O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, iOh Sangre y Agua que brotaste del Corazón de Jesús, como una Fuente de Misericordia para nosotros,

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The Flowers on the Main Altar the week of Saturday, April 6 through Friday, April 12 are in



thanksgiving for prayers for

Daniela Basurto-Medenwald



Monday, April 8, 2024 11:30A.M.

Funeral Mass:†Edmund Zimmerman

Tuesday, April 9, 2024
NO MASS

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 11:30A.M.

†Lisa Karpienski †Esperanza Villela, †Francisco Villela, Sr. Fidel Rocha Loza (Happy Birthday)

Thursday, April 11, 2024 11:30A.M.

†Esperanza Ponce

Friday, April 12, 2024 11:30A.M.

†Julia Rodriguez †Angelita Castilleja †Mary Louise Rodriguez

Saturday, April 13, 2024 Presider: Fr. Alex Pereida 5:00P.M.

†Beatriz Marquez †Romeo Peter Rendon Our Military Troops & Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 14, 2024
Presider: Fr. George George
7:30 A.M.

†Charles Lindquist

Presider: Fr. George George 9:00 A.M.

†William Potter

Presider: Fr. Alex Pereida 11:00 A.M.

†Al Bueché †Lillie D. Mojica

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord, in your loving mercy, please send the Holy Spirit with the Gift of Healing upon these servants who are in need of strength, quidance and mercy...

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH



Monday, April 8, 2024

6:30P.M.

Catholic Daughters Rosary,
Meeting will follow-Scott Room
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree
Meeting, 3rd Degree Officer
Meeting will follow-Parma Room

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:30A.M.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting-*Parma Room*

2:00P.M.

Rosary Makers Meeting-Vizzone

Conference Room

2:00P.M.-3:00P.M. Sacrament of Reconciliation-

Bride's Room

6:30P.M.

Religious Education Sessions: Kinder through 5th Grade & RCIA Youth-*Ed. Bldq.*

Middle School Youth-Popes' Room Adult RCIA -Scott Room

Saturday, April 13, 2024

11:00A.M.

4:00P.M.-4:45 P.M.
Sacrament of Reconciliation-

Brides Room

Sunday, April 14, 2024

10:00A.M.

High School Youth Session-Popes' Room

6:30P.M.

Pro Life Rosary -Chapel

I Attended	Mass	With	My	Family
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First/Last Name: _

This Box is for Religious Education purposes.



April 7, 2024

Let us continue to pray for rain wherever it is needed.

Communion Ministry to the Homebound



We are in GREAT need of couples or individuals who are interested in bringing the Eucharist to individuals one Sunday a month for our home bound brothers and sisters.

This is a very rewarding ministry

and those receiving the Eucharist are very grateful. Please pray on it, and if you are interested call the church office (210) 654-1643 during business hours.



Save the Date!

"A Taste of Italy"
The Catholic Daughters of the America Court Daughters of Our Lady of Fatima #2596 will be hosting their annual fundraiser.

Date: May 11, 2024 **Time**: 11:00 am -2:00 pm

Where: St. John Neumann Family Center

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If you would like to donate a flower arrangement to decorate our church for each week for Masses in honor of a Loved One, or a special occasion. Their name and who requested them will be acknowledged in



Altar Flowers

our Sunday bulletin. The cost for the large altar floral arrangement is \$75.00. Please stop by the church office or call at: (210) 654-1643. Thank you for your help in making our church look beautiful.



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Thank you for your continued support!



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With warmer weather coming upon us, we have a friendly reminder... Sunday is a time for coming together, as community, to

pray, to give thanks and to praise God. It is a different time of togetherness than a picnic, being at home, of relaxation or recreation.

The important thing to remember is that for Mass our clothing, whatever we wear, should be reverent, **no skin tight clothes, or see-through clothes, no low cleavage, or strapless tops, or pants that hang way down the waist, shorts or very short pant-skirts.** Our clothes should not draw attention to ourselves and our bodies. Our attention should be on our love and worship of God. This dress code is for everyone who attends Mass, but it is most important for those who are the ministers in the Mass, e.g.: Music Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters and Ushers.

We are not asking that you have new clothes, or that you cannot wear jeans or wear leisure clothes. We are asking that you be respectful of the Lord's home and of one another in what you wear.



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Dear Parish Family,

I am often asked about Mass intention for a particular need such as a sick person or someone that has just died or a special intention (anniversary, birthday, or

thanksgiving for an answered prayer etc.) Any Catholic may offer up a Mass intention. This is a genuine exercise of continued prayers of the faithful and is a longstanding tradition in the Church. The Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. It is important to understand what happens when a stipend is given to have a Mass said for a specific person or intention: The person who has offered the stipend has not "bought or paid for a Mass," a thing which is patently impossible. Rather, what happens is that the priest will celebrate a Mass according to the intentions of the person making the offering. This intention is most often for the soul of a deceased person but may also be for a personal intention of the living. The priest's intention is essentially a spiritual and internal act through which he commends the intention to God in a particular way even though he is free to offer up any number of other personal intentions.

There is no requirement nor universal church law or norm regarding the priest mentioning of the name of the intention. A mention in the bulletin or some other public notification of the intention is a legitimate option. Thus, it is sufficient that the priest already knows an intention was requested and he celebrates the Mass according to the intention. Thus, because the intention is essentially a spiritual act, its publication or mention of the name intended neither adds nor subtracts from its efficacy.

If publicly announcing the intention is said or mention, it is done so as an option by the priest for the comfort of the living and not for the benefit of the dead. Provided this is understood, there is usually no difficulty in making some form of announcement as a courtesy: some parishes are content with posting a notice of the intention on a bulletin, or on its weekly broadsheet. Others prefer to announce the intention before Mass begins; others immediately after the greeting. Still others do so during the general intercessions i.e. "And for the intentions of today's Mass and those that remain in the silence of our hearts." If, on the other hand, the priest consequently celebrates the Mass for a different intention, then the parish will seek to remedy the situation by offering an alternative celebration at a suitable time.

This hopefully will shed light on the rather dicey subject of the public proclamation of the intentions. Blessings!

Your Pastor, Fr. Alex



Bringing Home the Word +

Second Sunday of Easter (B) April 7, 2024

I Want Proof

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from My Fair Lady demands, "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof!"

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because

Sunday Readings

Acts 4:32-35

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

John 20:19-31

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is revealed in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity. †

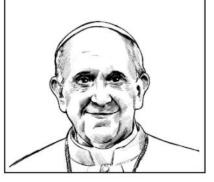
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A Word from Pope Francis

Today is the day to ask, "...Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?" Let us not remain indifferent. Let us not live a one-way faith, a faith that receives but does not give....

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REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS GRESTIONS

- Were there people who taught you your faith just by how they lived?
- Who looks to you as a person of faith in the risen Jesus?

Doubt as a Doorway to Faith

Richard B. Patterson

S omewhere between college and the present, I seem to have lost the faith of my youth. The strong emotions I would feel at midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The intense desire to serve God. The deep guilt and fear when I would fall into sin. Somewhere along the way I lost that faith. I would wonder, what happened?

At times I blamed the loss on my sisters' deaths. Perhaps it was because my job as a psychologist brought me into contact with so much suffering. Or maybe the nuns were right; maybe it was because I went to a secular school after college. I've come to see that probably all those factors were involved. And more.

I miss that faith. That certainty. Knowing where I stood. The warm



feelings of connection with the Divine. As I began to doubt, I feared that doubts were sinful or at least a sign of weakness. I would occasionally hear relatives whisper about someone who "lost the faith." Such whisperings were tinged with a bit of judgment.

I have read a lot over the years and have found help and comfort from many writers: Thomas Merton. C. S. Lewis. Henri Nouwen—all men of deep faith. A faith I lack. One day it dawned on me that each of these men whom I envied had gone through moments of significant doubt. Is it not conceivable that the rich faith they articulated would in some way have only been possible through doubt? In other words, rather than being the enemy of faith, could it not be possible that doubts could in fact be a doorway to a deeper faith? †

From Turtle on the Fencepost: Finding Faith Through Doubt by Richard B. Patterson, available at Liguori.org

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Why Catholics Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday" by Albert McBride, O.Praem.

n October 6, 2006, an armed man entered an Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. He chased out the little boys and lined up the 10 little girls in front of the blackboard. He shot all of them and then killed himself. Five of the girls died. After the medics and police left, the families of the fallen carried their slain children home. They removed their bloody clothes and washed the bodies. Then they walked to the home of the man who killed their children. They told his widow they forgave her husband for what he had done, and they consoled her for the loss of her spouse. They buried their anger before they buried their children. Amish Christians believe that God's forgiveness depends on extending forgiveness to other people. That's what the mercy of God is all about. That mercy is why we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. †

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Lord Jesus, as you promised mercy, live in us that we may forgive those who wronged us and seek forgiveness from those we have wronged, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

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WEEKDAY READINGS

April 8-13

Monday, The Annunciation of The Lord: Is 7:10–14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4–10 / Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 4:32–37 / Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 5:17–26 / Jn 3:16–21 Thursday, St. Stanislaus: Acts 5:27–33 / Jn 3:31–36

Friday, Easter Weekday: Acts 5:34–42 / Jn 6:1–15

Saturday, Easter Weekday: Acts 6:1–7 / Jn 6:16–21



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