

April 12, 2015



ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	MASS FOR
Saturday, Apr. 11 th	5:00 p.m.	+Ken Windatt
Sunday, Apr. 12 th	8:30 a.m.	Willi McPollin
Sunday, Apr. 12 th	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Monday, Apr. 13 th	No Mass	
Tuesday, Apr. 14 th	No Mass	
Wednesday, Apr. 15 th	11:30 a.m.	+Dorothy Harrington
Thursday, Apr. 16 th	11:30 a.m.	+Stan Flynn
Friday, Apr. 17 th	11:30 a.m.	+Joseph Tokar
Saturday, Apr. 18 th	8:30 a.m.	Fiona Fernandes
Saturday, Apr. 18 th	5:00 p.m.	+Ken Windatt
Sunday, Apr. 19 th	8:30 a.m.	Parishioners
Sunday, Apr. 19 th	10:30 a.m.	+Dan McGatha
Monday, Apr. 20 th	6:00 p.m.	+Hilary Gonsalves
Tuesday, Apr. 21 st	9:00 a.m.	Carlos Sousa
Wednesday, Apr. 22 nd	11:30 a.m.	+Basil Harrington
Thursday, Apr. 23 rd	11:30 a.m.	+Evelyn Snignen
Thursday, Apr. 23 rd	5:00 p.m.	CWL Members
Friday, Apr. 24 th	11:30 a.m.	+Isobel Putz
Saturday, Apr. 25 th	8:30 a.m.	Fiona Fernandes

Masses offered for the deceased (+)

Rosary: 20 minutes prior to weekday and Saturday morning Masses

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please Pray For: Deb McCabe, Gord Winette, Alanna Ramsden, Angela Gonsalves, Maria Sousa, Maria Dias, Antonia Pickarz

Kindly let us know when the sick are blessed with healing.

Parish Council

Kathy O'Donnell 705-484-5742

Liturgy Committee Choir:

Joan Dunbar 705-484-5287

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Diane Conway 705-484-5925

Catholic Women's League

Donna Page 705-484-0057

Finance Committee

Herb Phillipps 705-484-0547

Cemetery Board

Ruth Windatt 705-426-7117

Maintenance Committee

Dave McCarthy 705-426-7868

Fundraising Committee

Mary Jane Whalen 705-484-0063

Foley Catholic School

705-484-5940

Pat Shannon Principal

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Date	Offertory	Restoration
March 1 st	\$1327.50	\$1,145.00
March 8 th	\$1522.50	\$ 600.00
March 15 th	\$1882.50	\$ 380.00
March 22 nd	\$1652.50	\$ 255.00
March 29 th	\$1233.00	\$ 310.00

THANK YOU to all parishioners for your generous contributions!

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

Easter is the most important celebration in the Church. It commemorates the final victory of Christ over sin and the devil. It signifies our liberation from sin and all that oppresses us. Above all, it means that Jesus is alive now, and not just a separated soul but a man of flesh and bones. The resurrection of Jesus is an objective historical fact that, at the same time, requires the virtue of faith to be accepted. Christ's resurrection is a sign of hope for those who believe that Jesus can be approached in a personal manner, relating our experiences to Him who has lived a perfect life.

SPIRITUAL MATTERS

Christian life is not just about following a set of rules or high ideals. It is the following of a person and that person is Christ. We ought to be committed to Jesus and we should strive to have a personal relationship with Him. The Gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced His side with a lance and immediately there poured out water and blood. Now the water was a symbol of Baptism and the blood, of the Holy Eucharist. Since the symbols of Baptism and the Holy Eucharist flowed from His side, it was from His side that Jesus fashioned the Church, as He had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam. God took the rib when Adam was in deep sleep, and in the same way Christ gave us the blood and water after His own death. As a woman nourishes her child with her own blood and milk, so does Christ unceasingly nourish with His own Body and Blood those to whom He Himself has given life.

SPIRITUAL WISDOM

Jesus' Resurrection is the guarantee of the resurrection of the dead. Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven; whose sins you retain, they are retained. This Gospel passage is related to the other passages before the death and resurrection of Christ when He promised the apostles, and especially Peter, the power to "bind and lose". Some of us do not want to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation because they "confess directly to God" to have their sins forgiven.

That is not enough for forgiveness. If we have offended someone, it is not we but the offended party who should set the terms of forgiveness. If Christ gave the power to forgive sins to the apostles and their successors. These are Jesus' terms and we should avail ourselves of this channel.

Let us not be afraid of the Confession. It is a wonderful Sacrament, manifesting God's mercy, even from those grave sins against the dignity of life such as abortion, euthanasia, etc. It brings peace of soul and strength to fight sin in the future.

May the hope of our resurrection help us to live a genuine Christian life: a life of truth and justice, a life of love and generosity, a life of humility and kindness, a life of service and selflessness, a life of joy and peace.

Truly in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Gonsalves