

April 26, 2020
3rd Sunday of Easter
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic worshipping community, dedicated to ministering to our members and to the greater community in the image given to us by Jesus. This ministry is centered on the Sacraments and our Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.



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What is Spiritual Communion?

Spiritual Communion is the practice of desiring union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is used primarily by individuals who cannot receive Holy Communion, such as the ill, the divorced and remarried, and those who have not yet been received into full communion with the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace Him” at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive Him in Sacramental Communion.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

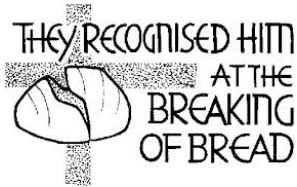
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

– *Pedro de la Cruz*



Mass Intentions Week of April 26, 2020

DATE	NO PUBLIC MASS	INTENTION / DONOR	READINGS
MON. APR. 27 <i>Easter Weekday</i>		+Mary Louise Slezak Dan Martin	Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
TUES. APR. 28 <i>St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr</i> <i>St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</i>		Special Intention	Acts 7:51 – 8:1a Jn 6:30--35
WED. APR. 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i>		+Margaret Pasierb Family	Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40
THURS. APR. 30 <i>St. Pius V, Pope</i>		+Berniece Oleksak Walter & Connie Tomassetti	Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
FRI. MAY 1 First Friday <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>		+Corey Leech 3 rd Anniversary Uncle Joe & Aunt Dolores	Gn 1:26 – 2:3 Mt 13:54-58
SAT. MAY 2 <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>		+Edward Petak George Felix Family	Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69
SAT. MAY 2 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>		+Elizabeth Dadey 22 nd Anniversary Son, Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10
SUN. MAY 3 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>		Parishioners & Benefactors +Paul Spisak, Sr Ed & Kay Paige	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10



*Families and the Gospel...*Lk 24:13-35 – In today’s Gospel the Disciples were returning home so “downcast” they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don’t see God with us. Today’s Gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.

**GETTING CHUMMY WITH THE SAINTS
WITNESSES TO THE FAITH AND COMPANIONS ON OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH**

Tuesday, April 28 – St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr – died 1841; French Marist missionary on the Pacific Islands of Wallis and Futuna where he was martyred; destroyed cult of evil spirits; Protomartyr and patron of Oceania.

Tuesday, April 28 - St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest – died 1716; from Brittany; studied at Saint Sulpice; hospital chaplain and founder of the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom; apostolic missionary whose preaching

led to a spiritual revival in his native Brittany; established numerous confraternities for the recitation of the Rosary; founded (1705) the Missionaries of the Company of Mary [S.M.M.], today numbering about 876 Religious; chief work: *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*.

Wednesday, April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church – died 1380; O.P. tertiary, mystic, and author (*The Dialogue*); peacemaker within the Church and renewer of Religious life; worked toward ending the Avignon Papacy under Gregory XI (1377); declared Doctor of the Church in 1970; patroness of Italy and, together with St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, co-patroness of Europe.

Thursday, April 30 – St. Pius V, Pope – died May 1, 1572; O.P. who implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent; promulgated the *Roman Catechism*, the *Roman Missal*, and the *Roman Breviary*, whose 1962 editions may be used according to the norms of the 2007 *motu proprio, Summorum Pontificum*, of Pope Benedict XVI; canonized May 22, 1712.

Friday, May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker – May 1 was the celebration of “May Day” by the Communists. To counter this secular celebration of what work meant to them, in 1955 Servant of God Pope Pius XII instituted this Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. It also had another main purpose – to increase devotion to the Saint who was the model of workers, providing for his wife Mary and foster Son Jesus. It also reminded about the dignity of work. In 2005 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI noted: “It is necessary to live a spirituality that helps believers to sanctify themselves through their work, imitating St. Joseph, who had to provide with his own hands for the daily needs of the Holy Family and whom, consequently, the Church holds up as Patron of workers.” Then Pope St. John Paul II the Great focused on St. Joseph in *Redemptoris Custos* (Guardian of the Redeemer). He taught us: “If the Family of Nazareth is an example and model for human families, in the order of salvation and holiness; so too, by analogy, is Jesus’ work at the side of Joseph the carpenter. In our own day, the Church has emphasized this by instituting the liturgical memorial of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1.” Then Pope John Paul II the Great added, “Human work, and especially manual labor, receive special prominence in the Gospel...At the workbench where he plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work closer to the mystery of the Redemption.”



Saturday, May 2 – St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church – died 373; forty-five years the Bishop of Alexandria; champion of Nicea (325); prolific polemicist against the Arians who exiled him five times; one of the four Great Doctors of the Eastern Church; wrote *On the Incarnation*, the *Discourse Against the Arians*, and the *Life of Antony*; known as the “Doctor of the Incarnation.”

Thank you Parishioners who are continuing to send in/bring in your offering envelopes. It is deeply appreciated! God Bless! fr. Anthony Francis

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czrynik, Verne Esposito, LeAnn Golby, Caleb Herdman, Alicia Junghans, John Kasper, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Margaret Murray, Carl Pavlosky, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobacky, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Sheila Weppner, Dorothy Youchak.

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SALUTE TO THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND A REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS

May God bless these brave men and women who serve God and Country.

Ensign Adam Guarino, USCG; Master at Arms 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas, Fallon, NV; Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins, US Army; Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Rambish, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; Major Melinda Rowan Corallo, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV; HMC David Bakos, US Navy; PFC; Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor, USMC; Private 1st Class Zack Taylor, US Army; Trista L. Urban, PFC, Army National Guard; Jared N. Dull, HM3, US Navy, Quantico, Va.; Stefanie Kollar, TSgt. Air Force, Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Fr. Don Fullerton, USS Enterprise, Airman 1st Class Maxwell Schutte, F. E. Warren, WY; Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath, Captain Aaron Donahey, US Army, Fort Stewart, GA; Petty Officer 1st Class Heather

L. Dovala, Great Lakes, IL.; **Sgt. Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **Ens. Kara Yingling**, Pentagon; **Lt. JG Shannon Yingling**; **S/SSgt Devon Gilbert**, Tinker AFB, OK; **Senior Airman Daniel Christner**, USAF, 193rd Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; **2nd Lt. Colin Harrington**, US Army, Bethesda, MD; **2nd Lt. Ryan Powers**, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; **Senior Airman Anthony Rosage**, USAF; Fort Gordon, GA; **Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken**, USAF, deployed to Kobal Afghanistan; **Spc. Adken Torchia**, US Army, Fort Drum, NY; **Sgt. Lucas Tomak**, US Army, Fort Hood, TX; **Lt. Kenneth Yacynych**, US Army, Fort Lewis, WA; **Cpl Elliott Mulvehill**, USMC, New River, NC.; **Senior Airman Jeremy Williams**, Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan; **Kasey Meredith**, O.C.S., USMC, Quantico, VA.; **Pvt. Harrison Barham**, US Army, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.; **Cpl. Aunna Yingling**, US Army, Afghanistan; **Petty Officer 2nd Class, Gage Pollino**, US Navy.
To add a name to our Salute to those in the Military, please call 539-1632. If a person is no longer serving on active or reserve duty, please call the Parish Office to remove his/her name.

A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline and courage and bring them home safely to their loved ones. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

Prayer Against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask You to guard and protects us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers healing the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May Your Precious Blood be our defense and salvation. By Your Grace, may You turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to Your infinite mercy. Amen. – *Pedro de la Cruz*