

**Third Sunday
of Easter**

19 april 2015



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



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HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

april

19 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (BSA Troop 1410).
Noon, ESL Classes, Parish Life Center, 203.
CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, PLC.
SCRIP sales after all Masses, except 2pm Mass.
KOC Kovar drive after all Masses.

20 Monday, Easter Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program.

21 Tuesday, Easter Weekday (Saint Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

10am, CCW General Meeting, Courtyard Meeting Room.
7:30pm, Life in the Spirit Prayer Gathering, Courtyard Meeting Room.

22 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Women's group, Courtyard Room.

23 Thursday, Easter Weekday (St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, 100.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Ctr, 204.

24 Friday, Easter Weekday (Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr)

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms Group), JP II House.

25 Saturday, Easter Weekday

9am, Spanish Prayer Workshop, Courtyard Meeting Room.
Noon, CCW **Mother-Daughter Tea**, Parish Life Center (See page 9 for more information).
SCRIP on sale after 5pm Mass.
CYM Flower Sale after all Masses, proceeds go to WorkCamp.
6:30pm, Saint Mary **Parish Night Out**, UMW Jepson Center.

26 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Vocations Sunday

Coffee Shop after morning Masses, Parish Life Center (Girl Scout Troop).
CYM Flower Sale after all Masses, proceeds go to WorkCamp.
11:30, New Family Welcome meeting, Church and Parish Life Center.
Noon, ESL Classes, Parish Life Center, 203.
2pm Spanish Mass for Vocations with Bishop Loverde, followed by reception in Parish Life Center.
CYM Dinner and HS Youth Group following 5pm Mass, PLC.
SCRIP sales after all Masses, except 2pm Mass.

27 Monday, Easter Weekday

7:30pm, RCIA/RICA program.

28 Tuesday, Easter Weekday (Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest)

7:15pm, Introduction to Renewed Life in the Spirit, Parish Life Center.

29 Wednesday, Easter Weekday (Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church)

6pm, YOUCAT, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Keeping in Balance Women's group, Courtyard Room.

30 Thursday, Easter Weekday (Saint Pius V, Pope)

9:30am, CCW Craft Group, Parish Life Center, 100.
7pm, Spanish Prayer Group, John Paul II House.
7:15pm, Choosing the Better Part Bible Study, Parish Life Ctr, 204.

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1 Friday, Easter Weekday (Saint Joseph the Worker)

9:30am, St. Anne's Sisters in Faith (Moms Group), JP II House.

nota bene (*note well, please*):

✠ Sister Susan Louise, Principal of Holy Cross Academy, invites you to **Come and See Holy Cross Academy** Tuesday, April 21 at 9am in the school library. Learn about our school and all it has to offer. Tours of the elementary and middle schools will be available.

✠ The Council of Catholic Women **Mother / Daughter Tea** is April 25. It is for you, moms and daughters, please come and enjoy a day together. See page 9 for more information.

✠ **Vocations Sunday at Saint Mary** is April 26, and we will welcome Bishop Loverde to join us for the Spanish Mass that weekend. Father J. D. Jaffe, Vocations Director for the Diocese, will offer the homily at all Masses.

✠ Have you ever wanted to go on a safari to see the "big five"? **Join us on pilgrimage with our Oblate Sisters as we go to South Africa** to dedicate their convent which we helped to build! We will visit the Sisters' missions in South Africa and Namibia. For information, call Fr. Rooney or find the information on our parish website. July 14-25, 2015. stmaryfred.org/pilgrimage-to-south-africa/

✠ Keep up on what is happening by subscribing to our home page, lower right corner, www.stmaryfred.org/

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SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 5 & 7pm
Sunday 7, 8:30, 10:30am, 12:30, 2pm (Spanish), 5pm, 7:01pm
10:30am at Holy Cross Academy

DAILY MASS Mon.-Fri.: 6:30 & 9am; Sat., 9am
First Friday 8pm
Holy Days of Obligation, as announced

DEVOTIONS Adoration & Benediction, Wed., 7-9pm
Novena with Exposition, Mon., 7-7:30pm
All Night Adoration, First Friday
Miraculous Medal Novena, Mon., after 9am Mass
Divine Mercy, Wed., 3pm

CONFESSION Wed., 7-9pm; Sat., 8am & 3:30pm, or by appt.

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BAPTISMS Parish registration (90 days) and class required.
Please contact the parish office to schedule the date at least four weeks in advance.

MARRIAGE Parish registration required; contact parish six months in advance to begin preparation.

JOIN US New Family Registration meetings held in the church on fourth Sundays, following the 10:30 Mass. Please notify us of any contact changes.

Articles must be submitted two weeks prior to publication.
Send articles to bulletin@stmaryfred.org. Thanks!

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Dear Good People of Saint Mary,

I've written a number of spiritual columns lately and I've fallen behind on a lot of subjects. I'd like to catch up on a lot of practical matters today, with your patience.

1. TODAY we begin a new, beautiful tradition at Saint Mary, one which has actually been the general practice of most parishes throughout the world for years. We will fill our Sunday Masses throughout the Easter Season—when we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus—with our children receiving First Holy Communion with their families in the context of the community. The custom of having a special liturgy on Saturday has become so detached from the general life of the parish, and had become so unlike our customary Sunday parish experience of the Mass that I decided we would seek a more reverent, more family-based celebration of the sacrament. So when you come to Mass and see a family with a child dressed for First Communion, be sure to affirm them, welcome them and tell them they are in your prayers. None of us receives sacraments for ourselves; it is the way that God builds up the Body of Christ, the Church, who we are.

2. Some have taken offense for being asked to wait in the vestibule at Mass after arriving after the First Reading has already begun. We ask our ushers to graciously ask all to wait until the end of the Gospel proclamation, at which time all are invited to come into the church to find seating. The reason for this is very simple: once people are seated and concentrating on listening to the Word of God, it is a major disruption to be seeking a seat, often having to climb over people to get into the center of the pews. Neither the person climbing, nor the person being climbed over, is hearing anything of the Word of God. We put in a really good speaker in the vestibule, and we ask that everyone wait there until the proclamation is complete. We don't intend to offend, or cause anyone to feel unwelcome; we just place that high a priority on attention to the power of the Holy Spirit in the Word of God. At that moment there is nothing more important.

3. For our members who may be elderly or challenged physically where all this standing

and kneeling is involved, please know that you are still welcome to come to Mass and just sit. No one will judge, it is much better that you are here with us! I've heard lately from people who said they have stayed away for this reason. When we say, "please stand," please know that "*as you are able*" is implied. Kneeling is good, but God knows about that knee replacement that you are waiting on, or the pain you have in your back, and would rather you be here with him than deal with hardship alone.

4. About kneeling, another subject is our confessionals. All confessionals are equipped with both a kneeler and a chair/bench. Either will do! Please don't apologize about sitting. That is why you paid for seating in there. And while we are on the subject, please consider opening the little window so you can celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation face-to-face. I promise it is better. But there is only one handle on the little sliding window and it is on your side. Please know that you are welcome to open it, in fact, I encourage it.

5. Finally, if you need pastoral care please don't assume that we will hear about it from the hospital, or any of the rehabilitation or care facilities in the area. Most institutions today have a policy that church pastoral care is only allowed when directly requested by the patient. Even then, it is often difficult to get a current listing of all the Catholics who have self-identified as Catholics when they are admitted. If you desire a visit, or if you are in need of anointing or Holy Communion, please call the office and let us know. We have priests, deacons and very dedicated lay people who bring Communion every day to people who need it. Also please be aware that parishes are responsible for the facilities that are within their boundaries. At Saint Mary we cover Mary Washington Hospital, Woodmont, Heartfields, Hughes, Golden Living, Greenfields, Falls Run and The Crossings with regular monthly Mass and weekly visits from Eucharistic Ministers. We come when requested to other locations. But you must ask! And we kindly ask that you give us reasonable time to respond, if possible. Thanks.

God bless you.

Fr. Don

holy cross academy



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Cosmic classes and a culprit

A field trip is a fun-filled opportunity to explore our community and learn about the world around us. Sometimes it can be even better to bring the field experience into the school. Several HCA classes participated in a planetarium experience when **Cosmic Adventures** visited our campus. With the portable planetarium set up in Father Brisson Hall, students could experience the night sky in the middle of the day, as they learned about deep space objects and the constellations that surround us. This engaging program reinforced the astronomy lessons that form part of our Science curriculum.

Our third grade classes were able to take part in a criminal investigation when the classroom candy jars mysteriously emptied out, with only a few candy wrappers left behind. Under the **guidance of an NCIS expert**, students sealed off the crime scene, collected evidence, dusted for fingerprints and narrowed down the suspects. This captivating lesson incorporated Science, Literature and Social Studies into one very interesting experience. The culprit was found and speedy restitution was made!

Come visit our Open Houses

We invite you to our HCA school library on Tuesday, **April 21 at 9am for an Open House**. We will tell you all about our school and take you on a tour of our campus.

Come see our Saint Mary Preschool on **Sunday, April 19 from 9:30-noon**. This is the perfect time to register for the coming school year. **Registration is open for all classes. We extend a special invitation to families who want to learn about our kindergarten program here at HCA.**

You can also learn about our school and what we can do for your child, by making an appointment to come see our school. Please call our office at 540-286-1600. We are currently registering all grades for the 2015-2016 school year. Please visit our website, www.holycrossweb.com. For St. Mary Preschool, please call 540-373-7553. Our school is a place where each child can flourish, grow and learn. We would love to hear from you and will gladly give you a tour of our National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and tell you all about the wonderful opportunities we provide for our students.

religious education

Religious Education students at Easter Vigil

19 Religious Education students from nine families received various sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Six received the Sacraments of Initiation, two were baptized, six received First Holy Communion, and five were confirmed. Many of their parents also received various sacraments.

First Communion 2015

This year our students who have been preparing for First Holy Communion will receive it with their families during actual parish Masses so that the whole community can celebrate this great gift of Jesus himself who forms us into his own body. The Easter Season is filled with the presence of

the risen Lord in a new way that we all can share. Please be sure to look for the students at various Masses throughout the season and congratulate them. Let them know that you are praying for them and welcome them into this new fullness of the real presence of Jesus and our parish family.

This weekend 40 children will receive Holy Communion for the first time; next weekend, 27 children will receive First Holy Communion.

Recruiting Catechists

Last year a catechist wrote: "To be a catechist here at Saint Mary is one of the most gratifying things I've done." Many catechists also say that they have gotten more out of it than they imagined and are

surprised at how much they have learned. We invite you to be a catechist and share in the joy. For more information, call [540-373-6491](tel:540-373-6491) and ask for Karen Sturtevant or Aristides Lucas. We also provide training, materials, and support.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is June 22-26. This year's theme is "Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus."

Registration begins May 4.



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Annual WorkCamp Flower Sale

Starting the weekend of April 25 until Mother's Day weekend, our WorkCamp teens will be outside after all Masses selling fresh flowers to raise funds for camp. Spruce up your yards and help our teens get to camp!



Middle School Bash

The BASH is the largest Diocesan event for middle school-aged teens in our area.

We gather to celebrate our faith and love of the Lord! Over 500 middle school students gather for hours of music, inspirational speakers, inflatable games,



food and Saturday night Vigil Mass. This year the BASH will take place at Paul VI High

School in Fairfax on **Saturday, April 25**. See our website for a permission slip and details.

from our bishop

march for marriage



April 10, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In a radio address during World Youth Day in Brazil, Pope Francis remarked, "Not only would I say that the family is important for the evangelization of the new world. The family is important, and it is necessary for the survival of humanity. Without the family, the cultural survival of the human race would be at risk. The family, whether we like it or not, is the foundation" (*Pope Francis, Radio Catedral, July 27, 2013*).

We know, too, that the foundation of the family is marriage - the lifelong, exclusive union of one man and one woman. As the USCCB has noted, "Only a man and a woman—at every level of their identity: biological, physiological, emotional, social, spiritual—are capable of authentically speaking the language of married love, that is, the language of total self-gift, open to the gift of the other and the gift of life" ("Sexual Difference," www.marriageuniqueforareason.org)

We also know there is a sweeping sentiment in our culture which rejects this truth and proposes to redefine and extend the meaning of marriage to other types of relationships. Such a shift threatens the common good, especially the good of children.

At this time, I ask you first and foremost to pray that the beauty of authentic married love will inspire many to protect it. Pray for our civil leaders, our lawmakers and fellow citizens, that all might build a society that serves the common good and respects God's design for sexual difference. Pray also, for the grace to strengthen your own marriages and take steps to work towards protecting your family life.

Lastly, I invite and encourage you to participate in the third annual March for Marriage on April 25, 2015. The March will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the National Mall and will conclude in front of the Supreme Court by 2:00 p.m. This March offers us the best opportunity to witness for the good of marriage in our nation; to pray for our Supreme Court justices, who will within days after the March begin to hear oral arguments in a case that could define the legal definition of marriage for years to come; and to demonstrate our solid commitment to the well-being of children.

For more information about the March for Marriage, visit www.marriagemarch.org. For more information and resources about God's unique design for marriage, visit www.marriageuniqueforareason.org, a website provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Urging you to take part in this March and keeping you in daily prayer, I remain

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

**Para leer
el Mensaje
Pascual del
Obispo, favor de
visitar el sitio
web de Saint
Mary:**

[www.stmaryfred.org/
2015march-for-
marriage-en-espanol/](http://www.stmaryfred.org/2015march-for-marriage-en-espanol/)

easter flowers thank you



The following flower offerings were received after Palm Sunday.

Special Intention

By Anonymous
By Mr. & Mrs. Gustavo Abraham
By Mr. Godofredo Andrade & Ms. Pascuala Lovo
By Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brooks
By Mr. & Mrs. John Clark
By Mr. & Mrs. Enrique Estrada
By Mr. & Mrs. Willard P. Fraser
By Mr. Vega & Ms. Garcia
By Mr. Andres Guerrero & Ms. Clementina Bencomo
By Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Hall
By Mr. & Mrs. Carl Haub
By Mr. & Mrs. Philip Jenkins
By Ms. Brianna Knoff
By Mr. John Lloyd
By Mr. & Mrs. Brien Miller
By Mr. Mark Olchoway
By Mr. Santos Portillo & Ms. Natvidad Lovo
By Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Rivera
By Mr. & Mrs. Javier Rodriguez
By Mr. Jorge Ruiz
By Mr. & Mrs. Edward Semeia
By Mr. Michael Sherman
By Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Smetek
By Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Sosa
By Mr. & Mrs. Aloysius Venit

Angel Jerez, Alfred Alonso, Frank Cruz, Francisco Garcia, Cristina Garcia

By Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Cruz

Ann L. Bowen, Sister Mary Gertrude, LSP, Dan Wilson

By Mr. Robert C. Bowen

Anthony J. Catell, Margaret J. Catell, Philip A. Giuliano, Sherri M. Giuliano, Rita Mariani

By Mr. & Mrs. Mike Catell

Aolfe Grace Stewart

By Anonymous

Barbara Shoemaker

By Ms. Tammy Wooten

Betty Kania, Thelma Crance

By Mr. & Mrs. Joe Kania

Cardone Family, Filipczyk Family

By Mr. & Mrs. John Cardone

Charles Bridi, Catherine Bridi, Victor Bridi

By Mr. & Mrs. Martin Bridi

Christine G. McWhirt, George B. McWhirt, III, Deceased members of the Gracik family

By Ms. Bettina McWhirt

Conny Gillespie, Jack Gillespie, Mary Taeto

By Anonymous

Deceased family members of the Domingue & Ricard families, Those battling cancer and other illnesses

By Mr. & Mrs. Henry Domingue

Doris & James, Betty & Bob, Jerry

By Mr. & Mrs. James McGillicuddy

Dr. & Mrs. Charles Officer, Mr. Dale Henry, Mrs. David Henry

By Anonymous

Edward Sowa and Frans J. Vossenberg

By Dr. & Mrs. Frans Vossenberg

Frank & Gladys Carneal

By Mr. & Mrs. John Carneal, Jr.

Gilcha Elizabeth Giefer

By Anonymous

Isabel Velez, Abraham Velez, Mirtelina Santiago, Jose Jaiman, Rey Rivera-Velez

By Mr. & Mrs. Miguel A. Correa

Jason Mooney, James & Pat Mooney, Daniel C. Terrion, Daniel J. Terrion

By Mr. & Mrs. John E. Mooney

Jeffrey Lemoine, Maria & Fausto Chamario, Magda Otoya, Margarita & Blanca Chamorro, Eddie Rosado, Carlos Rios, Victoria & Theodore Serra, Desi Scott, The Scott Family

By Ms. Maria Scott

Jewel Thompkins, Nancy Florschutz

By Mr. & Mrs. William Thompkins

John Anthony Sewell

By Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sewell

Joseph Trinh Trung, Joseph Trung Vu, Joseph Ngon Van Vu, Joseph Thanh Vu, Maria Ngat Vu, Maria Nu Pham, Rosa Man Vu

By Mr. Ngu Vu

Josephine Lesneski, Gene LaJoie, Thelma & Charles Arten

By Mr. & Mrs. John Teeple

Late T.C. Anttappern, Late P.P. Tnasu

By Anonymous

Lourdes & Manuel Gayoso, Alejandra & Santos Rull, Margarita & Carmen Gayoso, Nedwasa & Alejandro Guinto, Santos Rull Jr. & Romeo Guinto

By Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Rull

Margaret Mary Storck

By Mr. Bernard Storck & Mrs. Johanna Cox-Storck

Margaret Matarese, Nicholas Matarese, Regina Boerner, Henry Boerner

By Anonymous

Maria Marta Santacruz, Jose Sarbelio Galdamez, Maria Ester Flores, Eduardo Santacruz

By Mr. & Mrs. Daganthony Gollop

community happenings



Mark Gregory King, Chung Koh, Tony Carrisalez, Fred Carrisalez, Jaimi King

By Mr. & Mrs. Jason King

Mark Lenzi, Bill Lenzi, Candy Cochran, Marie Cochran, Ted Cochran

By Anonymous

Mary & Patrick Hogan, Mary & Vito Caiafa

By Mr. & Mrs. Louis N. Caiafa

Mary Ann Maynard, John W. Maynard, Julia Baron & Vic Baron, Bruce, Howard & Audrey Gilkerson, P. Gilkerson

By Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gilkerson

Mauro Flores, Simona Salvador, Miguel Flores, Vicente Lazo, Olivia Allman

By Mr. & Mrs. Erlindo Lazo

Mildred Manor

By Ms. Joan Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Garver, Mrs. Ealeanor Walor, Mr. Frederick Walor

By Anonymous

Nicholas Villanueva, Domingo Mora, Sr., Juliana Mora

By Anonymous

Page Family, Burke Family, Kappler, Olchslein Family

By Edward and Donna Kappler

Percy Brignac, Paul & Winnie Kimball, James & Jeanne Brignac

By Anonymous

Robert P. Kachmar, Jr.

By Mr. & Mrs. Frank Villamizar

Robert S. Clements, Robert H. LaFlamme, John R LaFlamme, Mary Jane Carrano

By Mrs. Elizabeth Clements

Rodrigo Alcala, Jr.

By Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Truesdill

Rosemary Johanns, Helen Ciencin-Albach

By Mr. & Mrs. William Albach

Sharyn Ford Pierce

By Mr. & Mrs. Brian Fannin

Shirley Malhiot

By Mr. George Malhiot

Stefan Wolanski

By Ms. Bozena Wolanska

Thomas P. Krolik, Joseph F. Hornick

By Mr. Thomas Krolik

Virginia Paquette, Roland Paquette

By Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Paquette

Mother/Daughter Tea

On Saturday, April 25 at 2pm, the Parish Life Center will be turned into a "Walk Through our Garden" with the lovely sounds of a harp. Join us for our fabulous Mother/Daughter Tea, open to all women of the parish but limited to the first 120 ticket purchases. Like last year, scrumptious food, delicious tea, beautiful decorations, special entertainment and some great door prizes—a bargain at just \$10 per person—all to be repeated this year. Tickets available from members of the CCW.

CCW's April guest speaker is Fr. Holmes

Please join the members of the Catholic Women's Council at our next general meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 10am, in the Courtyard Meeting room. We are honored to have Fr. Holmes, our Parochial Vicar, speak to us about Marian Devotion and Prayer Life. Father will be happy to answer any questions about nourishing our prayer life and the need for intercessory prayer. Come enjoy the fellowship, our business meeting, and our refreshments.

Charity Golf Tournament

The 3rd Biennial Jacob Michael Storck Charity Golf Tournament is April 24, 2015 at Augustine Golf Club in Stafford, VA. The tournament benefits the children of Holy Cross Academy and Saint Mary Parish by supporting the Health, Wellness and Recreation Initiative. Proceeds will be used to resurface the school playground and continue improvements to the sports and recreation fields. For more information, visit www.Golfing4Jake.com, contact one of our committee members at Golfing4Jake@comcast.net, or call 301-928-5390.

Sex trade and Human Trafficking

The Community Foundation is presenting "Sex Trade and Human Trafficking? Yes, Here!" on April 25, 2015 from 3pm-5pm at James Monroe High School Auditorium, 2300 Washington Ave., Fredericksburg, VA, 22401. This event aims to create awareness of the scope of this problem and how to keep our communities safe for women and girls. For more information, please visit www.cfrrr.org/about-usand-our-initiatives/women-and-girls-fund.

Volunteer with the Health Ministry

The Health Ministry at Saint Mary needs volunteers! For more information please contact our parish nurse at 540-845-3031 (please leave a message) or email epalacios@stmaryfred.org.

Volunteers in this ministry will be required to complete VIRTUS training offered through the Diocese of Arlington. Saint Mary Parish will be hosting this training on May 16 from 9:30am-1:30pm, registration is required. Please visit www.VIRTUS.org and select "Arlington."

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend

Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, September 18-20 in Herndon or November 6-8 in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at renewmarriage-vanorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-378-4150.

the resurrection

"I Look Forward to the Resurrection of the Body"

By James F. Gontis

*Director of the Diocesan Department of Religious Education
Diocese of Harrisburg PA*

A human being is a composite of spirit (soul) and matter (body). This is a bedrock principle of the Christian faith. Christians are neither spiritualists nor materialists. Materialists emphasize the reality of matter (body) and minimize, even deny, the reality of spirit (soul). Spiritualists are the opposite. Christians hold to the reality and goodness of both spirit and matter.

There was (is) a heresy called "angelism," which the Church condemned centuries ago. Angelism, like Spiritualism, tends to erase the difference between angels and human beings, at the expense of human beings! We should know with utter clarity that no angel ever was or will be a human being, and no human being ever was or will be an angel. Angels and humans are two entirely distinct entities in God's creation.

By nature, angels are far superior to human beings. But there is at least one way in which human beings have it over angels. God never became an angel, but He did become a human! Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is the 2nd Person of the Holy Trinity with human soul and human flesh. He has always been God the Son and, about 2,000 years ago, He became man. From that point on and for all eternity, He is and shall ever be both divine and human. Jesus is in Heaven now, His Divine Personhood and Divine Nature permanently joined to His human nature. His human nature is His human body and human soul.

This should tell us something about the dignity of our own bodies. Our bodies are not something to be "shucked off" like a husk from an ear of corn. Even if

disfigured by age or illness, or limited by disability, our bodies, as well as our souls are always good and important. They must be treated with the highest respect from the very first moment of conception until natural death....and even beyond death, unto the grave.

Death was never intended by God for any human being. It is not natural. It came about, not through God's choosing, but through man's. It is a consequence of the great chasm between God and man caused by the sin of Adam, Original Sin. But death does not have the final word. The Word has the final word. The Word is Jesus and the Word has destroyed death by His resurrection.

The properties of Christ's risen and glorified body are previews of the risen bodies of all those human beings who will be numbered among the Just. Every human being, whether numbered among the Just or the Unjust, will experience the resurrection of his or her body when Christ returns at the end of time. The condition of the resurrected bodies of the Just will correspond precisely with the state of their souls. For those who have died in God's grace and friendship, their eternal glory will be manifested even in their bodies and they will possess magnificent properties.

These seven properties of the glorified body as named by St. Thomas Aquinas are:

1. Identity: The glorified body will possess its original identity in that it will be united to your soul. Your body will really be your body, but that does not mean it will look the same as it did during your life on this earth. When Jesus appeared to His disciples after His Resurrection, He often had to make Himself known in some way, even to those who were His closest disciples. We see this in various post-Resurrection accounts in the Gospels, such as when He had to call Mary Magdalene by

name before she could recognize Him at the tomb.

A question often asked is this: Will we be able to recognize our family members and friends in their glorified bodies? The answer is: Yes, God will see to that. We will see others and they will see us as we and they really are. Our bodies as they are in their present state do not adequately convey to others what and how we really are. In fact, we shall not, in the fullest sense, really know others or be known by them until we are all in our resurrected bodies.

2. Integrity: The glorified body will be integral (complete), regardless of how it was during its earthly life, or at the moment of its death, or after it has decomposed in the grave. Everyone in Heaven, regardless of the condition of his body while on earth, will have all his body parts. All will have perfect vision, hearing, mobility, etc. People die under all sorts of different circumstances. Many die of natural causes, but there are also those who die in ways that cause complete destruction of the body. This will be irrelevant at the time of the great resurrection. All glorified bodies will be entirely integral.

3. Quality: This is the property of the glorified body by which everyone in his glorified body will be as if in the prime of life. Although "marrying and giving in marriage" will not be part of our post-resurrection life, nevertheless we shall all be either male or female — the same gender God conferred on us at the moment of conception. Only in the post-resurrection life shall we adequately understand what it is to be masculine and feminine.

One of the great misunderstandings about gender derives from taking out of context something that St. Paul wrote. He wrote, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3,28). Some think that Paul is

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telling us that gender is ultimately irrelevant. The context indicates otherwise. If you read the verse in context, Paul is talking about Baptism, the rite by which both males and females enter into Christ. What Paul is saying is that all human beings—regardless of ethnicity, social standing or gender—enter into Christ Jesus in the same way and under the same terms.

One of the persistent myths that have haunted human imagination is the myth of “the fountain of youth.” This will cease to be myth in the resurrected life. It shall be reality. We shall be forever young. Our glorified bodies will never age, nor wrinkle, nor break down, and they will never die!

All human beings are created equal in terms of their fundamental human dignity. Equality in dignity does not mean “sameness” in all other ways. Individuals are, obviously, diverse in many ways, including talents, abilities, physical properties, etc. If a parent, one need only look at one’s own children to see that. In Heaven, there shall be no inequality among human persons based on race, nationality or other merely human constructs.

But will there be distinctions of any sort? Yes, there will be distinctions, but these will be based on degrees of holiness. Holiness is not a human construct. It is a gift of grace. For example, of all God’s creatures, including the angels, Mary is first in the order of grace. Everybody in Heaven will be completely happy forever and as satisfied as he or she can possibly be. That said, even among those in Heaven there will still be varying degrees of glory according to the degree of merit which one has merited through his or her cooperation with God’s gifts of grace while on earth, cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) 2010, 2025.

4. Agility: This is the property by which our glorified bodies, acting completely under the dominion of our souls,

will have the ability to go effortlessly wherever we desire them to go — at the speed of thought. Jesus manifests this property at Emmaus, cf. Luke 24:30-36, and St. Paul teaches us about it (as well as about other properties of the glorified body) in his First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 15. So, at the end of time, when God has transformed the created world, if you, in your glorified body, want to be on a beach, with the warm waves lapping up on your toes, at the moment you desire it, you would be there instantaneously. Or, if you want to see a particular family member, you would be able to be with that person face to face immediately. That, in a nutshell, is what is meant by Agility.

5. Subtlety: On Easter Sunday night, Jesus appeared to His Apostles, who were hiding out in the upper room in Jerusalem. In Chapter 20 of his Gospel, St. John notes that the door behind which the Apostles were hiding was locked. Then Jesus appears before them in His glorified body. He is not a ghost! Because of the property known as subtlety, Jesus was able to pass through the door of the upper room. Earlier that same day, He had passed through the sealed tomb in His risen, glorified body. Our glorified bodies, while physical and tangible, will be completely under the direction of our souls, free from restraint or impediment. This is Subtlety indeed!

6. Impassibility: Chapter 21, verse four of the Book of Revelation says that in Heaven, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.” In our glorified bodies, there will never be pain, sickness, suffering, or death. There will be no natural or supernatural disasters. No cancer, heart disease, diabetes, violence, accidents — not even a stubbed toe! What there will be is unending joy — spiritual but also physical and sensual. We must not over-spiritualize. Remember the principle that human beings are a body-soul unity. Both

body and soul are good and important. The reality in heaven is never-ending, uninterrupted happiness. There shall never be boredom in Heaven. We will go “from glory to glory” for eternity! “The one who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ Then he said, ‘Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.’ – Revelation 21:5.

7. Clarity (sometimes referred to as Brilliance): In Chapter twelve, verse three, of the Book of Daniel, the prophet writes, “And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.” Indeed they shall shine, both spiritually and physically. The body, in its final state, shall correspond completely to the state of the soul. Jesus gave the Apostles Peter, James, and John a foretaste of this property even before His Resurrection, when, on Mount Tabor, he appeared with Moses and Elijah, and was transfigured in their sight. He does this to give them a hint not only of what He will be like after His Resurrection, but what they will be like after theirs! About this event, St. Matthew writes, “And He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light” – Matthew 17:2. We see this quality stunningly and powerfully explained in Chapters one and four of the Book of Revelation, both to describe Jesus and to describe the saints in glory. Regardless of how one’s physical appearance was or is on earth, the glorified bodies of everyone who arrive in Heaven will be magnificently beautiful beyond imagining, far surpassing in beauty and magnificence even the most beautiful people we have ever seen or known while they lived in this world. For at that time, “God will be all in all.” As Saint Paul says, “Eye has not seen and ear has not heard, nor has the heart of man conceived the good things that God has in store for those who love Him!” Holiness will be seen as beauty because, when all is said and done, true and lasting beauty is identical with holiness!

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Weekly Offertory

12 April Offertory	\$24,873.
April Faith Direct	30,622.
Building Fund (inc. Faith Direct)	12,932.
Easter Second Collection	4,078.
(add'l including Faith Direct)	
Poor Box for St. Vincent de Paul	271.

Thank you for your generosity! Please remember to use your Offertory Envelopes to ensure the accuracy of your end-of-year statement. The "Children's Envelope" proceeds will not be recorded on family statements.

Children's Offertory Envelopes For April

The children's charity that will benefit from offerings in April is the **Operation Purple Program** of the National Military Family Association. When you hear "Operation Purple camp" you should think: Kids Serve Too! The camps are a time for having fun, making friends, and reminding military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes. The Operation Purple program was created in 2004 to fill a need identified by military parents to "help us help our kids." The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. We do this through a variety of means, including the healing and holistic aspect of the natural world. For more information, visit their website at www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/.

Choose Life reflection for April 19

"Every child, at every age of development, brings us

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

"Strengthen The Church At Home"

April 25 & April 26

There are 88 home mission dioceses in the United States—in areas like the Deep South, Appalachia, the Rocky Mountains, the Southwest and Alaska—all characterized by a lack of resources to provide basic pastoral care for their faithful. Most are unable to adequately provide Mass, religious education, evangelization and ministry training, and often struggle with priest shortages, parishioner poverty, unemployment, difficult terrain, religious hostility and other circumstances that impact the practice of the faith. The Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi encompasses two-thirds of the State which

has the highest number of families living below the poverty line in the US. The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands struggles to keep four schools open amid an extremely high cost of living. This Appeal helps keep the doors of schools and parishes open, which otherwise would be forced to close and helps educate seminarians in poor dioceses. Your help and support is vital. Please give generously and help strengthen the Church at home. It's one way our parish can be a good steward of God's gifts and make a difference. Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment" (2009-10 Respect Life Program Flyer, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities). *We pray that the Holy Spirit may continually inspire our words and actions to build up of a culture of life.*

Order SCRIP cards

Easter is here! Do you need a new outfit for this special season? We can help with gift cards to Belk, Macy's, Kohl's and JC Penny's. And don't forget the kids! We have gift cards to Crazy 8's and The Children's Place. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to place an order today. Once payment is received your order can

be picked up at the school or church office or after weekend Masses. To set up an account at www.shopwithscrip.com, email the Scrip coordinator to get our school code, so Holy Cross Academy gets credit for your purchase. If you have any questions about SCRIP please email Torie Baldwin at scripcoordinator@holycrossweb.com. Thanks for using SCRIP gift cards!

Mothers' Day Novena

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the best way to remember your mother, living or deceased—or your grandmother, godmother or someone who is like a mother to you. **Beginning May 10, Mothers' Day**, a Novena of Masses will be offered for all

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the intentions placed in front of the altar. These intentions will remain before the altar throughout the Novena. Mothers' Day Cards and extra novena envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Parish Office.

First Friday—May 1 All Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"St. Joseph worshiped Jesus as no saint before had done. From his deep, calm soul he poured out a very ocean of love—tenderest love, humblest love... No angel might love Jesus as Joseph loved Him, as Joseph was bound to love Him. No temporal love but Mary's could be more like an eternal love than the love of Joseph for the Child, because of its likeness to the love of the everlasting Father." (Fr. Faber)

All Night Adoration will follow our **First Friday 8pm Mass on May 1**, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. Please sign up to come and adore Our Lord in the most beautiful Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Join the Carmelites for Morning Prayer

Members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Carmelite Community, Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, will be visiting our parish on **Saturday morning, May 2**, to pray the Liturgy of the Hours and attend 9am Mass. We would love to have the parishioners of St. Mary Parish join us for Morning Prayer which will begin at approximately 7:50am. The Rosary, led by members of the parish will follow as usual.

Saint Mary prayer list

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, especially:

Martha Ferrara, Harold Gardiner, Betty Ann & Bill Dateno, the Goldsmith Family, Shaun Williams, Lori Horner, Heidi Wilbrandt, Josephine Kreider, Sr. Marie de Chantal, Jo Ann James, Frances Scott, Barbara Leone, Debbie Lloyd, Chris Balut, Linda Kaila, Rose Sisco, Jeff Shinrock, Donald Estes, Johnny Wharton, Phyllis Woolverton, Helen Kozyra, Glenn Nichols, Sr., Thomas Schulsky, Julie Fabula, Amelia McDevitt, Gerald Gardiner, Prov Moeller, The Girth Family, Marie Rooney, Dylan and Brandon Meade, Barbara Stauble, Michael Coughlin, Karen Danis, Marian Wilinski, Mary Ellen Normand, John Castagna, Kristy Fairbanks, Peggy Silberman, Florence DesRoches, Keith Snellings, Sr., Debra Wood, Danny Terrant, Maureen Flanagan, Wilma Evans, Joseph Bozicevic, Meredith Adams, Anne Shelton, Holly Smith, Lois Merrill, Janie Sherry, Martha Clemens, Teresa Hopkins, Art Gabler, Pat Arvai, Veronica Johnson, William Herr, Bob Willis, Naomi Russo, Marie Savage, Deacon Richard Smith, Anna Castagna, John Paul Baksy, Eva Scelzo, Joanne Sanford, Trevor Wood, Beth Malaby, Rhonda Seidlinger, Margaret McAleavey, David Arnold, Tracy Biddulph, Carole Page, Christopher Kelly, Hollie Santay, Richard Romagnoli, Ann Dunsmore, Lisa Herr, Madeline Doyle, Elizabeth Ames, Elise Valez, Mary Ullmer, Virginia Bare, Bobbi Palumbo, Joanne Deangeous, Kenneth Nieves, Carol Eggleston, Patrick Eggleston, William Green, Mary Jean Williams, Don Williams, Gladys Bowen, Tom Bowen

Please pray for all the men and women in our military and civilian support services overseas, especially: Frank Creamer, Sal Contreras, James Cook, Brad Cowan, Sam Del Grande, Glenn Dickinson, Aaron Doble, Anthony Dowden, John Dussault, Sandy Dussault, Travis Eades, Doug Ebenal, Christopher Eckert, Tim Evan, Christopher Ewers, Paul Fischer, Roberto Fuentes, Jason Geary, Ramon Guerra, Jr., Andrew Hamilton, Harry Hamilton, Ronnie Hamilton, Maria Harbeson, Andy Haskell, Raymund Haskell, Michael J. Herbek, James Helm, James Hoffnagle, Jr., Robert Horner, Danny L. Howard, Jr., Anthony Howell, Matthew Kearney, Daniel Kramer, Julio Laffitte III, Chris Lammers, Stephen Lammers, Scott LaRousse, Ryan Larsen, Jeffrey Lawrence, Kenneth Linstrom, Ryan Lynch, Sean Malloy, Geoff Mann, Josh Martin, Samantha Martin, Justin McClelland, Patrick McGroarty, John Moring, Nathaniel McNamara, Roger Mitchell, Joseph Moore, Joseph Muldoon, Corey Nash, Mindy Niemann, James Kevin O'Donnell, Bryce Parson, Joshua K. Pastell, Sean Penczak, Dominick Joseph Petro, Nick Schulz, Duayne Scott, Tim Smetek, Andrew Smith, Douglas Stransky, Shawn Tupta, Heidi Urben, Christopher Williamson, Daniel Zeytoonian, Justin Carter, Julianne Rogers, Jamal Williams, Stephen Wilson, Emmanuel Morales, Colin Carpenter, Josh Marsillo, Xavier Alas, Julio A. Alarcon, Lance Schulte, Teri Hocter, Josue Bermudez

Please pray also for those who have died, especially the benefactors of Saint Mary Church.

Daily Mass intentions and readings

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20 MONDAY

6:30 + John Mink Sr.
9am Anna Devine
Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

21 TUESDAY

6:30 + Jack Donnelly
9am + Paul Coakley
Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35

22 WEDNESDAY

6:30 + Jannette Daly
9am + Doris Schuster
Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

23 THURSDAY

6:30 Anthony Thanh Nguyen
8:15* + Jacob Michael Storck
9am William Novitsky
Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

24 FRIDAY

6:30 + Marie Costa
9am + Josefina Catolico
Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

25 SATURDAY

9am + Elizabeth Corpe
5pm Gina Lenox
7pm + Karen Halloran
1 Pt 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

26 SUNDAY

7am + Fr. Charles MacDonald
8:30 + Robert Sullivan
10:30 + Anton Than Tier Nguyen
10:30*+ Bill Sampson
12:30 Our Military Living and Deceased
2pm For the Parish
5pm + William England
7:01 Michael Bare
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Please remember that Mass intentions may be requested at the parish office for any remaining Masses of the year. If dates are no longer available for the date you desire, you are welcome to request an intention that is "unscheduled," and one of the priests will gladly celebrate Mass for your intention at an extra Mass during the week or as a concelebrant.

* Indicates Mass at Holy Cross Academy