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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 3, 2016

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:30 PM
THURSDAY- 8:30 AM
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM
SATURDAY- 8:30 AM
VIGIL – 5:00 PM
SUNDAY - 10:30 AM
IN SPANISH - 1:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 3 - 6:15 PM
SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON

ST. MICHAEL

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "God, My King, Thy Might Confessing" #536

OFFERTORY: "All Creatures of Our God and King" #410

Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

In late 1980, Pope John Paul gave to the world and the church his second encyclical, entitled "Dives in Misericordia" which is Latin for "Rich in Mercy." It is a theological examination of the role of mercy, both God's mercy and also the need for human mercy. John Paul believed that the world needed to grasp a greater sense of God's mercy and it came to fruition when he declared in 2000 the Sunday after Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday." The world needing – and giving God's mercy - It was a constant

theme of his Pontificate and he died during the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, in 2005.

"What else, then, does the cross of Christ say to us, the cross that in a sense is the final word of His messianic message and mission? And yet this is not yet the word of the God of the covenant: that will be pronounced at the dawn when first the women and then the Apostles come to the tomb of the crucified Christ, see the tomb empty and for the first time hear the message: "He is risen."

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They will repeat this message to the others and will be witnesses to the risen Christ. Yet, even in this glorification of the Son of God, the cross remains, that cross which-through all the messianic testimony of the Man the Son, who suffered death upon it - speaks and never ceases to speak of God the Father, who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man, since He "so loved the world" - therefore man in the world-that "he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Believing in the crucified Son means "seeing the Father," means believing that love is present in the world and that this love is more powerful than any kind of evil in which individuals, humanity, or the world are involved. **Believing in this love means believing in mercy.** For mercy is an indispensable dimension of love; it is as it were love's second name and, at the same time, the specific manner in which love is revealed and effected vis-a-vis the reality of the evil that is in the world, affecting and besieging man, insinuating itself even into his heart and capable of causing him to "perish in Gehenna."

"In His resurrection Christ has revealed the God of merciful love, precisely because He accepted the cross as the way to the resurrection. And it is for this reason that-when we recall the cross of Christ, His passion and death-our faith and hope are centered on the Risen One: on that Christ who "on the evening of that day, the first day of the week, . . . stood among them" in the upper Room, "where the disciples were, ...breathed on them, and said to them: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'"

"The Church lives an authentic life when she professes and proclaims mercy-the most stupendous attribute of the Creator and of the Redeemer-and when she brings people close to the sources of the Savior's mercy, of which she is the trustee and dispenser. **Of great significance in this area is constant meditation on the Word of God, and above all conscious and mature participation in the Eucharist and in the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation.**

"Therefore, the Church professes and proclaims conversion. **Conversion to God always consists in discovering His mercy,** that is, in discovering that love which is patient and kind as only the Creator and Father can be; the love to which the "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" is faithful to the uttermost consequences in the history of His covenant with man; even to the cross and to the death and resurrection of the Son. Conversion to God is always the fruit of the" rediscovery of this Father, who is rich in mercy."

JOHN PAUL II

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no classes on Sunday, March 27, Easter. Class will resume on April 3.

FIRST COMMUNION

For those who attend Mrs. Grace's class First Communion will be Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 am. The second class will be the older group of students and adults, this First Communion will be Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 am.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 pm. This will take place at the new Catholic Pastoral Center, 2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on Monday, April 4 at 7:00 pm.

REGINA COELI

(Said during Eastertide instead of the Angelus)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.
for He Whom you did deserve to bear,
Alleluia.

Has risen as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary!
Alleluia.

Because Our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us Pray. O God, Who by the Resurrection of Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, grant, we beseech You, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

- *Sandra Armour
- *June Bell
- *Dorothy Bradley
- *Robert Bradley
- *Richard Bogart
- *Cheryl Bush
- *Jerry Bush
- *Helen Byrne
- *Don Cole
- *Eva Davanport
- *Bea Heatherly
- *Thelma Lee
- *Ann Marie Legate
- *Rosa Priest
- *Nora Rabie
- *Mary Senecal
- *Robert Senecal
- *Gloria Snow
- *Mary Stout

PETITIONS

*For the respect and protection of human life.

DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

** Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them*

HOMEBOUND OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- *Dorothy Crosslin
- *Claudia Traugher
- *Mary Ann Klimek
- *R.C. Boyle
- *Dorothy Johnson
- *Tom Crumpler
- *Dennis Zawierucha
- *Patty Zawierucha

ST. MICHAEL

- *John Baker
- *Elizabeth Jenkins
- *Robert & Regina Head

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Vigil – 4/9/2016

Lector: Carol Hostettler

Extraordinary Ministers:

Pam Burton & Carol Huddleston

Ushers: John Schwarz & Volunteer

SUNDAY – 4/10/2016

Lector: Jill Rucker

Extraordinary Ministers:

Carol Kuropatwinski & Nathan Smith

Ushers: Don & Cuinn Owens

Altar Servers:

Nick Haynes, Jake Rucker & Jack Borrell

Collection Counters: Joan Byrne & Pam Curran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 4/10/2016

Lector: Billy Armour

Extraordinary Ministers:

John Restey & Mike Ellis

Usher/Greeter:

Mary Jackson

Collection Counters:

Sandy Sawyer & Jim Conaghan

GOSPEL: April 4 - 9

MONDAY: *Luke 1:26-38*

TUESDAY: *John 3:7b-15*

WEDNESDAY: *John 3:16-21*

THURSDAY: *John 3:31-36*

FRIDAY: *John 6:1-15*

SATURDAY: *John 6:16-21*

OFFERING

March 27

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Parish: \$5,221.68

ST. MICHAEL

Parish: \$3,001.00

SECOND COLLECTION

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
 SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM
 SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM
 TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM
 WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM
 THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM
 FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM
 SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the intentions of Maria Cacho by John & Cissy Rampino
 For the deceased members of the Joe Cotter Family by Tony & Cathy Cotter
 For the intentions of Dakota Norris by his Family
 For the repose of the soul of Kenneth Ellis by Mary Jackson
 For the repose of the soul of Dana FVS O'Connor by Shelli Robinson
 For the repose of the soul of Lee Warren Robinson by Sheli Robinson
 For the healing of Thelma Lee by Tony & Cathy Cotter
 For the intentions of Arthur M. Axley