

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

Sat., May 6,	4:00 P.M.	Isaura Medeiros by daughter
Sun., May 7,	8:30 A.M.	William Butler, Sr. by daughter, Peggy & family (1 st anniversary)
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: David Silva, Manuel Medeiros, Frank & Lois Giambo, Maria Teresa Viveiros, Theresa Lizotte, Jason Nightlinger, Kathleen Bailey, Godfrey & Mary Blouin, Alice & Henry DeCicco, Yvonne Barrett, Michael G. Soares
	7:00 P.M.	Edward & Leonie Goulet by daughter
Mon., May 8,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., May 9,	8:00 A.M.	Abilio Linhares by sister
Thurs., May 11,	8:00 A.M.	Mildred Braga by Sue & family
Fri., May 12,	8:00 A.M.	Victor Chausse by wife, Jeanne
Sat., May 13,	4:00 P.M.	Community Mass for Mother's Day intentions recommended to our prayers
Sun., May 14,	8:30 A.M.	Community Mass for Mother's Day intentions recommended to our prayers
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass for Mother's Day intentions recommended to our prayers
	7:00 P.M.	Community Mass for Mother's Day intentions recommended to our prayers



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Lazaro Rosa by wife, Maria & family
In Memory of Joyce Rodrigues by Shirley & Nina

Icon Candle: In Memory of David Silva by Tony Oliveira

Hosts for May: In Memory of Randall Villeneuve by family

Flowers for the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13) by Resendes Family

Budget: \$5330. Expenses: Budget envelopes & Charities Appeal mailing: \$1586 Water: \$139.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS – 2017

Ethan Amaral	Olivia Arribada	Cristian Ayala	Dresden Borges	Peyton DaCunha
Steven DeMello, Jr.	Ty Marques	Gavin McKenna	Christian Mercure	Abigail Medeiros
Leigha Nightlinger	Averi Pereira	Benjamin Pimentel	Owen Raposa	Isa Rioux
Lazaro Rosa	Peighton Sousa	Lindsay Sumner		

The First Communion Class received Jesus for the first time on Saturday morning. These 18 children will attend the 8:30 mass this Sunday to receive their certificates. We congratulate them and pray that they may come back often with their families to attend mass and receive communion.



We are also grateful to **Ms. Amy Rodgers, Ms. Susan Garman, Mrs. Kristina Flood and Miss Rena Dugas**, our 2nd grade teachers; **Ms. Sue Richard**, Religious Education Coordinator; and **Mrs. Cathy LaCroix**, Director of Religious Education for their assistance.

During the month of May, we recite the rosary before the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses as well as the usual 4PM Mass. Please try to come to mass a little earlier to pray the rosary together.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors schedules for May & June are available in the sacristy and on-line on our parish website.

Be careful – It was brought to my attention that a parishioner had money stolen from her pocketbook when she went to receive Holy Communion. Please be careful!



Msgr. Oliveira will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his 50th Jubilee, on May 21, 2017, at the 10:30AM Mass here at St. Mary's Church. All St. Mary's parishioners are invited to attend this Mass and an informal reception following in the Pastoral Center. This celebration will acknowledge his anniversary of priesthood and forthcoming retirement on June 28th.

There will be sign-up sheets at all the entrances of the church this weekend, for anyone who would like to attend the reception on May 21. We ask that if you are planning to attend, please give your name and number attending, so we will have an idea of how many will be coming.

On Saturday, May 13 we will have a holy hour to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima. *The holy hour will begin at 3PM and end before the 4PM Mass. It is my understanding that the Pope has granted a plenary indulgence for those who honor Our Lady, even though not at Fatima.*

The busyness of Easter has passed, yet we are still in the Easter season until Pentecost on June 4th. The month of May has special meaning for Catholics this year. During this month, we not only remember our Mother Mary, but we also celebrate her appearance to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal six times every 13th of the month, May-October, 1917. During these apparitions, Mary's message was simple: She asked for prayers, reparation, repentance, sacrifice, and abandonment of sin. Our Lady stressed the importance of praying the Rosary, asking the children to pray the Rosary every day for peace. Our Blessed Mother indicated to us the specific root of all the troubles in the world, the one that causes world wars and such terrible suffering: sin. She then gave a solution. God asks each one of us to stop offending Him. We must pray, especially the Rosary. By this frequent prayer of the Rosary, we will get the graces we need to overcome sin. During Pope Francis' visit to Portugal to celebrate the Centennial, he will canonize two of the three children, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, and they will become the Catholic Church's newest saints.

End of the month Budget (collections) for April

\$39,500 (\$7900 x 5 weeks) needed for the month (includes monthly tax assessment)

\$42,500 was collected.

You will note a gain of \$3000. in last month's budget needs. This helps to make up for last month's deficit of \$1300. You will recall our parish council has requested a weekly increase of \$5.00 to meet this expense. A monthly donation of \$20.00 can be placed in the Diocesan Assessment envelope included in your budget envelopes. This collection, along with the Building and Education Funds are not taxable for our assessment fee. **Thank you for your continued support.**

2017 Catholic Charities Appeal Once a year Bishop da Cunha invites each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan apostolates and ministries that enhance our church by helping all of God's children build deeper and more meaningful relationships with Him. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for the church and one another by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish goal is 100% participation. We welcome you to join us in joyfully supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal. Please take time this week to reflect and pray about the blessings you are called to share with your Catholic family. Our first week's total: \$5178.

Mother's Day, May 14th: *Once again we will provide an opportunity to remember your mother on Mother's Day. Envelopes are available for your use at the entrance of church. For each \$5 donation, a rose will be purchased for our altar on Mother's Day weekend. All names submitted (living or deceased) will be remembered at all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend. Please return your envelope by this weekend so proper arrangements can be made.*

Next week our parish will participate in the **national collection for the Trinity Dome** to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., before its 100th anniversary. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our church! For more information, please visit www.trinitydome.org.

