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Roman Catholic Churches of St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Joseph



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

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Mass Schedule
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

Confession
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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Prayer Chain
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The Archdiocese of New York's **Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass** will take place on Sunday, June 2 at 2:30 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024. Couples must register with the parish office. Registration closes on Monday, May 13 at 5 pm.

Bus to Pete McGovern's ordination: We are anticipating Peter McGovern's ordination to the diaconate in St. Patrick Cathedral on Saturday, June 15 at 9 am. The parish has reserved a bus for parishioners. It will depart from the parish for the Cathedral at 6 am. The bus will leave the Cathedral for the parish at noon (arriving 2:30 pm). Cost per person is \$35.00. Make your checks payable to "St. Marianne Cope Parish" to reserve your seat.

The special **collection for Central and Eastern Europe** will be held on the weekend of April 27/28. Your participation will express your care and support for the people throughout the region and in Ukraine, especially in times of crisis and disruption and help restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe. For more information, visit cnewa.org.

Mass Intentions: What does it mean to have a Mass "offered" for someone? An individual may ask for a Mass to be offered for several reasons—in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as a birthday or special occasion), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Our 2024 Mass Book is open for intentions. Contact the Parish Office for available dates/times for Masses.

Congratulations to the CDA's 10-Month Winners for April: \$50 (148) Marie Fitzgerald; \$75 (135) Knox and Sylar Hufford.

The **Bulletin Cover Image** is "El Buen Pastor" by Cristóbal García Salmerón. Source: Wikimedia Commons. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally celebrated as Good Shepherd or Vocations Sunday. This is because in the Gospel of the day (from St. John's Gospel), Jesus speaks of himself as the Shepherd who is prepared to lay down his life for his sheep.

The seasonal **Word on Fire content module** has been expanded! Now you can enjoy daily gospel reflections from Bishop Robert Barron all year long, not just during Lent and Advent. Visit stmariannecope.com daily for the reflections.

CATECHESIS ON THE HOLY MASS:

The Father's Peace

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
Good morning! Let us continue with the catechesis on the Holy Mass. The Liturgy of the Word... is followed by the main part of the Mass which is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In it, through its holy signs, the Let us continue with the Catechesis on the Holy Mass. At the Last Supper, after Jesus took the bread and the cup of wine, and gave thanks to God, we know that "he broke the bread". In the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Mass, this action corresponds to the Fraction of Bread, preceded by the prayer that the Lord taught us, that is, by the "Our Father."

Thus begins the Communion Rite... with the community's recitation of the "Our Father". This is not one of many Christian prayers, but *the prayer of the children of God*: it is the great prayer that Jesus taught us. Indeed, consigned to us on the day of our Baptism, the "Our Father" makes resonate within us those same sentiments that Christ Jesus bore within. When we pray the "Our Father", we pray as Jesus prayed. It is the prayer that Jesus prayed, and he taught it to us; when the disciples said to him: "Master, teach us to pray as you pray".... It is so beautiful to pray like Jesus! Formed by his divine teaching, we dare to turn to God calling him "Father", because we are reborn as his children through water and the Holy Spirit (cf. Eph 1:5). No one, truly, could call him "Abbà" — "Father" — in a familiar way without having been created by God, without the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, as Saint Paul teaches (cf. Rom 8:15).... How often there are people who say "Our Father" but do not know what they are saying. Because yes, he is the Father, but when you say "Father", do you feel that he is Father, your Father, the Father of mankind, the Father of Jesus Christ? Do you have a relationship with this Father? When we pray the "Our Father", we connect with the Father who loves us, but it is the Spirit who gives us this connection, this feeling of being God's children.

What better prayer than the one taught by Jesus could prepare us for sacramental Communion with him? Apart from in the Mass, the "Our Father" is prayed in the morning and at night, in the Praises and in Vespers; in this way, the filial attitude toward God and that of fraternity with our neighbor help give Christian form to our days. In the Lord's Prayer — in the "Our Father" — we ask for our "daily bread", in which we see a particular reference to the Eucharistic Bread, which we need in order to live as children of God.

We also implore "forgiveness of our trespasses." ...To receive God's forgiveness we commit to forgiving those who have offended us.... Forgiving the people who have offended us is not easy; it is a grace that we must ask for: "Lord, teach me to forgive as you have forgiven me". It is a grace. Through our own efforts we are unable: to forgive is a grace of the Holy Spirit.

Thus, as we open our heart to God, the "Our Father" also prepares us for fraternal love. Lastly, we again ask God to "deliver us from evil" which separates us from him and divides us from our brothers and sisters. Let us clearly understand that these requests are quite appropriate to prepare ourselves for Holy Communion (cf. *GIRM*, 81).

Indeed, what we ask in the "Our Father" is extended by the prayer of the priest who, in the name of all, implores: "Deliver us Lord from every evil, and grant us peace in our day". He then receives a sort of seal in the Rite of Peace: what he first asks of Christ is that the gift of His peace (cf. Jn 14:27) — different from worldly peace — may help the Church to grow in unity and in peace, according to His will; then, with the concrete gesture..., we express "ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament" (cf. *GIRM*, 82). In the Roman Rite the exchange of the sign of peace, placed from antiquity before Communion, is ordered to Eucharistic Communion. According to Saint Paul..., it is impossible to communicate with the one Bread that renders us one Body in Christ, without recognizing that we are reconciled by fraternal love (cf. 1 Cor 10:16-17; 11:29). Christ's peace cannot take root in a heart incapable of experiencing fraternity and of restoring it after it has been wounded. Peace is granted by the Lord: he grants us the grace to forgive those who have offended us.

The gesture of peace is followed by the *Fraction of Bread* (cf. *GIRM*, 83; *CCC*, 1329). Performed by Jesus during the Last Supper, the breaking of the Bread is the revelatory gesture that allowed the disciples to recognize him after his Resurrection. We remember the disciples of Emmaus who, in speaking of their encounter with the Risen One, recount "how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread" (cf. Lk 24:30-31, 35).

The breaking of the Eucharistic Bread is accompanied by the invocation of the "Lamb of God", the figure which John the Baptist indicated in Jesus "who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). The biblical image of the lamb speaks of redemption (cf. Ex 12:1-14; Is 53:7; 1 Pet 1:19; Rev 7:14). In the Eucharistic Bread, broken for the life of the world, the prayerful assembly recognizes the true Lamb of God, namely, Christ the Redeemer, and implores him: "Have mercy on us ... grant us peace".

"Have mercy on us", "grant us peace" are invocations that, from the "Our Father" prayer to the Fraction of Bread, help us to prepare our soul to participate in the Eucharistic banquet, the source of communion with God and with our brothers and sisters. Let us not forget the great prayer: the one that Jesus taught us, and which is the prayer with which he prayed to the Father. This prayer prepares us for Communion.

(From Pope Francis' General Audience on 14 March 2018)

MASS INTENTIONS

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.

Mon, Apr 22

8:30 +Ruth Waye Grzybowski by Tom and Judi Waye

Tues, Apr 23: *St George*

8:30 +Julia White by Mary Mele

Wed, Apr 24: *St Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

8:30 +Jane Sullivan by Rita Elliott

Thurs, Apr 25: *St Mark*

8:30 +Rosela Pana by Remy Pana

Fri, Apr 26

8:30 +Horan and Kelly families by Kathleen Kelly

Sat, Apr 27

8:30 +Phil Adams by Liz Adams

4:30 +Michael Byrnes by Kathy Kissel; +Edith Mamawal by Linda Siner

Sun, Apr 28: *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 Ints of Daniel and Barbara Creagan

10:00 +Maureen Terwilliger by Slattery family

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass: \$15.

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading I — Acts 4:8-12

Peter's first discourse is more like an "apologia" than a sermon. In his discourse, Peter answers the Sanhedrin's question directly.

Reading II — 1 John 3:1-2

By way of the Paschal mystery, we have truly become the children of God.

The Gospel — John 10: 1-18

In this section, "good" really means "noble" or "ideal", and not just "good at" something or other. Unlike bad shepherds, who allow the sheep to be eaten by wolves, Jesus lays down His life for His sheep.

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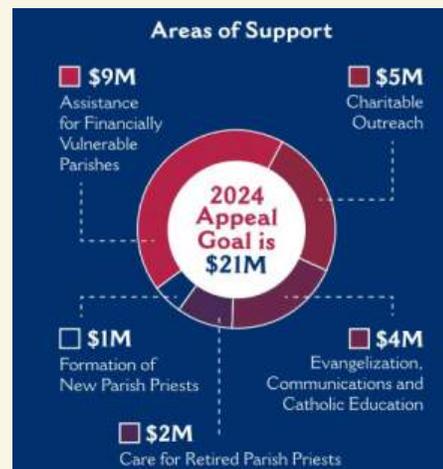
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