



Fr. Marcin!

April 28, 2020

#### Church Office Hours

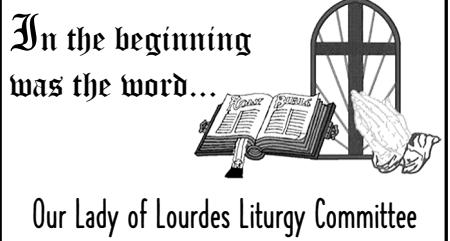
Tuesday—Friday  
8:30am - 4:30pm

Pastor's Office Hours  
By Appointment

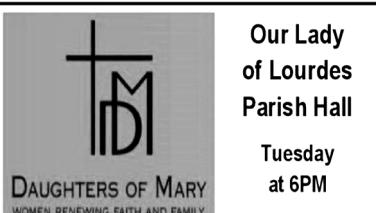
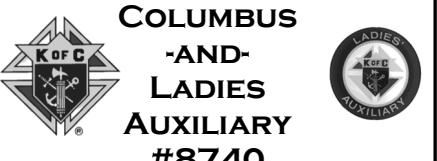
Phone Number:  
251-479-9885

Church Email:  
ollparish@att.net

Pastor's Email:  
padredudziak@gmail.com



Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy Committee



#### A Prayer in this Time of Challenge

adapted from a prayer by Bishop Larry Duffy

**God of Love**, we the people of Our Lady of Lourdes turn to you with prayerful hearts and with confidence in your loving presence among us now and in every moment of our lives. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May we be comforted by your love in these anxious times.

**Generous and Merciful God**, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear.

**Healing God**, bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbors. We pray especially for those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

**God of Strength**, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

**God of Wisdom**, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

**O God of creation and God of life**, we, your people here in Mobile, place ourselves and our world in your protection and love. May your peace be with us and enfold us today, tomorrow and during the time ahead.

We make our prayer through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and all the saints.  
Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us  
St. Faustina, Pray for Us  
St. John Paul II, Pray for Us  
May all the saints of God, pray for us, Amen!

#### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY  
APRIL 25

PARISHIONERS OF  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SUNDAY  
APRIL 26

ALL FIRST RESPONDERS  
OF MOBILE, AL

TUESDAY  
APRIL 28

+MSGR. PETER CUNINGHAM

WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 29

+MSGR. PETER CUNINGHAM

THURSDAY  
APRIL 30

+ RENNIE PITTS

FRIDAY  
MAY 1

+MSGR. PETER CUNINGHAM

SATURDAY  
MAY 2

BILL & ANN KENNY  
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY  
MAY 3

FOR PARISHIONERS OF  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

#### 2020 Collections

##### Regular & Holy Days Collection

04/19/20 \$4,007.00

**2020 Total Regular Collection  
\$61,027.00**

Holy Land 2020 \$261.00

##### Parish Projects

04/19/20 \$215.00

**2020 Total Parish Project Collection  
\$4,829.00**



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish



1621 BOYKIN BLVD MOBILE, AL 36605  
REV. MARCIN DUDZIAK, PASTOR  
DEACON, ED CONNICK  
WWW.OURLADYOFLOURDESPARISH.COM

## MASS SCHEDULE

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE AND  
IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONTAIN THE  
CORONAVIRUS ALL MASSES,  
GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS  
ARE TEMPORARILY CANCELLED

SATURDAY  
VIGIL MASS  
4:00PM

SUNDAY  
MASS  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

LATIN MASS  
6:00 PM

MONDAY  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
8:00AM

TUESDAY  
MASS  
5:30PM

WEDNESDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM

THURSDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM

FRIDAY  
MASS  
8:00AM

MONTHLY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION  
8:30AM TO NOON

FIRST SATURDAY  
MASS  
8AM

SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION  
SATURDAY  
3:15PM-3:45PM  
OR BY APPOINTMENT

From Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish



Let us join our hearts in gratitude and prayer this Sunday, praying for the encouragement and safety of the heroes on the frontlines of the fight against Covid-19 in Mobile, the United States and all across the world. Fr. Marcin will be offering the Mass this Sunday for all workers on the frontlines in Mobile, AL.



**It's the heart of a first responder  
to run into a crisis situation—no matter how volatile—and help however possible.**

NEW DATE  
SET!!  
9/27/2020



OUR LADY OF  
LOURDES  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
1621 Boykin Boulevard  
Mobile, Alabama 36605

## Annual Lawn Party

-INVITES YOU TO OUR-

### International Fall Festival

September 27, 2020



# Hang on to Hope When the World Is Falling Apart

By Jim and Susan Vogt



It's easy for all of us to feel overwhelmed and helpless in the face of many natural disasters, blatant injustices, and tragedies in our world. Are earthquakes, floods, and droughts worse than in the past, or are we more aware of them due to modern communication? Injustices tear at our hearts the most since they are under human control. Terrorism, corrupt politicians, oil spills, and pollution are mammoth problems of human making. Tragedies like death, divorce, or lingering illness can devastate us. We wonder: *How can God allow such suffering when we try so valiantly to do what's right and pray so hard?*

What's a Christian to do? Wallow in grief or guilt? Rail at God? Give up? Grieving is OK—for a time. Even getting angry at God is human. The psalms are good examples of people pouring out their grief and anger to God. (See Psalms 22, 55, 57, 88, 94, and 102 for a start.) Don't worry. God can handle our strong feelings.

There comes a time, however, when we have to pick ourselves up and carry on. The following actions have helped us when we've felt overwhelmed or powerless in the face of problems and evils in our world:

- **Cultivate gratitude:** Let go of your anger through consciously noting one thing each day for which you're grateful. When Susan starts fretting about the ills of society, she calls to mind that at least our home has electricity and running water.
- **Pray in solidarity:** Of course we pray, both personally and at Mass, for people affected by natural disasters and tragedies of all kinds. Adding our bodies to our prayers through fasting or other sacrifices can build solidarity with the victims and reinforce our prayers.
- **Take action:** Actions put feet on prayer. If you're already feeling overwhelmed and stretched, remind yourself that you don't have to eradicate poverty or war today—or alone. Can you take one action step in the direction of change? This won't solve the whole problem, but it gets you out of the starting gate.
- **Protect your sanity:** When making even one step feels like too much, you might be right. Sometimes we're truly maxed out and have to trust others and God to take care of a problem. Count what you're doing as contributing to society and call it "enough."

## PRAYER

Risen Lord, you walk with me as my friend and companion. Help me to recognize your presence in all people.

—From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

## WEEKDAY READINGS

April 27–May 2

**Monday,** Easter Weekday:  
Acts 6:8–15 / Jn 6:22–29

**Tuesday,** Easter Weekday:  
Acts 7:51—8:1a / Jn 6:30–35

**Wednesday,** St. Catherine of Siena:  
Acts 8:1b–8 / Jn 6:35–40

**Thursday,** Easter Weekday:  
Acts 8:26–40 / Jn 6:44–51

**Friday,** Easter Weekday:  
Acts 9:1–20 / Jn 6:52–59

**Saturday,** St. Athanasius:  
Acts 9:31–42 / Jn 6:60–69

Bringing Home  
the Word +  
April 26, 2020

© 2020 Liguori Publications, a ministry of the Redemptorists. One Liguori Drive, Liguori, MO 63057. Scripture quotations in this publication are from the New American Bible, revised edition, © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington, DC. The Pope Francis quotation is used with permission and copyright © 2020 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. All rights reserved. 1-800-325-9521. Liguori.org.

- **Think bigger:** Those of us with ordinary demands on our time, energy, and money have the responsibility to think bigger, to consider a second or third step. We must go beyond the human temptation to throw up our hands and say, "It's too big a problem. I can't make any difference." Consider that your strong emotion of anger or helplessness may be a call from God to act. You've been touched and moved.
- **Make a friend:** Whatever problem is touching your heart, there are probably others who have organized a group that's already working on it. Besides, having others to work with is motivating and can refine bigger ideas.

## What's Faith Got to Do with It?

Jesus spent his life showing us how to deal with adversity and how to be neighbors. And what did it get him? Crucified! If we're following Jesus, we shouldn't expect comfort and ease. Rather, we need to spend ourselves for others and learn to love better. Jim McGinnis, a modern-day prophet and cofounder of the Institute for Peace and Justice, wrote: "In the face of escalating violence, let us escalate love." +

## PRAYER

Risen Lord, you walk with me as my friend and companion. Help me to recognize your presence in all people.

—From *Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter Through Pentecost*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney



# Bringing Home the Word +

Third Sunday of Easter (A)  
April 26, 2020

## Hope Rekindled

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Discouragement and exhaustion are familiar to many of us. When we are young, we are full of life, vigor, hopes, and dreams. But the challenges of life can lead us down rough and narrow streets with few exits. When a fresh hope—an opportunity or a new love—appears but doesn't pan out, we are even more discouraged than before.

The two disciples returning home were convinced Jesus was the Messiah, but it doesn't seem to be. Jesus isn't surprised by their dissolution. He catches up to them and takes an interest in their

## Sunday Readings

**Acts 2:14, 22–33**

God raised [Jesus] up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.

**1 Peter 1:17–21**

He was...revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory.

**Luke 24:13–35**

He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened.

## A Word from Pope Francis

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: "Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead."

—General audience, May 24, 2017



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Am I discouraged with God in some area of my life? Talk through these areas in prayer.
- It was necessary that the Messiah suffer. Do I accept suffering? Am I willing to die with Christ to live with him?

**We need God's presence to enlighten our faith, rekindle our hope, and ignite our love.**

## A Deeper Look: Today's Readings

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 and concerns bearing witness to the "name" of Jesus, and the implications which this witnessing necessarily brings with it. Peter and the apostles answered their inquisitors by stating firmly their faith in Christ, and the lesson ends with reference to their joy at having been found worthy to endure trials for the name of Christ. — A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle by Kevin W. Irwin

The second reading is from the first Letter of Peter 1:17-21. St. Peter says that we are sons of God because of his infinite mercy in sending Christ to us as our brother. So we can rightly call God our "Father." But we must behave as true, loyal sons, during our "time of exile" on this earth, for our merciful Father is also the absolutely just God who will judge each one of us "impartially according to our deeds" when we lay down our earthly life. — A Guide to the Eucharist and Hours - Lent by Kevin W. Irwin

The Gospel is from St. Luke 24:13-35. It is the first day of the week after the great Jewish feast of the Passover and Jerusalem is trying to return to its normal routine. The shop keepers count their profits and the Temple priests congratulate themselves because they were able to kill the 'Galilean'. For the disciples and those who were 'foreigners' in Jerusalem, it is time to start to return to their own homes and their normal lives.

Curtains were closed and lights were dimmed not only due to the celebration of Jerusalem's solemn festival but also because everyone had hope that the man Jesus 'would be the One to redeem Israel' (Lk 24:21). The two disciples from Emmaus are to be found, along their journey, talking to 'Jesus in person', 'but their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him' (Lk 24:16).

Why did the Lord not tell the disciples straight away who He was? Indeed, in the dialogue that the liturgy presents to us today, it almost seems that Jesus did all He could to avoid revealing His true identity. Firstly, He pretended not to know what Cleopas and his companion were discussing and then He went on to 'explain to them the passages throughout scriptures that were about Himself' (Lk 24:27) but without making direct reference to Himself.

At the end of the journey, 'He made to go on' (Lk 24:28). Jesus didn't want to play games with His disciples, but He sought to educate their hearts, and also ours, so that we won't be 'slow'! In fact, when faced with the Lord's Presence, we find that the heart quickly 'burns' upon hearing His words as we are grateful of the fact that we were freed not by 'gold and silver but by the precious blood of Christ' who is the 'blameless and spotless' lamb (Cfr. 1 Pet 1:19).

The Risen Lord uses so much gentleness with us! He doesn't oblige us to 'believe' but He offers us the instruments that enable us to judge based on the infallible measure of our own hearts. As St Augustine extraordinarily wrote in the opening of his Confessions 'our heart is restless until it rests in you' (St. Augustine, Conf. 1,1,1:PL 32,659-661)

There is still one more detail that calls for our attention and raises many questions: why did the eyes of the disciples open to recognize Jesus whilst they were at table with Him? The Eucharistic context is undeniable. The disciples are at table, the Lord is with them; He took the bread and saying the prayer of benediction, broke it. It was during the last action of the breaking of the bread that the companions recognized Jesus. It was not only the action in itself but finally Cleopas and his friends could see, with their own eyes, the hands pierced by the nails of the passion that until that very movement had remained hidden from them during the long journey on the road.

It was in that very moment in which they recognized the presence of the Crucified One, that He 'disappeared from their sight' whilst their eyes remained fixed on the broken bread, that was left to fall 'onto the altar'. Is it not the same experience that every one of us can have every Sunday?

So, 'they set out that instant' (Lk 24:33). They started to understand that death is not the last word on the life of each one of us as we can not be 'held in its power' (Acts 2:24). This is a sign of great hope that gives us irreprehensible joy! In so much as we journey to Jerusalem — each on his own road, it must often seem long and tiring. However, now with our eyes fully opened it appears that we have the privilege to say to all the world, 'the Lord has indeed risen' (Lk 24:34).



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

CATHOLIC PARISH

## Prayer List

Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Clement Boney, Eddie Booth Sr., Logan Bowers, Boatie Campbell, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, John Dumas, Teresa Dumas, Shelby Fletcher, Ellyn Fowler, Louise Frontz, Tim Frontz, Tony Golemon, J S Johnson, Bill Johnston, Billy Kenny, MaryAnn Keith, Liz Kilborn, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Tiffany Neese, Joanne Orleans, Darlene O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Genna Pose, Glenda Pouyadou, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Mary Spikes, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Thomas Thigpen, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Sallie Washington, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Sharon Williams, Agnes Worley, Bobby Zarate.

## Active Military

Dominic French Army, Jordan Guidry Marines, Austin M. Goodin Marines, Fr. Paul A. Halladay Army, Matthew Ladnier Coast Guard Kenneth L. McAlman Army, Alex Mileshtko Army, Corie Demetri Mitchell Army, Kevin O'Rourke Coast Guard, Sam Schoolfield Jr. Marine Reserves, Sam Schoolfield Sr. Marines, Jerrick Thompson Army Reserves