

## Announcements and Upcoming Events



*Christ Appears to the Apostles*

- **Fr. Mahowald will be Away this week (April 24-29) due to annual FSSP meetings in Nebraska.**
- **Fr. Dorsa will be away next week (May 2-6) for the same reason.**

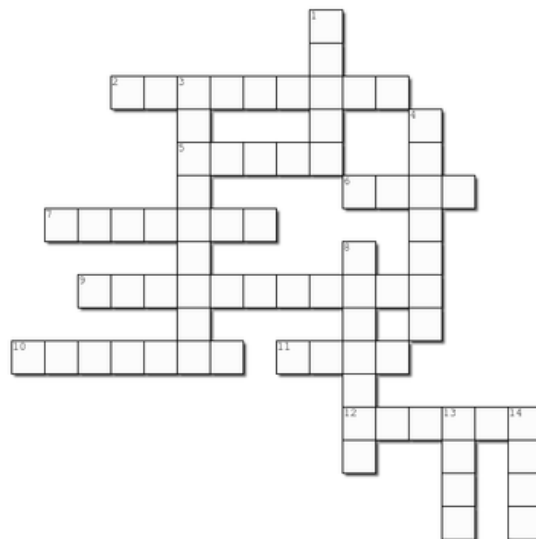
### Marian Hymns

Throughout the year there are particular hymns associated with each season, especially with Marian hymns. Most of you are familiar with the **Salve Regina**. This hymn is proper to the time after Trinity Sunday up to the beginning of Advent. As we are in Paschal time, the proper hymn is the **Regina Caeli** (Queen of Heaven). When the seasons change I will include the chant in the bulletin so that you can learn to sing them. Feel free to cut them out and put them in your missal. They can also be found in the blue missals. Remember to listen to those around you so as not to dominate or fall too quiet, but sing with one voice for the glory of God.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In St. Faustina's "Diary" we read: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

This feast of Divine Mercy was approved and established more recently and so it's not "liturgically" yet apart of our traditional Roman Missal but for those wishing to take advantage of this tremendous promise of our Lord confessions will be available after the masses as well.



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#### Across

- The 2nd Glorious Mystery of the Rosary.
- The 10% that is set aside for God (and goes in your new envelopes :)
- Killed his brother out of envy. (Genesis 4)
- The most subtle animal in the garden, later cursed to crawl on its belly.
- Marian hymn for Paschal time. (2 words, Latin name, not Salve Regina)
- Father of the Apostles James and John.
- 1st man murdered in the world.
- Apostle who touched the wounds of Christ resurrected.

#### Down

- Liturgical color for masses of Paschal time.
- Major virgin saint from Siena and patroness of Allentown, PA.
- Disciple that baptized the Ethiopian eunuch.
- Stealing breaks this commandment (ordinal number).
- Evangelist and Martyr, patron saint of Venice, Italy.
- Son of Noah, (not Cham or Japheth).

*"Peace be with you. As the Father hath sent Me, I also send you. When He had said this, He breathed on them, and He said to them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."*

-FROM THE GOSPEL OF LOW SUNDAY  
JOHN 20:21-23

### MASS INTENTIONS *APRIL 24 - 30*

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Dara Mahowald

rb Family

Pro Populo

Monday: 7:45 AM

+Roy Steichen

rb: Sica Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

Hannah Morris

rb: Mary Bennett

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

Grace Michelin

rb: Mary Bennett

Thursday: 7:45 AM

Monsignor William Bonczewski

rb: Contaldi Family

Friday: 6:00 PM

+Louis Vincent Cesarini

rb: People of Vitali's

Saturday: 9:00 AM

+Katherine Varga

rb: Gillenkirk Family

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

LOW SUNDAY



## The Price of Our Peace

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

May God be praised in all of our actions! On the Octave of day of Christ's Resurrection we commemorate, in a special way, the sacrament which resurrects sinners into a life of grace, namely confession. It was on the very day of His resurrection that Christ came into the upper room, even though the doors were shut. He said to them, "**Peace be to you.**" **And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side.** Instead of traveling to Galilee to meet Christ as He asked them to, the Apostles were hiding in the upper room in sorrow and in fear for their lives. So Jesus came to them to restore peace to their hearts. He came through the closed doors of the upper room and the closed doors of their hearts; and He showed them the price of their peace. Our peace is only found in the wounds of Christ. The places on His body which just a few days earlier had been driven through violently with iron, now shined in glory. Those wounds which gushed forth blood, now emitted healing grace for our salvation. "He said to them again: "**Peace be to you. As the Father hath**

sent Me, I also send you. When He had said this, He breathed on them, and He said to them: **Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.**" John 21:22-23)

He "breathed" on them and gave them a new power to forgive or retain sins in the name of God. This power to forgive sins is a power that belongs to God alone. Jesus, being a Divine Person, has this power as well as the authority to give that power to whom He pleases. Just as God is the First Cause and the Author of life, He has the power to give the gift of life to what He pleases. He formed the first man out of the dust of the earth and breathed life into his nostrils giving him life. After Adam fell, one of the consequences of sin which God communicated to him was, "**Out of dust you were taken and unto dust you shall return.**" (Gen 3:19) The dust would now lose that breath of life and death entered creation because of sin. When Christ rose from the dead, He claimed victory over sin, over death, and over corruption. God made the world with a word, "**Let it be made,**" and the Spirit of God "**moved upon the waters**" and brought the world into existence. With the Apostles He again would breathe on them and send His Spirit upon them to give new life to the world.

If you could see with the eyes of faith, the reality taking place in the confessional box when a priest raises his hand in absolution, you would see the blood of Christ being applied to a soul broken in sin. A dead man is raised to life and given another chance to serve His Creator and find peace. By mortal sin we lose this gift, but Christ in His infinite mercy for us is waiting in that closed little room, waiting for us to show Him our wounds so that He can heal them. Be resolved never to let fear or shame keep you from receiving His mercy. May God preserve us in His grace!

-Rev. Christopher Mahowald, FSSP

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

APRIL 24-30

### SUNDAY: LOW SUNDAY

8:00 AM LOW MASS  
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

### MONDAY: ST. MARK, EVANGELIST/MARTYR

7:45 AM LOW MASS

### TUESDAY: SS. CLETUS & MARCELINUS PPMM

7:45 AM LOW MASS

### WEDNESDAY: ST. PETER CANISIUS, D

7:45 AM LOW MASS

### THURSDAY: ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, C

7:45 AM LOW MASS

### FRIDAY: ST. PETER, M

5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
6:00 PM LOW MASS

### SATURDAY: ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, V

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
9:00 AM MASS

### CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY: 7:15 AM AND 9:30 AM  
MON-THURS: 7:25AM - 7:40AM  
FRIDAY: 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM  
SATURDAY: 8:10 AM - 8:40 AM

OR BY APPOINTMENT