



Saint Joseph Catholic Church



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 07 MAY 2017

MAY: MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS & COMMUNION SERVICE SCHEDULE – DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Saturday	6 May	5:00 PM	Fouth Sunday of Easter	Soul of Bill Huelsenbeck
Sunday	7 May	8:00 AM	Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:20-25	Soul of Wilmuth Carrico
Sunday	07 May	10:30 AM	First Communion; 4 th Easter: John 10:1-10	Soul of Robert Elliott
Domingo	7 Mayo	2:00 PM	4F Domingo de la Pascua	Para los Feligreses
Monday	8 May	8:00 AM	Acts 11:1-8; John 10:11-18	Communion Service
Tuesday	9 May	8:00 AM	Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30	Soul of Christina Swindler
Wednesday	10 May	8:00 AM	Acts 1:15-26; John 15:9-17	Soul of James Wooldridge
Thursday	11 May	8:00 AM	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20	Soul of David Campbell
Friday	12 May	8:00 AM	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6	Soul of Nancy Hack
Saturday	13 May		Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14	
Saturday	14 May	5:00 PM	Fifth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day	Soul of Judy Roberts
Sunday	15 May	8:00 AM	Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9	Fr Riley’s Intentions
Sunday	14 May	10:30 AM	John 14:1-12	Souls of Gert Hayden & Lennie Langston
Domingo	14 Mayo	2:00 PM	5F Domingo de la Pascua	Para los Feligreses

OUR LITURGICAL STEWARDSHIP – 13-14 MAY 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	Emmalene Hayden; Rene Lamb
8:00 AM	Christie Scarbrough; Randall Cruse
10:30 AM	Buffy Gargus; Missy Jones

Readers

5:00 PM	Rick Blackman
8:00 AM	Ricky Toon
10:30 AM	Emma Hayden

Servers

5:00 PM	Audrey Lamb
8:00 AM	Bradyn Barnett; Ethan Barnett
10:30 AM	None

Collection Bearers

5:00 PM	Sonny & Sandra Ballard
8:00 AM	Denny & Nancy Hargrove
10:30 AM	Kevin & Debbie Jones Family

Ushers

5:00 PM	S & S Ballard; J Roberts; ML Russelburg
8:00 AM	H Carr; T Cash; L Kimbler; M Kimbler
10:30 AM	M Gargus; S Gargus; N & G Durbin

Musicians/Cantors

5:00 PM	Michael Skinner; Diane Hayden
8:00 AM	Michael Skinner; Tony Dowdy
10:30 AM	Michael Skinner; Jane Adams

Church Cleaners – 20 May 2017 – Door Code = 2843

Christa Buck; Candice Cochrum; Debbie Buck; Lauren Ellison

Vocations Crucifix

07 May Dorothy Harris 14 May Barbara Hayden

OUR TREASURE STEWARDSHIP - 23 April

127 of 208 Envelopes used
 Loose collection
 Total
 Budgeted
 Difference

OUR TREASURE STEWARDSHIP - 30 April

105 of 208 Envelopes used
 Loose collection
 Total
 Budgeted
 Difference
 2% Tithed to Home Missions Collection

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM FATHER RILEY

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS – are extended to Dot Youngblood in the passing of her daughter, Barbara Youngblood, to the judgement seat of the Almighty God this past week. Eternal rest granted unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS – to our 10 children from the English CCD program who receive their First Holy Communion and Enrollment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel this weekend at the 10:30 AM Mass. We will also celebrate the crowning of the Blessed Mother at this Mass.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY – will not meet on 7 May or 14 May.

EPIC A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY – Tuesday, 9 May, 6:25-7:45 PM.

YOU'RE INVITED – Father Bruce Fogle & Saint John the Evangelist Parish invite us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition at Fatima by watching the 1952 classic religious movie, THE MIRACLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA, on Wednesday, 10 May at 7PM in the church which will be professionally shown on a 12 foot screen. The evening is free of charge, so all can come and be inspired. Please make an effort to attend as part of our novena for the month of May.

FATIMA PRAYERS

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You.

Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.

Oh my Jesus, I offer this for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Your mercy.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST APPARITION AT FATIMA HOLY HOUR – Saturday, 13 May, 4 PM, in the church. I encourage all of you to join us for this time of grace. I will lead us in the first half-hour of prayer, then will go to the confessional as Deacon Clapp leads us in the Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE – will remain in a place of honor in front of the Altar from this weekend through 13 October, the months during which our Lady appeared to the three children of Fatima in 1917. Let this statue serve as a reminder and an inspiration for each one of us to pray the Rosary daily as Our Lady gave this message to the children for the salvation of souls and peace in the world.

HOLY LAND BROCHURES FOR 10 DAY PILGRIMAGE BEGINNING 29 JANUARY 2018 – Spaces are beginning to fill up. I encourage you to request a brochure soon, and to turn in your registration forms soon to be assured of a spot on the trip. All are welcome to inquire.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – We wish to thank everyone who participated in the St. Vincent de Paul fish fry, both helpers and dinners. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. St. Vincent de Paul Society

Fish Fry total: Income total \$13,506
 Expense total (donated by the Parish) \$5201.04
 Soup Bowl total \$1,240.70

DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT – The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all people who have been sexually abused by a person working for the Church. Copies of the policy & forms to report an incident of abuse are available from the parish office or from the Catholic Pastoral Center (270.852.8353) or www.rcdok.org/safe_environment. To report abuse Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-597-2331

Saint Joseph, Foster-father of Jesus, help us to protect our children from all abuse.

MIRACULOUS STORIES OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR:

“WHOEVER DIES CLOTHED IN THIS SCAPULAR SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRES”

—OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL IN 1251

By Rev. Howard Rafferty, O. Carm.

In 1917 Our Lady requested five things at Fatima:

- 1) Consecration to her Immaculate Heart
- 2) Reception of Holy Communion on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months
- 3) The offering of daily sacrifices for the conversion of sinners
- 4) Five decades of the Rosary each day
- 5) *The wearing of the Scapular of Carmel as the sign of our consecration to Mary

**Our Lady did not use words, but She held Her Scapular out of the skies in Her very last appearance at Fatima. Lucia (of whom it was said by Our Lady that she would live in order to spread devotion to Her Immaculate Heart) explained that Our Lady did so because “She wants everyone to wear it”. Lucia said further: “The Rosary and the Scapular are inseparable” and that the reason for wearing the Scapular is because it is our “Sign of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”*



If you wear Mary’s Brown Scapular you should know St. Simon Stock because you have worn his picture along with Our Lady’s picture on your scapular. Actually he is an old friend. It was to him—St. Simon of England—that Our Blessed Mother gave the great Scapular Promise in 1251 saying, “Whosoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.”

When a priest enrolled you in the Scapular he said, “Receive this blessed Scapular and ask the most Holy Virgin that, by Her merits, it may be worn with no stain of sin and may protect you from all harm and bring you into everlasting life.”

These stories will give a very brief idea of how Our Blessed Mother keeps Her promise.

I saw Her keep it one day in a town near Chicago where I was called to the bedside of a man away from the Sacraments for many years. He did not want to see me; he would not talk. Then I asked him to look at the little Scapular I was holding, “Will you wear this if I put it on?” I asked nothing more. He agreed to wear it. Within the hour he wanted to go to confession and make his peace with God. It did not surprise me because for over 700 years Our Lady has been working in this way through Her Scapular.



On the very day that Our Lady gave the Scapular to St. Simon Stock, he was hurriedly called by the Lord Peter of Linton: “Come quickly, Father, my brother is dying in despair!”

St. Simon Stock placed his large Scapular over the dying man, He repented immediately and died a friend of God.

That night the dead man appeared to his brother: “I have been saved through the most powerful Queen and the habit of that man as a shield.”

St. Alphonsus tells us: “Modern heretics make a mockery of wearing the Scapular. They decry it as so much trifling nonsense.” Yet we know that Pontiffs have approved it.

It is remarkable that just 25 years after the vision, Pope Gregory X was buried wearing the Scapular. When his tomb was opened 600 years after his death, his Scapular was found intact.

The Scapular was also found LIKE NEW in the graves of St. John Bosco and St. Alphonsus Liguori, although everything else in their graves that was corruptible had decayed. St. Alphonsus said that if we did a little more than Our Lady asked of us that we might not even go to Purgatory! All Our Lady asked is in the promise made by those who join Her Blue Army.

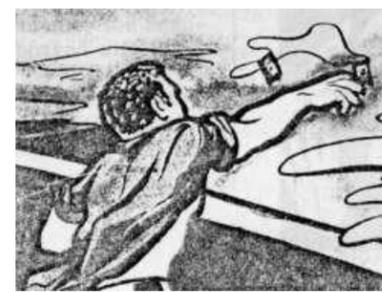
You will understand why the devil works against those who promote the Scapular when you hear the story of Venerable Francis Ypes. One day his scapular fell off. As he replaced it, the devil howled, “Take it off! Take off the habit which snatches so many souls from us.”



Then Francis made the devil admit that there are 3 things of which the demons are most afraid: the Holy Name of Jesus, the Holy Name of Mary, and the Holy Scapular of Carmel.

Every month a shipment of 1000 slaves would arrive at Cartagena, South America. St. Peter Claver—apostle of the negro—used the Scapular to insure the salvation of his converts. Peter Claver organized catechists to give them instruction, and before they were sold, he saw that they were baptized. Many ecclesiastics accused the Saint of indiscreet zeal but Peter reminded them that he had baptized and enrolled all in Our Lady’s Scapular. He was confident that Mary would watch over each one. Imagine! St. Peter Claver was responsible for over 300,000 converts.

In 1845, the English ship, King of the Ocean, was lashed by a wild hurricane. The Rev. Fisher, a Protestant minister, together with his wife and children and other passengers, struggled to the deck to pray for mercy and forgiveness as the end seemed at hand.



Among the crew was a young Irishman, John McAuliffe. He opened his shirt—took off his Scapular—made the Sign of the Cross over the angry waves, then threw the Scapular into the ocean.

At that very moment the wind calmed, only one more wave washed over the deck, bringing with it the Scapular which landed at the boy’s feet. The Rev. Fisher and his family had observed what he had done.

They questioned the boy. He told them about the Virgin and Her Scapular and Her Promise of protection in time of danger. So impressed were they that they determined to enter the Church and enjoy a like protection.

FATIMA AND DIVINE MERCY ARE ETERNALLY LINKED

THE HISTORY BEHIND THE VITAL BOND

Joseph Pronechen

The centennial of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, which began in May 1917, brings to light a little realized, but most vital, bond: Fatima and Divine Mercy are closely connected. Less than 15 years after our Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima, and a mere two years after Mary and Jesus appeared to Servant of God Lucia Santos in her convent at Tuy, Spain, Our Lord began his revelations on Divine Mercy to St. Faustina.

Father Michael Gaitley of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, the official promoters of the Divine Mercy devotion, points out one way they are related — by what we might call the “bookends” of Fatima.

He told the Register that, “in 1916, before the apparitions of Our Lady the next year, God sent the ‘Angel of Peace’ to the three children of Fatima, telling them, ‘The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you.’ Thirteen years later, in what’s often called ‘the last apparition of Fatima,’ Sister Lucia received a vision that included the words grace and mercy.”

“That the apparitions of Fatima would begin and end with mercy is fitting,” added Father Gaitley. “After all, Our Lady of Fatima’s merciful purpose was to prevent her children from having to go through terrible suffering.”

Central Connections

In his writings, Americo Pablo Lopez-Ortiz, the international president of the World Apostolate of Fatima, similarly sees the integral harmony of Fatima and Divine Mercy. After all, the slogan of Fatima is “Grace and Mercy.”

The vital connection between Our Lady’s message and call to us at Fatima and Our Lord’s mercy message becomes even clearer when we see other providential connections. Lopez-Ortiz calls St. John Paul II the protagonist of both devotions. The Pope was shot May 13, 1981, an anniversary of Mary’s first appearance at Fatima.

He visited Fatima on the next anniversary to thank her for sparing his life through a miraculous intervention. He then championed the Fatima message and the Rosary.

On Sept. 4, 1993, John Paul II visited the Shrine of the Gate of the Dawn (Ostrabrama) in Vilnius, Lithuania, praying the Rosary with people before the miraculous icon of Our Lady of Mercy. There, in 1935, on the Sunday after Easter — now Divine Mercy Sunday — the image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, that St. Faustina had painted according to his direction was shown and venerated publicly for the first time.

Both Son and Mother of Mercy were together in that one shrine: Thus, 18 years after Fatima, Jesus made the connection clear.

The visionaries themselves bear this connection out.

In her diary (330), St. Faustina records a vision in which Mary says, “I am not only Queen of Heaven, but also the Mother of Mercy and your Mother.”

A French priest on pilgrimage to Einsiedeln, Switzerland was on his way to Mass when he remembered that he had forgotten his Scapular. Although late, he returned to his room for it.

While saying Mass, a young man approached the altar, pulled out a revolver and shot him in the back ... but the priest continued to say Mass.

In the sacristy the abbot exclaimed, “I thought the man missed you.”

When the vestments were removed, the bullet was found, adhering to his little brown Scapular.



In May of 1957, a Carmelite priest in Germany published the unusual story of how the Scapular saved a home from fire. An entire row of homes had caught fire in Westboden, Germany. The pious inhabitants of a two-family home, seeing the fire, immediately fastened a Scapular to the main door of the house. Sparks flew over it and around it but stayed unharmed. Within 5 hours 22 homes were reduced to ashes and ruins. This one stood unharmed midst the destruction. Hundreds of people came to see the place Our lady had saved.

In 1951 the ancient home of St. Simon Stock at Aylesford, England was rededicated and the relics of the Scapular saint returned. Since then thousands of Scapular wearers have come on pilgrimage. In 1957 little Peter came. He was suffering with leukemia. His arms and legs were covered with ugly sores. He had only a few days to live.



When he returned that very evening, the sores were gone and his strength had returned. His family realized that he was cured. Doctors confirmed his complete cure.

One day in 1944, a Carmelite missionary in the Holy Land was called to an internment camp to give the Last Rites. The Arab bus driver made Father get off 4 miles from the camp because the road was dangerously muddy. After 2 miles had been covered, his feet sank deeper and deeper in the mud. Trying to get solid footing he slipped into a muddy pool. Sinking to death in a desolate place he thought of Mary and Her Scapular, for he was wearing the full habit, and looked toward Mt. Carmel.

There, in the distance, was the holy mountain of Carmel, the birthplace of devotion to God’s Mother. He cried out, “Holy Mother of Carmel, help me! Save me!” A moment later he found himself on solid ground. He told me, “I know I was saved by the Blessed Virgin through Her Brown Scapular. My shoes were lost in the mud and I was covered with it but I walked the 2 miles more through that desolate country praising Mary.”



In October of 1952, an Air Force officer in Texas wrote the following: “Six months ago, shortly after I started wearing the Scapular, I experienced a remarkable change in my life. Almost at once I started going to Mass every day. After a short time I started to receive Holy Communion daily. I kept Lent with a fervor I had never experienced before. I was introduced to the practice of meditation and found myself making feeble attempts on the way to perfection. I have been trying to live with God. I credit Mary’s Scapular.

Mary promises to make easy by grace that which is difficult to nature and to help with more than ordinary graces as long as we wear the sign of our consecration to Her.

Mary Herself said: “Take this Scapular, whosoever dies wearing it shall not suffer eternal fire. It shall be a SIGN OF SALVATION – a protection in danger and pledge of peace.”

And at Fatima, as Lopez-Ortiz reveals, the Fatima seers discovered “the infinite ocean of love and mercy that God is,” and through Mary’s heart, they discovered “the infinite mercy of God with poor sinners and the terrible threat they are facing, the existence of hell, created for those who proudly do not accept God’s mercy.”

Mary told St. Faustina the necessity of making God’s mercy known. “You have to speak to the world about his great mercy. ... Speak to souls about this great mercy while it is still the time for (granting) mercy” (635).

Jesus also told Faustina: “Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy (1588). ... I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of sinners. But woe to them if they do not recognize this time of my visitation (1160).” Faustina later understood that Jesus was prolonging the time of his mercy because of Mary’s intercession.

Make Both Fruitful

Father Gaitley understands “the time of mercy to be a time when God is calling us once again to intensely work for peace” and advises the faithful to “pay attention to the heart of what the Holy Spirit is repeatedly telling us through Pope Francis: ‘Be merciful.’ ... Echoing the words of Christ in the Gospel, the Pope is not only calling us to prayer, but to deeds of mercy,” he told the Register.

Father Gaitley observed that it’s “not just about praying the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. It’s not just about making the Five First Saturdays devotion.

It’s not just about making a personal consecration to the Immaculate Heart. Of course, all of that is important! But such prayer should also bear fruit in deeds of mercy.”

We should directly and effectively help the poor, weak and suffering in our midst.

“Maybe those hurting people are in our homes, our neighborhoods or our workplaces,” he said. “Wherever they are, if we find them and reach out to them with mercy, then we’ll experience the fruits of the present ‘time of mercy.’ That is, like Pope Francis, we’ll be filled with ‘The Joy of the Gospel.’ Like Sister Lucia, we’ll see ‘grace and mercy.’ Like the Angel of Peace, we’ll bring peace.”

As Jesus told us through St. Faustina, “I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for me” (742).

The Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy, which Father Gaitley directs, are young men and women who perform charitable deeds by visiting the poor and forgotten in local western Massachusetts communities and the homeless in Northeastern cities. He observed that their “simple acts of love bring joy, mercy and peace to those whom they serve.”

But everyone can do deeds of mercy, he explained: “Each one of us can be a ‘missionary of Divine Mercy’ wherever we are with the people we live with and meet.”

Mary and Mercy at Home

In Minneapolis, Maria Hornquist puts the Fatima and Divine Mercy messages into practice with husband Mike and their four daughters, who range in age from third to ninth grade, as well as with friends and fellow parishioners.

Maria — who feels blessed and “very connected to Our Lady” because her birthday is in May and her mother named her after Our Lady — enjoys praying the Rosary regularly at home during this Fatima anniversary year.

“On Jan. 1, we started with one decade, then build up another decade each month to May, when it’s all five decades,” she explained.

And, since one of Mary’s major requests was the Five First Saturdays, mom and daughters also began that devotion at the start of the year.

Fatima is what sparked and rekindled a fire of the faith for her, the Minnesota mom related. It began last year, thanks to a retreat given by Father Gaitley at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

“He spoke about how important [it was] to get people consecrated to Our Lady as quickly as possible,” she explained, “and he was bringing up the Divine Mercy message, how it was the 100th year of Fatima, and how they are all related.”

Now active with both the devotions of Fatima and Divine Mercy, she is spearheading, at her parish of St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony, Minnesota, the 33 Days to Morning Glory Marian consecration and 33 Days to Merciful Love Divine Mercy consecration programs for a good-sized group. Both are self-directed retreats for individuals or groups written by Father Gaitley.

Hornquist timed the first to end last Oct. 13, Fatima’s anniversary of the “Miracle of the Sun,” and the second will finish just before Holy Week for Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. This was her second Marian consecration. “Each time I became closer to Our Lady,” she said. “And there’s so much grace given as a group.”

As deeds go, such consecration is a spiritual work of mercy. Works of mercy can abound with a family at home, too: comforting a sick child or spouse or being patient with those in error.

Children might need correction, as well.

Hornquist shared how, as a mother, “simply being calm, saying things in a loving tone, and disciplining in a loving way” puts deeds of mercy “into normal daily life. I do what I can in my own home.”

Call to Repentance

One final point — both devotions are prime calls to repentance.

“If there is one thing Our Lady stressed at Fatima, it was the imperative repent,” wrote Servant of God and Jesuit Father John Hardon. “That is what the sacrament of penance is all about.” It is one of the conditions of Divine Mercy Sunday devotion, too.

This anniversary reminds the faithful what Pope St. John Paul II, the “Marian-Divine Mercy Pope,” said when he visited Fatima in May 1982. “[T]he evangelical call to repentance and conversion, uttered in the words of the Mother, is always present.” As is Jesus’ message of Divine Mercy.