

April 24, 2016



ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	MASS FOR
Saturday, April 23 rd	5:00 p.m.	Marianna Rapanaro
Sunday, April 24 th	8:30 a.m.	Mario Rapanaro & Family
Sunday, April 24 th	10:30 a.m.	Tony Rapanaro & Family
Monday, April 25 th	NO MASS	
Tuesday, April 26 th	5:00 p.m.	+Dorothy Harrington
Wednesday, April 27 th	9:00 a.m.	Paul Rapanaro & Family
Thursday, April 28 th	9:00 a.m.	+Nadir Jamal
Friday, April 29 th	9:00 a.m.	+Lisa Young
Saturday, April 30 th	8:30 a.m.	+Marita Reuper
Saturday, April 30 th	5:00 p.m.	+Lisa Young
Sunday, May 1 st	8:30 a.m.	+Lisa Young
Sunday, May 1 st	10:30 a.m.	+Lisa Young
Monday, May 2 nd	6:30 p.m.	+Dorothy Harrington
Tuesday, May 3 th	9:00 a.m.	+Basil Harrington
Wednesday, May 4 th	9:00 a.m.	+Lisa Young
Thursday, May 5 th	9:00 a.m.	+Lisa Young
Friday, May 6 th	9:00 a.m.	+Lisa Young
Saturday, May 7 th	8:30 a.m.	All Parish Volunteers

Masses offered for the deceased (+)

Rosary: 20 minutes prior to weekday and Saturday morning Masses

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Daily from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Prayer Group Meeting: Every Tuesday 9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please Pray For: Angela Gonsalves, Maria Sousa, Maria Dias, Antonia Pickarz, Ethan-Nicholas Galdick, Pamela Murray, Mary Dunham, Ivor (Buster) Johnston, Aaron David Martin, Kathleen Scott, Roderick Kerr, Kelly Corran, Julian Rodrigues

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

Finance Committee

Herb Phillipps 705-484-0547

Liturgy Committee Choir:

Joan Dunbar 705-484-5287

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Joanne Emons 705-484-5537

Catholic Women's League

Donna Page 705-484-0057

Fundraising Committee

Mary Jane Whalen 705-484-0063

Cemetery Board

Ruth Windatt 705-426-7117

Foley Catholic School

705-484-5940

Pat Shannon Principal

Maintenance Committee

Dave McCarthy 705-426-7868

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BATTLE OF THE BRAINS: The event was a great success! The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who participated and a special thank you to all the volunteers who selflessly donated their time and energy in raising funds for St. Andrew's Church renovations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of volunteers to clean our Church. If you can spare about an hour once a week to help out, please contact Joanne Emons 705-484-5537.

C.W.L. MEMBERS: Remember The Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on April 26th. Mass will be held @ 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner @ 6:00 p.m. at Brechin United Church. Cost \$20.00. Spouses are welcome.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Date	Offertory Envelopes	Offertory PAG	Restoration Regular	Restoration PAG
March 6 th	\$1,150.00		\$ 840.00	
March 13 th	\$ 950.00		\$ 523.50	
March 20 th	\$1,185.00		\$ 450.00	
March 27 th	\$ 860.00		\$1,050.00	
March PAG		\$1,107.00		\$ 232.00

THANK YOU to all parishioners for your generous contributions!

HIS MOTHER AND OURS

Mary's story begins in the mind of God when He planned in His mercy, to redeem us. To the tempting serpent in the Garden of Eden, God said.. "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel." (Gen.3-15) The woman of whom the Lord was speaking was Mary, the Mother of His Son. Centuries passed. The Chosen People kept the cherished hope of a Messiah alive. Every Jewish family dreamed that their daughter would be mother of the Savior. For Joachim and Anne, the dream came true. Their daughter, Mary, a teenager might have been praying or reading the Scriptures when the Archangel, Gabriel appeared to announce that Mary had found favor with God and that she would conceive and bear a Son who would be named Jesus.

By the Annunciation is meant the day on which the Church recalls the Angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary, her acceptance, and the Incarnation of Jesus, the Son of God. The feast is celebrated on March 25. Reflecting on the awesome reality of Jesus in Mary's womb, we can appreciate what that reality implies. First of all, because Jesus, who is God, was to become physically present in Mary, she was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. This great privilege was granted to Mary in view of the merits of her divine son. It was proclaimed a dogma of faith by Pope Pius IX in 1854 and is called the Immaculate Conception.

The Son of God became a man the moment in which Mary agreed to become His mother. The second person of the Blessed Trinity took a human body and soul in her womb, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' only father is God the Father. Jesus' foster father and guardian was good St. Joseph. Mary is the only woman who is both virgin and mother. Mary's giving birth to Jesus is called the virgin-birth. By virgin-birth is meant that our Lady remained a virgin before, during and after the birth of Jesus, her only Child.

Mary was singularly loved by God and was chosen to be the Mother of His only Son. We might be awed by His choice and wonder how He selected Mary. It is one of the secrets of His love. We admire our Lady's great privileges: her Immaculate Conception, the Annunciation, the virgin-birth, and her Assumption (the special privilege by which Mary's body, freed from corruption, was taken into heaven). It is only right to admire these privileges. But Mary can also be imitated for the heroic manner in which she lived her earthly life. We can imitate the Mother of God who said: "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say" (Luke 1:38). Mary is the model and example of faithfully doing the will of God.

Truly in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Gonzalez