

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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*Sunday, April 16, 2023*

## Reflection for this weekend's readings- Taken from My Catholic Life!

### *Third Sunday of Easter (Years A)*

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" [Luke 24:31-32](#)

This passage above produced a unique blessing. Jesus opened the minds of the Apostles to the Scriptures in a new way. These were ordinary men who were given an extraordinary gift of understanding. It didn't come to them as a result of long study and hard work. Rather, it came to them as a result of their openness to Christ's powerful action in their lives. Jesus unlocked the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven to them. As a result, they suddenly understood truths that could never be learned on their own.

So it is with us. The mysteries of God are vast and wide. They are deep and transforming. But so often we fail to understand. We often even fail to want to understand.

Think about those things in your life now, or in your past, that have left you confused. You need a special gift of the Holy Spirit to make sense of them. And you need this gift to make sense of the many good things of God found in the Scriptures also. This is the Gift of Understanding. It's a spiritual gift that unlocks the many mysteries of life for us.

Without the Gift of Understanding, we are left on our own to try to make sense of life. This is especially true when we are faced with hardship and suffering. How is it, for example, that an all-powerful and all-loving God can allow the good and the innocent to suffer? How is it that God can seem absent at times from human tragedy?

The truth is that He is not absent. He is centrally involved in all things. What we need to receive is an understanding of the profound and mysterious ways of God. We need to understand the Scriptures, human suffering, human relationships, and divine action in our lives. But this will never happen unless we allow Jesus to open our minds.

Allowing Jesus to open our minds takes faith and surrender. It means we believe first and understand later. It means we trust Him even though we do not see. St. Augustine once said, "Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe." Are you willing to believe without seeing? Are you willing to believe in the goodness and love of God even though life, or a particular situation in life, does not make sense?

Reflect, today, upon the Gift of Understanding. Believing in God means we believe in a person. We believe in Him even though we find ourselves confused about particular circumstances. But this gift of believing, the gift of faith, opens the door to a depth of understanding that we could never arrive at on our own.

*God of all Truth, give me the Gift of Understanding. Help me to know You and to understand Your actions in my life. Help me to especially turn to You in the most troubling moments of life. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*Faith*  
**IS NOT BELIEVING  
THAT GOD CAN ,  
IT IS KNOWING  
THAT GOD WILL .**



## Fr. Tuan in Jerusalem

Fr. Tuan with the Arch-Bishop Pizzacalla, the patriarch of Jerusalem at the Holy Sepulchre Church built over the location where Jesus died and was buried.

The site of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem is identified as the place both of the crucifixion and the tomb of Jesus of Nazareth. The church has long been a major pilgrimage center for Christians worldwide.

According to the New Testament, Jesus was crucified at Golgotha, “the place of the skull” (Matt. 27:33–35; Mark 15:22–25; John 19:17–24). This has been identified as an area of abandoned stone quarries just outside the city wall.

About 10 years after the crucifixion, a third wall was built that enclosed the area of the execution and burial within the city, which accounts for the Holy Sepulchre’s location inside the Old City of Jerusalem today.





# *Mother's Day is May 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Honor your Mother (living or deceased), aunt, godmother, or anyone that has been like a Mother to you, with a rose placed on the Altar on Mother's Day Weekend.*

*CCW is sponsoring the sale of the roses on the upcoming weekends.*

*Or fill out form attached and drop in the basket at the door of church or on Rectory Porch in Kathy O'Hagan's Box.*

*All Names will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day weekend.*

Donation is: \$ 4.00

Deadline to order is: May 10th



Please Print Name Clearly

And Drop in Collection Basket or on Rectory  
Porch

Name(s):

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## Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a changing world. Our local council Our Lady of Knock #12882 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd. When you become a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus) and enter our council #12882 for local information. Thank you!



## Congratulations Newly Baptized



Kasey Lee McGee  
Wayne Christopher Cosmos  
Emilio Lawrence Martinez  
Olivia Mae Narvick

## Welcome New Parishioners



Claudia Luna  
Joseph & Samantha Pastick  
Chris & Caroline Risum  
Adan Ornelas

## *This week candles were lit for :*



Police & Firefighters  
Gloria Ziebler  
Winona Bols  
Pat & Mickey McDonald  
& John Brown



**If you would like a candle lit  
outside for a special intention, please  
call the Parish Office at  
815-467-2233.**

## *Please Pray For:*

Denise Tonarelli	Sara Lovell	Lorenzo Benitez
Kimberly Gaydula	Wren Wagoner	Marlena Benitez
Dylan Pickett	Jerry Davidson	Judy Stafford
Paul Thien Phu	Baker Family	Irene Davidson
Robert Fonck	Bayley Webb	Ruth Kesselring
Marilyn Wilkens	Ron Erwin	Olivia Arenella
Gerald Magolan	Cliff Erwin	Lisa Pelton
Paisly Schad	Connie Hamilton	

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please email [st.marysminooka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st.marysminooka@sbcglobal.net) or call the parish office at 815-467-2233.

# Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	From
Saturday, April 22	4:00-4:45pm	Confession	
	5:00pm	Helen Mackay Thomas Hayduck Helen Stafford Lener Susan Kuykendall	Mr. & Mrs. John Gianino Mr. & Mrs. Robert Magolan  Peg & Jim Furto
Sunday, April 23	7:30am	Don Ruettiger	Bonnie Francis Kovich
	9:00am	Victor Kunke Phyllis Artusa	Sydney & Family Dave & June Battey
	11:00am	Kata Eric Sandra Bacigalupo	Victor & Vera Eric Wayne Bacigalupo
Monday, April 24	8:30am	Larry Nelson	Cheryl Nelson & Family
Tuesday, April 25	8:30am	Jack & Phyllis Hoyland Don Ruettiger	The Family The Family
Wednesday, April 26	8:30am	Communion Service	
Thursday, April 27	8:30am	Communion Service	
Friday, April 28	8:30am	Lucy McDonald Pat & Mickey McDonald & John Brown	The Tezak Family  The Family
Saturday, April 29	4:00-4:45pm	Confession	
	5:00pm	Helen Mackay	Mr. & Mrs. Malinowski
Sunday, April 30	7:30am	Jean Grossklaus	Don & Anita Ryan
	9:00am	Jerry Hannon Don & Eleanor Bersano	The Family Family & Friends
	11:00am	Kata Eric	The Otto Family

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday, April 29 5:00pm	Jada Akroush Grace Kockanek	Kathy Sabuco	Mike Healy
Sunday, April 30 7:30am	Brook Lehner	Ric Offerman	Cindy Creasman
Sunday, April 30 9:00am	Carlin Quinn	Vic DelMastro	Alice Mayr
Sunday, April 30 11:00am	Antonio Esquivel	Kelly Klepec	Glenda Smith Cheryl Nelson



## Thank you for your financial support to St. Mary's

### Please Remember St. Mary's in your will or trust

As Catholics, We are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing free, online will writing tools. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations.



Thank you for your financial support to the good works of our Diocese.

**Parish Goal:** \$46,100.00  
**Amount Pledged:** \$ 31,785.00  
**Balance Due:** \$ 6,488.00

Please continue to make your 2023 pledge payments. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

#### Collection Totals for the Weekend of:

April 1/2, 2023

	Collected	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$7,850.00	\$2,803.00	\$10,653.00
Foundation for Faith	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Major Maintenance	\$45.00	\$53.00	\$98.00
Needy in Community	\$145.00	\$128.00	\$273.00
Easter	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$125.00
Good Friday	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Catholic Relief	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$354,328.36		
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$341,176.40		

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St. Mary's Minooka

**Weekend Masses-**

**Saturday- 5:00pm**

**Sunday- 7:30am, 9am Livestream  
and 11am**

**Weekday Masses -**

**Mon, Tues, Fri- 8:30am**

**Communion Service-**

**Wed, Thurs - 8:30am**

**Confession-**

**Saturday's 4pm-4:45pm  
in the Church**

**Anointing of the Sick - Please call the office**