



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This fourth Sunday of Easter you'll see John's Gospel has very few parables when compared to the others. But what it does have is a series of I AM statements by Jesus that function almost in the same manner. Where a parable uses an image, like the mustard seed, to teach about the kingdom of God, these I AM statements reveal to us Jesus' truest identity by echoing back to the time when God first revealed himself to Moses at the burning bush as a relational God.

In our contemporary society, the call of Christ can easily be crowded out by many other voices. How easily we can be enticed away by the must-have shouts of the world, the constant ring of cell phones, or the many inner voices that call us to various addictions and self-serving life decisions. This Easter season; let us re-commit ourselves to listen more closely to Christ, and to see in him the one and only gate to an abundant Life. May God continue to bless our parish.

Fr. Steve

MAY 7th, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

The second collection this week is for the benefit of our school tuition assistance. Thank you for your generosity!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Our school staff invite you to enjoy yummy breakfast treats following the 7:30am and 9:15am masses next Sunday. What a great way to start Mother's Day!



Devotional Candles

The blue devotional candles are available for purchase in the parish office. Those in the church are for memorials, we ask that they not be removed.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Wednesday 7:30am - 6:30pm
 Every First Friday 7:00pm to 8:00pm.
 Make a date to receive His Grace.
 Inside the Church

*"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
 Matthew 11:28*

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Today, **May 7th IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.**



Thank you to our families, your prayers strengthen those being called by God to live out their vocation.

May 14	A. Payne	11:00am
May 21	J. & C. Baylor	11:00am
May 28	R. & M. Krumnow	11:00am

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

Stewardship Moment

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10 Good stewardship is joyfully giving with grateful hearts for the abundant life gifted to us in Christ Jesus.

Special Announcement: The work in the **Ave Maria Building** is completed! Upgraded electrical work, new kitchen appliances, new tables and a much-needed deep cleaning! *Thank you* to everyone involved in the Ramped-Up Bingo, what a success! Stewards with joy filled hearts: St. Mary Building Committee, all those who planned and worked to make it happen and a special thanks to everyone who just had fun! Praise be to our God.



I sincerely hope everyone had a great time at the parish festival on Sunday, April 30. We appreciate all of our gracious donors, sponsors, and parish families that gave time, talent, and treasure to ensure a successful event. There are too many generous donors to mention here, but **YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!** Please know that your contributions and the success of our festival will truly help in offsetting and mitigating many of the operational expenses for our parish campus.

Greater than that, it was wonderful to see the children of our parish have a great time in a festival atmosphere. I know they all had a fantastic time. If you have a moment, please take an opportunity to help me show appreciation to our committee members. They have worked very hard behind the scenes to bring you an outstanding day!

Humbled,
Andrew Lambert

**Don't worry.... preliminary numbers for the festival earnings will be available soon.

April 23, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$	7,797.73
School	\$	232.00
Seminarian/Priest Educ.	\$	117.00
Total	\$	8,146.73

Note: totals include online giving

TRINITY DOME

Next Sunday's Second collection is for the completion of the dome in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Once again, we have an opportunity to unite with the Universal Church.

A bit of history, the Basilica is the largest Roman Catholic Church in North America, located in Washington DC. The foundation stone was laid in 1920 and the dome is the last part of the building process. It is scheduled to be complete by 2020 (100 years in the making). All through the generosity of so many faith filled Catholics. The dome consists of a mosaic depicting The Most Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a procession of saints. It's magnificent!

See trinitydome.org for photos and additional information.



HEAR YE! GRADUATING SENIORS HEAR YE!

The W.O.M.E.N.'s ministry is celebrating our graduating high school seniors with a Sunday brunch for families and a scholarship. **Sunday Brunch** will follow the 9:15am Mass on May 21st. To reserve your spot, call the Parish Office no later than May 15th. **Scholarship** applications are available on the parish website or in the office. **Deadline for submission is May 28th.**

Please return the Festival yard signs to the box at the entrance of the church OR bring them to the Parish Office. We'll see them again next year! Thank you



FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

Today May 7th, thirty-three of our parish children are celebrating their First Holy Communion at a 2:00 pm Mass. As we are all a part of the Body of Christ and members the same parish family, all are invited to attend for support to these wonderful children and their families. If you are not able to attend, please keep them in your prayers as they celebrate this beautiful gift from God. These children have studied hard and grown in their faith to come to the Table of the Lord. As we all know, coming to Mass and receiving the Eucharist is not a onetime celebration, but a lifelong, life giving event. Let us show by our example the importance of regular Mass attendance, receiving Jesus' gift of the Eucharist and celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us pray God continues to bless these children and their families, bringing them into a deeper, closer relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace,

Patricia St. Amour, DFF

- First Holy Communion Mass & Reception
Sunday, May 7, 2:00pm at the Church.
Children meet in the Hall at 1:00pm. Come dressed and ready to go. After Mass, a reception for students and families in the Parish Hall.
- Last Class & Prayer Service, Wednesday, May 10. Parents and family are invited to join us at 6:30pm at the church for a special year-end celebration!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Letter to the Galatians

Tuesdays in the Regina Caeli Rm. Choose a time for you; afternoons from 1:30pm to 3:30 pm, OR evenings from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm. Contact Loris Edwards at 254-778-8692.



CEDARBRAKE RETREAT CENTER

Practice of Art Journaling, **May 22**, 9:00 am-2:30pm
Beautiful spiritual practice led by Sr. Marianne Hieb, part of Lourdes Wellness Spirituality Retreat Team
For additional information www.cedarbrake.org



FALCON'S CORNER

2017-2018 School Year

Registration is well under way for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested in learning more, please give us a call and set up a tour and/or shadow date for your child (254-778-8141). You may also visit our website at www.stmarys-temple.org. Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify.

Welcome Wednesdays have begun. Each Wednesday from 9:00 to 3:00 our school will be open to visits and tours for prospective families. No need to call and schedule an appointment. Simply stop by at your convenience.

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| Sun. May 7 th | First Communion Mass 2:00 p.m. |
| Tues. May 9 th | Spring Concert 6:30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Catholic High School |
| Fri. May 12 th | All School Mass 8:15 a.m. |
| Sun. May 14 th | Happy Mother's Day and
Hospitality Sunday sponsored
by the faculty and staff of St.
Mary Catholic School. Please
join us after the 7:30 and 9:15
Mass in the Ave Maria Building. |
| Fri. May 19 th | Baccalaureate Mass 8:15 a.m.
7 th grade sponsored breakfast
for 8 th grade after Mass
8 th grade dismissed 12:00 noon |
| Sat. May 20 th | 8 th Grade Graduation 10:00a.m.
Grad Night 6:00 p.m. |
| Tues. May 23 rd | Final Awards in church 2:00 p.m. |
| Thurs. May 25 th | All School end of year party:
Spare Time |
| Fri. May 26 th | All School Mass 8:15 a.m.
Noon dismissal: last day |

St. Mary Week Ahead

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday May 8 th	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Room	9:00am
	Boy Scouts	O'Reilly Building	6:00pm
Tuesday May 9 th	Knitting & Crocheting	Ave Maria Room	12:30pm
	Adult Bible Study	Regina Caeli Room	1:30pm & 6:00pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Room 111	7:00pm
Wednesday May 10 th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church	7:30am
	Religious Education	Church Last Class	6:30pm
Thursday May 11 th	Middle School Choir Practice	School Auditorium	12:15pm
	Elementary Choir Practice	Church	3:30pm
	Choir Practice (9:15am Mass)	Church	6:15pm
	Choir Practice (5:30pm & 7:30am Masses)	Church	7:00pm
	Finance Council	Parish Office	6:00pm
	Trust Fund	Ave Maria Room	6:00pm
	RCIA Sacramentals & Devotions	Regina Caeli Room	7:00pm
Sunday May 14 th	Hospitality Sunday (Mother's Day)	Regina Caeli Room	after 7:30 & 9:15 masses

**Extraordinary Ministers to
Homebound May 14, 2017**

P. Proctor, P. & MA Everett, P. & K. Cameron,
J. Dudley, M. & K. Walters, A. Mesecke, A. Payne,
A. Mikeska, C. Oakes

May 13th & 14th, 2017

5:30 PM MASS

Lector: D. Rendeiro
Lay Ministers: P. & MA Everett, C. Hussey
Greeters: R. Beck, T. Mays
Altar Servers: H. Musquiz, D. Nguyen, S. Proctor, A. Cantu

7:30 AM MASS

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector: M. Maldonado
Lay Ministers: P. Proctor, K. Cameron
Greeters: H. Vavra, S. Motl, JT & JR Maldonado, J. Edwards
Altar Servers: T. A. V. Lucksinger, VM Maldonado

9:15 AM MASS

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector: M. Guenat
Lay Ministers: T. Leos, D. Gibson
Greeters: B. & S. McAtee, T. Hodge, D. Garza
Altar Servers: M. Knight, A. Lambert, S. Berumen, A. Tavernier

11:00 AM MASS

Lector: N. Pekar
Lay Ministers: A. Payne, A. Mikeska, F. Trevino
Greeters: C. Wohleb, S. Rodriguez, J. Oakes, D. Stolp
Altar Servers: A., N., V. Basile, Z. Herzog

May 8th to May 14th, 2017

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 12:10PM † Frank Zarosky
Wednesday 7:00AM † Daryl Entrop
Thursday 7:00AM † Dorothy & Harry Keller
Friday 8:15AM † Marie Riley
12:10PM † Eddie Edwards
Saturday 7:30AM † Gertrude & Charles Peterson
5:30PM For All Mothers
Sunday 7:30AM For All Mothers
9:15AM For All Mothers
11:00AM For All Mothers