



# THE MESSENGER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY - 6:30 PM  
THURSDAY- 8:30 AM  
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM  
SATURDAY- 8:30 AM  
VIGIL – 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY - 10:30 AM  
IN SPANISH - 1:00 PM

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON  
BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

### ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

### ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 3 - 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY – 9 AM - NOON

## ST. MICHAEL

### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** "Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise" #424

**OFFERTORY:** "Immaculate Mary" #577

## Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

In this Eastertide, in the daily Masses as well as Sunday we are face-to-face with the actual accounts of the miraculous; as it was lived in the early Church during the time of the Apostles in the days and months following Calvary and the empty tomb. This is, as I often say, the "breaking-in" of the supernatural in our lives lived in the faith. As Luke records in his book Acts of the Apostles, there are 8 specific angelic interventions offering protection to Peter, Paul and other disciples. Not everything was perfect and rosy; they still endured beatings, scorn and rejection, ultimately leading to

martyrdom for most of the apostles. But the faith flourished because there was (is) something greater than the suffering or tribulation. And so, this perhaps leads us to the very heart of the matter: do we believe in God's grace? Do we believe in the supernatural quality of our faith? Do we believe that God and all the heavenly host, the Holy Ghost, the Immaculate heart of Mary, and all the saints can and do break-in our lives, not to make everything perfect and rosy, but to make it bearable, and not just endurable but

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purposeful, graceful, joyful and peaceful?

On April 11 (Monday) there is the memorial of a saint who is not very well known. St. Gemma Galgani was born in Camigliano, Tuscany (Italy) in 1878 and died in 1903, age 25. As the website dedicated to her states “Saint Gemma was a layperson whose life was marked throughout by divine favors and extraordinary graces, and also great trials and sufferings. Though she was an extraordinary mystic and stigmatic, bearing in her body the marks of the Lord Jesus, her spiritual life was quite hidden from the world. She was never the object of public curiosity or veneration. From outward appearances her life seemed ordinary, but her soul lived in the heights. She was especially chosen by God to be a soul victim, that is, she was especially called to sacrifice and suffer for the conversion of sinners. In other words, she was a victim of Divine Love. Hers was a life of sacrifice and suffering for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for sin.”

As an older teen she was diagnosed with spinal tuberculosis (or possibly spinal meningitis) and in 1899 the doctors called her health hopeless and gave her last rites. She offered prayers to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Gabriel Possenti and was cured. However, that is when she began to experience visions and be in conversation with Jesus. “She had been accustomed even during her illness to make the Holy Hour in honor of the agony of Jesus in Gethsemani. In gratitude for her recovery she now promised the Sacred Heart of Jesus that she would recite the Holy Hour every Thursday night – a promise she kept for the remainder of her life.” Shortly after, she began to receive the stigmata, the wounds of Christ. “The phenomenon was repeated regularly every Thursday evening, beginning about 11:00pm and lasting until 3:00pm in the afternoon of Friday. Gemma seemed to pass through all the phases of the Passion and bore in her body all the marks of Christ's physical sufferings: not only the wounds in hands, feet, and side, but the punctures of the crown of thorns, the marks of the scourging, the wound on the shoulder caused by the weight of the Cross, all accompanied with the most excruciating pain. Throughout those hours she engaged in loving conversations and colloquies with Jesus in a low voice, often tenderly pleading for mercy for sinners and offering herself as a victim in expiation for their sins.”

In the spring of 1902 she suffered from a “mysterious illness which lasted, with one short interval, for the remaining nine months of her life. She could not taste any food, her body was torn with the most violent pains, and she was reduced to a skeleton.” Why Gemma? Why all the suffering? Why the gift of stigmata; the wounds of Christ? I don't know why God chose her in particular, perhaps because God knew she was the vessel to show the world “sacrifice of the most heroic kind. To a worldly mind such a life of suffering may seem horrible and even tragic. There is one secret which fully explains it. From her earliest childhood the contemplation of Jesus Crucified filled her with a sense of her own sinfulness and a desire to atone for it, and then to be associated with Him in His sufferings and to share them in reparation for the sins of the world. To win souls for Jesus through prayer and suffering was the one passion of her life.” It is said that many conversions were effected by her prayers. “Her sufferings were not meaningless, nor merely a personal discipline: they were the instrument of a great apostolate for the sanctification of souls, and especially for the conversion of sinners, that drew all its inspiration and all its virtue from her continual union with Jesus Crucified.” Do we believe? Gemma Galgani was beatified by Pope Pius XI on May 14th, 1933, and canonized by Pope Pius XII on Ascension Thursday, May 2nd, 1940. Pray to St. Gemma for the conversion of those dear to us who have strayed from the faith or into sinful choices. Pray for God to break-into our world. St. Gemma, pray for us.

ad Jesum per Mariam, (to Jesus through Mary)

Fr. Dean

## GRADUATES

If you are graduating this year please  
let the office know. Thank you!



## BABY BOTTLES

It's not too late to turn in your baby bottle  
for the Open Door Pregnancy Center.



## FIRST COMMUNION

For those who attend Mrs. Grace's class First Communion will be Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 am. The second class will be the older group of students and adults, this First Communion will be Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 am.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 pm. This will take place at the new Catholic Pastoral Center, 2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be recovering the chairs in St. Luke's Hall on April 30 at 9 am. If you would like to help please see Claude Burton or John Schwarz.

## Nashville DCCW LINE DANCE FUN RAISING PARTY

Friday, April 22  
7 - 10 pm  
St. Pius X  
Marc Car Auditorium  
2750 Tucker Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37218

Tickets  
\$20.00 In Advance  
\$25.00 At the door (Limited)

Ticket Contact - [tcopeland66@outlook.com](mailto:tcopeland66@outlook.com)  
615-438-4437 or may be purchased at St.  
Mary's Bookstore

Refreshments  
Door Prizes  
Food Vendors

(Our Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring  
a booth)

Come have fun with your favorite line dances!

*Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.*

*Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

*- I Cor. 5:6b-8*

Yeast (leaven) makes bread rise, but it is a kind of bacterium, so it also corrupts, and as St. Paul says, "a little leaven leavens the whole lump." St. Paul's point is that one sin can spoil the whole person, and even the wider community, both within and as seen by others.

The only way to assure that there is no corruption is to become a fresh batch of dough. Through baptism, we are unleavened – the stain of original sin is washed away, and we're given grace to enable us to avoid sin. Through our baptismal consecration, we have been made a holy people, a people set apart for God. Because of that, we must constantly strive to become what God intends us to be, which means that we are to eliminate those corrupting influences which compromise the integrity of the consecration which took place at our baptism.

And what has made us "unleavened"? We are unleavened – we are like a fresh batch of dough – because the true paschal lamb, Jesus Christ, has been sacrificed. In the old rites during Passover the lambs were sacrificed, and St. Paul reminds us that in Christ's death and resurrection, He is the fulfillment of the Jewish Passover.

In fact, Jesus – the true Passover Lamb – is the perfection of the sacrificing of the lambs in the temple at Passover. The lambs which were sacrificed in the Temple were only a reminder that the time had come for the Jews to clean out all leaven from their homes; the sacrificing of the lambs did not actually accomplish the cleansing of the leaven. But the sacrifice of Christ the true Passover Lamb actually casts out the leaven – the corruption of sin – and makes us "a new creation." By His sacrifice we are made into a kind of pure, unleavened bread, ready to serve Christ in this world, and finally to be with Him in heaven.

Fr. Christopher Phillips

*Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness; that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.*

## PRAYER LIST

### HEALING

\*Sandra Armour  
\*June Bell  
\*Dorothy Bradley  
\*Robert Bradley  
\*Richard Bogart  
\*Cheryl Bush  
\*Jerry Bush  
\*Helen Byrne  
\*Don Cole  
\*Eva Davanport  
\*Bea Heatherly  
\*Thelma Lee  
\*Ann Marie Legate  
\*Rosa Priest  
\*Nora Rabie  
\*Mary Senecal  
\*Robert Senecal  
\*Gloria Snow  
\*Mary Stout

### PETITIONS

\*For the respect and protection of human life.

### DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

\* Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Bethancourt Jr., Father of Joann Grady

### HOMEBOUND

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

\*Dorothy Crosslin  
\*Claudia Traugher  
\*Mary Ann Klimek  
\*R.C. Boyle  
\*Dorothy Johnson  
\*Tom Crumpler  
\*Dennis Zawierucha  
\*Patty Zawierucha

#### ST. MICHAEL

\*John Baker  
\*Elizabeth Jenkins  
\*Robert & Regina Head

## ASSIGNMENTS

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Vigil –4/16/2016

*Lector:* Belle Holmes

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

John Schwarz & Harry Lee

*Ushers:* Carol Huddleston & Volunteer

SUNDAY – 4/17/2016

*Lector:* Rose Mary Reed

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Gene & Robyn Masoner

*Ushers:* Paul Nutting & Volunteer

*Altar Servers:*

Taw & Cuinn Owens

*Collection Counters:* Taylor Johnson & Paul Nutting

### ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 4/17/2016

*Lector:* David Tinkle

*Extraordinary Ministers:*

Kaye Sharp & Linda Harbert

*Usher/Greeter:*

Anna Tinkle

*Collection Counters:*

Mary Jackson & Bob Cyprus

### GOSPEL: April 11-16

MONDAY: *John 6:22-29*

TUESDAY: *John 6:30-35*

WEDNESDAY: *John 6:35-40*

THURSDAY: *John 3:44-51*

FRIDAY: *John 6:52-59*

SATURDAY: *John 6:60-69*

## OFFERING

April 3

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Parish: \$4,340.00

SVdP: \$584.00

### ST. MICHAEL

Parish: \$1,200.00

SVdP: \$384.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

For the healing of Thelma Lee

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

For the repose of the soul of Paul Bethancourt Jr. by The Grady Family

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

For the intentions of Patricia Coffey

TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Dawn Martin

WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM

For the intentions of Maria Cacho by John & Cissy Rampino

THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Lisa

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For a special intention

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For a special intention