

May 22, 2016



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TIMES OF MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	MASS FOR
Saturday, May 21 st	5:00 p.m.	Barbara Silvey
Sunday, May 22 nd	8:30 a.m.	Deanna O'Donnell Leclerc
Sunday, May 22 nd	10:30 a.m.	+Souls in Purgatory
Monday, May 23 rd	9:00 a.m.	+Basil Harrington
Tuesday, May 24 th	9:00 a.m.	+Richard Beauchamp
Wednesday, May 25 th	9:00 a.m.	+Stan Flynn
Thursday, May 26 th	9:00 a.m.	+Katlyn Scott
Friday, May 27 th	9:00 a.m.	+Hilary Gonsalves
Saturday, May 28 th	8:30 a.m.	+Dorothy Harrington
Saturday, May 28 th	5:00 p.m.	+Lily Chau
Sunday, May 29 th	8:30 a.m.	Bill Ward
Sunday, May 29 th	10:30 a.m.	Joanne & Steve Debrezini
Monday, May 30 th	9:00 a.m.	+Basil Harrington
Tuesday, May 31 st	9:00 a.m.	Bernadette & Calvin Readman
Wednesday, June 1 st	9:00 a.m.	Mike O'Donnell
Thursday, June 2 nd	9:00 a.m.	Maura Hughson
Friday, June 3 rd	9:00 a.m.	Margaret & Horace Mascurine
Saturday, June 4 th	8:30 a.m.	+Dorothy Harrington

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 & 10:00 a.m. –10:20 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, Bill Ward

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

Finance Committee Herb Phillipps 705-484-0547	Fundraising Committee Mary Jane Whalen 705-484-0063
Liturgy Committee Choir: Joan Dunbar 705-484-5287 Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors Joanne Emons 705-484-5537	Cemetery Board Ruth Windatt 705-426-7117
Catholic Women's League Donna Page 705-238-6825	Foley Catholic School 705-484-5940 Pat Shannon Principal
	Maintenance Committee Dave McCarthy 705-426-7868

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY: Join us Sunday, May 29th for the unveiling of our Bell & Donation Plaque and to say farewell to Father Gonsalves and to wish Father Hannan a Happy Anniversary of his Ordination.

Ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at noon in the Church, followed by a Community Pot Luck at Foley Catholic School. If interested in donating food, please contact Joanne Emons at 705-484-5537.

IT'S A MYSTERY! Envelope #97 – please put your name and address on your envelope if you would like to receive a tax receipt.

ST. COLUMBKILLE SPRING TEA: Saturday, June 4th. First sitting 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Second sitting 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Place: St. Columbkille Historic Rectory Cost: \$15.00 per person Contact Karen McIsaac 705-325-9904 or Margaret Mulvihill 705-325-1715. Tickets are limited so get yours today to avoid disappointment.

TRUE PRESENCE

A priest looked at his small congregation gathered at morning weekday Mass. The devout people followed the Mass with fervor. The moment of consecration arrived. The priest's hands trembled slightly as he picked up the host and began to enunciate slowly and clearly: "This is my body..." But his mind was racing. "I can't go on like this," the priest said to himself. "I'm a hypocrite. I don't believe. I just can't believe." By the end of the Mass, he had reached a decision.

Admitting his doubts about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, he would make a trip to Rome on foot and by donkey to see the Pope. The prospect of making such a journey from his distant land to Rome in the eleventh century meant danger and privation. But no price was too much if once again he could find peace of mind.

The troubled priest began his journey. Each evening, he found refuge in a rectory along the way and in the morning would celebrate Mass before continuing his sorrowful journey. What would he say to the Pope? How would he begin? What would the Pope do? As night approached, he neared a little town called Bolsena in Italy. The next morning he celebrated Mass in a small parish church. A few people were present. The priest mechanically fulfilled each part of the Mass.

As he began the "Lamb of God," perspiration formed on his forehead and in the palm of his hands. The old doubts surged through him. The priest carefully broke the host in two and said: "Behold, the Lamb of God..." His hands seemed to freeze on the host. He stared in wonder as blood began to ooze from the torn host. He hastily tried to put the consecrated bread back together but in vain. Blood spilled onto the corporal, then on the altar cloth.

The priest knelt down, eyes glued to the bleeding host, and repeated the words Thomas the Apostle had exclaimed centuries before: "My Lord and my God." Gone were his doubts. Gone were the torments and fears. Peace flooded the priest's soul. The town's people clustered around the wondrous sight and adored the bleeding host. Story of the miracle spread and the bloodstained corporal was carefully preserved and remains intact to this day in the beautiful basilica erected in nearby Orvieto to commemorate the miracle.

The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament, a sacrifice and the abiding presence of Jesus Himself, God and man. He is truly and completely present under the appearances of bread and wine. He makes us more like Himself and joins us to one another. The Eucharist is different from all the other Sacraments because under the appearances of bread and wine Jesus is completely present as both God and man. In the other sacraments, He is present only by His power and its effects.

Truly in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Gonsalves