



*4th Sunday
of Easter
Good
Shepherd
Sunday
April
21st
2024*

Living Mass Intentions for the Week

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From the Gusset

In **Greek Mythology** there was a fisherman named **Glaucus**, who noticed that **a fish** he had caught came back to life after some **seaweed** entered **the fish's** mouth. So **Glaucus** tasted some of this **seaweed** himself, and he became **immortal**—**Glaucus** became a sea-god, who would not die and he spent his **eternity** helping sailors who were lost at sea. That is what **Beatrice** has become in **the Paradiso** of **Dante's Divine Comedy**, **Beatrice** is **a Saint of Heaven**—she will live forever in God's presence, and she helps **Dante** to come to **full life**. For remember, **Dante** is lost—he is confused. **Dante** doesn't know how to live his

Catholic life anymore. So, **Beatrice** instructs him to eat **the Eucharist** of **the Mass** when **Dante** returns to **earthly life**. You see, isn't **the Eucharist** like that **magical seaweed** in **Greek Mythology**, just as the **magical seaweed** gave life to a dead **fish**, just as the **magical seaweed** made **Glaucus** immortal, so does **the Eucharist** do, to you and I. When we eat **the Eucharist**, **the Flesh** of Christ, we take on the immortal quality of God's Son, we have **life** and we have **life to its fullest**, because Jesus gives us **His Flesh** and **Blood** to eat and drink. Now, when **Dante** enters **Heavenly glory** things are so **bright** that his eyes hurt. Listen to these lines that pen **the**



brightness of Heaven: and suddenly it seemed that to full daylight—full daylight had been added as if (God) had put another sun in the sky! Even **at night in Heaven** it is as bright as the **noonday sun**, but when the sun comes up, **the brightness of Heaven** doubles; as if, **two suns** are in the sky. So, when **Beatrice** tells **Dante** ‘to

look over there’ or ‘look over here’—**Dante** is unable to see anything—so bright is the environment he finds himself in, so what does **Dante** do? He has **Beatrice** look at the object of **Heaven**, and then **Dante** looks at **Beatrice** and sees what she is looking at through her eyes! **And there it is!!** **Adam** was not able to see **the glory** of God, so God created **Eve**. When **Adam** awoke from his slumber, and he looked into the eyes of **Eve**—**Adam** finally saw how much God **loved** him; for reflected in his **wife's eyes** was **the glory** of God's **love** for him. I always tell **engaged couples** that God gives you, your spouse, so that you can have a **new vision** of God's **love** for you. Had the person stayed **single**, they like **Adam**, would never have fully realize how much God **loves** them. But your **spouse** gives you a **new vision** of **the glory** of God's **love** for you. **Happy Easter!**

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy



Collection Amounts for the Month of March

	OLPH	SMA	St. Patrick
Loose Collection	\$370	\$22	\$43
Envelopes	\$4,569	\$12,252	\$1,446
Total	\$4,939	\$12,274	\$1,489
Monthly Expenses	\$10,921	\$4,184	\$3,695
International Appeal	\$995	\$615	\$235
Diocesan Appeal	\$13,068/\$9,658	\$5,564/\$4,298	\$14,949/\$2,658
Holy Thursday	\$321	\$100	\$20
Good Friday	\$195	\$295	\$30
Easter	\$1,983	\$709	\$680



It is always interesting how **the Catholic Church** chooses **the Feast Days of her Saints**. For instance, **April 25th** was the day that **St. Peter** entered into **Rome** to become the cities' first Bishop (Pope)! Since **St. Mark** was **St. Peter's** secretary, while **Peter** was in **Rome**, **April 25th** became **St. Mark's Feast Day**. Eventually, **April 25th** came to be known by the title: **The Day of the Greater Litany**, which was marked by **processions** and **prayer supplications** that God might **bless the land** wherever **the procession** traveled! Now a days, we use the Sunday closest to **the Feast of St. Mark** to invoke **a blessing** from God on our **land**—that it might be **fruitful** and provide **the sustenance** we need to provide for our families. The weekend of **April 27th** and **28th**, I invite you to bring **a symbol** of your labors with you to **Mass**. If you are a **farmer**, you may wish to bring **a soil sample** or the keys to your **tractor**. If you are a **carpenter**, you may wish to bring a **T-square** or a **hammer**. If you are a **writer**, you may wish to bring your **pen** or your **tablet**. Whatever your **vocation**, bring a symbol of your trade, which you wish God to **bless**; after **the Baptismal Creed**, Father will **sprinkle holy water** (for the 2nd time in the **5th Sunday of Easter**), and the object you hold (**a symbol** of your labors) will be **blessed**.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM **Fr. Raju Pilla** the **MISSIONARY REPRESENTATIVE FROM** the **LATIN ARCHDIOCESE OF TRIVANDRUM, INDIA**



Fr. Raju gave a Mission Appeal on the first weekend of **November** last year, and **he** wrote a letter of **gratitude** (**a copy may be found on the back bulletin boards at each of our Churches**) thanking us for **\$3,175.60** that you donated for **the Catholic Church in India**. **Fr. Raju** also thanks us for our on going prayers for the poor fishing villages along the Arabian seacoast as they struggle to recover from the **Monsoon rains**, and **Father** assures us of his prayers for us!

The Art and Architecture of our Catholic Churches

How is it that the Catholic Church where one worships God
—can be so influential on one's Faith!

(Jesus) said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven. Then He strictly ordered His disciples to tell no one that He was the Messiah.

—Matthew 16:15-20

Perhaps no verses in **Sacred Scripture** have had more ink spilled over them than these, and they are **the theme** of our **Paschal Candle** in **Sublette's Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** for **the Year of Grace 2024**. Featuring **the Cross** of Christ with the digits of **the Holy Year** carved into **the spandrels** and bracketed by **the alpha** and **omega** – you will see that there is a really cool set of **wax rocks** layered one on top of another – both above and below **the Cross** of Christ. Remember **St. Paul** told **the Corinthians** (1Cor 3:10-15) that only due to **the grace** of God was **Paul** trying to be *a wise Master builder* – building upon **the foundation** of Christ. **St. Paul** said, he was trying to be ‘*a careful builder.*’ Not only is **Fr. Randy** trying to erect the next level of your **Faith**, but you also – as the head of your **Family** – are trying to build with precious stones, wood, hay, or straw the **Faith** of your **Family**! You want the **Faith** of your **Family** to grow in this **Year of Grace 2024**, and you do this by making sure your **Family** members receive **the Sacraments** of **the Catholic Church** –

and so the upper **wax rock** layer has a picture of **the Lamb of God** with His seven medallions (**the Sacraments**). The lower **wax rock** layer has a picture of **St. Peter's** upside down **Cross** and the crossed keys – the symbol of **the Catholic Churches' power** to **forgive** or hold bound our **sins** on **earth**. **St. Peter**, every Holy Roman Pontiff, **St. Paul**, **Fr. Randy**, and every Catholic priest struggles to build up the **Faith** of their **parishioners**; just as, you (as the head of your **Family**) must also struggle to build on the foundation of **Faith** that Jesus saw that **St. Peter** had. I pray that every time you see **the Paschal Candle** in **Sublette** lit—that you would say **a prayer** to **St. Peter** for help in the all-important work God has entrusted you with. **Happy Easter!**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 20th

(+) Angelo & (+) Irma & (+) Dino Guidarini/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Delmer Dinges/ Mr. & Mrs. Louie Vaessen &
(+) Joan Dinges/ Gene Leffelman

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Rita Haefner/ Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bresson

Sunday, March 21st 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Joann Burke/ Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jones

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

(+) Segrendina Lecordo/ Sister Laticia Lapid & Kim Marten/ Mary Schreiner

Monday, April 22nd

Living Intention of Ryan, Melissa, and Baby Reyes/ Mary Schreiner

Tuesday, April 23rd Feast of St. George

(+) Joseph Schauer/ Roger and Rick Fronek &

(+) Francis & Kathleen Schmidt/ Fr. Randy

10:30 am, **St. Rita** (+) Msgr. Donovan/ Fr. Randy

Wednesday, April 24th

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Celeste Schmitt & (+) Jean Ritola/ Carlene Schuhler

Thursday, April 25th Feast of St. Mark

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Sister Felicia Ezeofor/ DDL

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Carol Widolff/ Mr. & Mrs. Greg Henkel &

(+) Julie Kaelin/ Herb Kaelin

Friday, April 26th

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Dennis McCoy/ Mr. & Mrs. John Corcoran

Saturday, April 27th

(+) Angelo & (+) Irma & (+) Dino Guidarini/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa

4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Betty Henkel/ Family

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) June Jones/ Mr. & Mrs. Mike Burkardt

Sunday, March 28st 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Lennard & (+) Marie Miles/ Mr. & Mrs. Ed Klein

10:30 am, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

(+) Theodore & (+) Annunziata Farioli/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa

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