirit, and a constant willingness to see the face of God in our neighbors. Do people recognize you as a follower of Jesus by the way you live?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269). *"The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area and are teaching the people."*

**Thursday, Apr 15, 2021**

EASTER WEEKDAY

### **Be up to the tax at hand**

Taxes are due today, an obligation that few people savor and yet all of us rely on. Catholics can feel proud to promote the common good by paying taxes for schools, roads, parks, healthcare, and other social benefits. In their pastoral letter, *Economic Justice for All*, the U.S. bishops go even further, saying: "The tax system should be continually evaluated in terms of its impact on the poor." If you feel disheartened by the paperwork or the cost of taxes, take heart that despite any flaws in the system, taxes help build the commonwealth.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-36 (270). *"The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him."*

**Friday, Apr 16, 2021**

EASTER WEEKDAY

### **A God of his word**

Poor communication is the main reason relationships fail. If it isn't clear what is being promised, then it is easy to become disillusioned when expectations aren't met. People who lose faith in God often point to God's untrustworthiness: They asked for something and didn't receive it. Hence, they conclude that God is not to be trusted. But remember the promise of God is love. Look around; wherever you see love—even a love lost—you see God's promise fulfilled. As Saint Augustine put it: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others." Help embody God's love today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271). *"This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."*

**Saturday, Apr 17, 2021**

EASTER WEEKDAY

### **Call a deacon**

The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek word *diákonos*, meaning "one who serves at table," found in today's first reading. The office of deacon endured for several centuries after its origin in Acts. But eventually the diaconate was reduced to a temporary stage of ordination to the priesthood. After Vatican II the permanent diaconate was revived. Today many men, most married although some single, enter the diaconate through the sacrament of Holy Orders. They serve their parishes and assist their pastors in many ways both social and liturgical. Perhaps you know someone who would make a good deacon. Give him a call.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272). *"It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table."*

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



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