



Pastor:

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MASSES

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 12:05 noon
 Saturday 10:00 am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am
 11:30 am

Holy Hour:

Friday 11:00 am

Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30 - 4:55 pm
 Sundays 8:30 - 8:55 am &
 11 - 11:25 am

Baptism:

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MARRIAGE

Twelve months notice and
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OFFICE HOURS

Tues-Fri. 9:30 am -4:00pm

For parishioners to get mass intentions and other items.

Please call 705-526-6313 ext 1 and we will be happy to assist you with your other needs.

FAITH COMMUNITY

Parish Secretary	Juanita Wootton-Radko
Choirs	Adele Heins
Saturday 5:00 pm	Adele Heins
Sunday 9:00 am	Diana Swift
Sunday 11:30 am	Pauline Brabant
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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Patricia Stenton	705-956-0632
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Children's Liturgy	Katie Heffernan	heffernankt@gmail.com

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

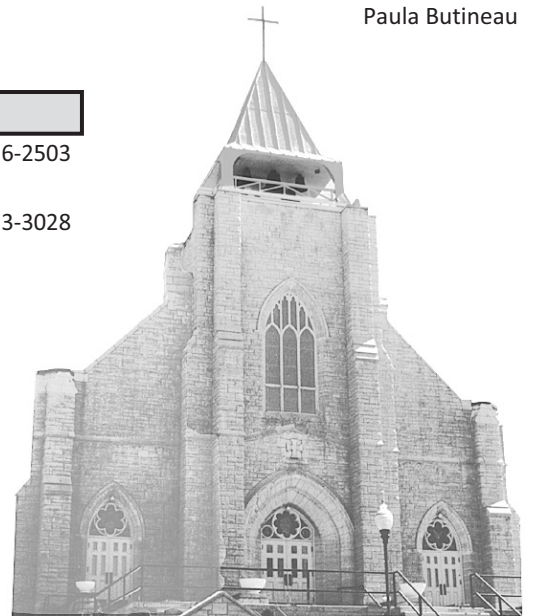
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OTHER SERVICES

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SCHOOLS

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Sacred Heart School	705-526-0107
St. Theresa's High School	705-526-1311





Tuesday April 16th

12:05pm + Robert Dalton

Requested by Marg Stone

Wednesday April 17th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

12:05 pm +Raymond Moreau

Requested by the Dalton Family

Thursday April 18th

12:05 pm Special Intentions for Healing for

Heather & John Gignac

Requested by Jim & Pam Blackwell

Friday April 19th

11 am – Holy Hour

12:05 pm + Angela Rossi

Requested by John & Marcella Ingriselli

Saturday, April 20th

10:00 am + Alex Dy

Requested by Dan, Lea & the

Stewart Family

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday April 20th

5 pm For the Intentions of Fr. Roselle

Requested by Theresa Young

Sunday April 21st

9 am Mass for the People

11:30 am + Verna Hamelin Kaps & Parents

& Siblings

Requested by Marie Mullie

**The Pope's Prayer Intention
for April**

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Christ's Presence

There are certain things we have difficulty accepting in the scriptures. Three of the principal ones stand out in this Sunday's readings: The first two are the inevitable reality of sin and of suffering in the everyday experience of Christians. The third is the real presence of the risen Christ, that He is absolutely present to our everyday experience. In all of this, we are not that different from the disciples. They also had plenty of difficulty, at least with the latter two.

It is quite understandable that we would all prefer to be without sin and suffering. In fact, it is central to God's plan that we should reach that very desirable goal. Our problem is that we try to deal with them ourselves rather than "get with the program" or cooperate in the divine plan.

Sometimes we try to exorcise sin by dint of sticking our collective heads in the sands of denial. We seem to think that, if we decide it doesn't exist, the problem is solved; but of course, it's not. The word of God is very clear that it really *does* exist, and in everyone's life; and that in fact was the reason why Jesus died, and rose from the dead – God's solution to the problem; the one that works. "He is an offering for our sins, and... those of the whole world". The whole of Scripture, and in particular the death of Jesus, makes no sense if there is no such thing as sin.

Our problem with suffering is a little different. We don't deny it exists. What we deny is that there is any redeeming value to it. Suffering for us is simply seen as evil, something to quickly get rid of. But we find Jesus in the Scriptures insisting to the disciples who were scandalized by the suffering of the Messiah that this was from all eternity an essential part of God's plan. This was a major change of mentality the first Christians had to undergo and it remains the same for us. We all have to reach the conviction that "by way of the cross we reach the light".

It is a healthy Christian practice to acknowledge before the Lord our everyday sins, such as petty resentments, impatience, taking no time for prayer, sharp words, gossip and neglect of our duties. Whoever does this and ends with an act of contrition is completely purified of venial sins, while to the one who dismisses any involvement with sin Jesus says: "your sin remains" (John 9:41). It is the Christian who says "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner" who really experiences that he or she has buried sin and risen with Christ to new life.

The Christian vision of suffering can transform what threatens to ruin our day, what up to now has made us angry, miserable, or disappointed, into maybe our greatest achievement of the day. Suffering in one form or another is

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a fact of every human life. We can curse it, get mad about it, bear it stoically, complain or just be miserable.

However, surely it is *far* better, from every point of view – even a selfish one! - to unite them to the sufferings of Christ, as St Paul did: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church" (Colossians 1:24). Instead of frustration, we can do our part to transform the world. It may sound simplistic, but it's true.

As for the real, abiding presence of Jesus with us after the resurrection – well, we would think we would be only too happy to accept that. We're actually happy enough with a "risen Jesus somewhere off there in heaven, as long as he stays there. But of course, a real Jesus, who lives today among us, his followers, poses all kinds of problems a ghost wouldn't bother us with. For starters, if he somehow, with inexplicable bad taste, is present in that neighbor or co-worker you and I just can't stand, we can't really treat them like lepers any more, can we?

St. Augustine would say to the communicant at the distribution of Holy Communion, 'Receive who you are', instead of 'The Body of Christ'. Through the waters of baptism, we were made the Body of Christ. The Sacred Host, who is Jesus Himself, that we receive at Holy Communion is the nourishment that makes us really become the Body of Christ.

When we come to mass, let us make a habit to receive Holy Communion with reverence and adoration so that the Risen Lord, who is present in the sacred species will live in us and help us be at the service of one another, to lighten the sufferings of others with our help, our kind words of encouragement, and our prayers.

Grace and peace,

Father R C R A

K.O.C. Spaghetti Dinner

Sat. April 20, 2024

Parish Hall after 5 PM Mass

Everyone is invited to enjoy a mouth-watering spaghetti dinner, served with salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee and tea.

FREE WILL OFFERING

Please contact the parish office with your prayer requests so we may add them to the prayer list and respond.

St. Margaret's Cemetery Gazebo Project

St. Margaret's Parish has a long history of remembering the faithful departed. This year, we plan to build a sheltered space for celebrating the Mass of the Faithful Departed. Our project goal is to raise \$2000 to create a place of quiet contemplation. All donations are welcome, and donors giving \$250 or more will be recognized for their contribution.

How to Use Electric Candlelighters

The parish now has new battery-operated lighters at the candle racks. To light a candle:

1. Slide the power switch "ON".
2. Press and hold the ignition button to start the flameless electric arc, move the arc slowly toward the candlewick to light.
3. Slide the power switch "OFF", and hang lighter on hook.

ShareLife Sunday is April 28, 2024

ShareLife agencies reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions.

St. Margaret's Parish has raised \$6,964.95 in March. Our 2024 goal is \$25,500. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate

C.W.L. NEWS

Our next meeting is changed to Monday, April 15th at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. Hope to see all you ladies there !!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your

prayers: Elaine Chiasson, Marie Logan; Lisa Wright; Judy Martin; Mark Charlebois; Michael Pontze; Frank Whitkins; Dottie Whitkens; Bob Dorion; Carol Quesnelle; Barrett Smith; Alex Latondress; Malachy Maguire; Nick Tardif; Lynda Stanek; Lloyd Leroux; Mary Fletcher; Sherry Archer; Abigail Brown; Romelda Morson; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter Pattenaude; Brenda Bylow; Marshal Laurin; John Gunther; Marilyn Dalton

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Fr. Clarence Ervin Watrin, C.S.B.

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