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THE ACCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 8, 2016

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 6:30 PM

THURSDAY- 8:30 AM

FRIDAY – 8:30 AM

SATURDAY- **10AM First Communion 5/14**

VIGIL – 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 10:30 AM

IN SPANISH - 1:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – **None - 5/14**

BEFORE VIGIL MASS - 4:15 PM

ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - 3 - 6:15 PM

SATURDAY – **None - 5/14**

ST. MICHAEL

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

MUSIC OF THE MASS

PROCESSIONAL: "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" #552

OFFERTORY: "Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise" #753

Pastor's Column

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

“On Sundays, especially in Easter Time, the blessing and sprinkling of water as a memorial of Baptism may take place...and it takes the place of the usual Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass.” Roman Missal, 3rd Edition, Appendix II

“From time to time on Sundays, especially in Easter Time, Instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of Baptism.” #51 *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 3rd Edition.

What adjective would you use to describe the “sprinkling?” Fun? Annoying? Meaningful? A nice change? For the Sundays of Easter in place of the penitential act we used the Rite of blessing and sprinkling of water. Several people have asked why I do this; that no other parish does this. Well, off hand, I can think of 2 parishes in the Diocese that do it, and in order to let you know why we did, I have listed above the “rubrics,” (rules) of the
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Missal which all priests are to follow. Yes, the operative word is “may,” as in optional, but it is also *encouraged* in Eastertide. Note also, that it is not just Eastertide, but could be done on other Sundays as well.

If you are old enough to remember the Mass before 1970, or have attended the Traditional Latin Mass (TLM), then the rubrics called for the “sprinkling” for the principal Mass of a church on Sunday. “At the time, it was customary for Sunday Mass to begin with a sprinkling rite. Approaching the altar with water he had blessed in the sacristy, the priest sprinkled the altar, himself, the ministers, and the people. Meanwhile, a choir would sing Psalm 50 (51), verse 9 in Latin, *Asperges me*. During the Easter season, the text changed to Ezekiel 47:1, 8, 9, *Vidi aquam*. The first text means “you sprinkle me” and comes from a prayer for purification. The second means “I saw water” and refers to a vision of Ezekiel, who saw water flowing from the Temple to give life to the earth. It served as a prophecy for the sacrament of Baptism. The ceremony took its name from the first word, *asperges*, and the sprinkler became known as the aspergillum” (Paul Tuner, *Pastoral Liturgy*).

During the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday in lieu of the Penitential Rite we were invited to renew our baptismal promises (not vows). This is the heart of spiritual “new life” in Christ for the days of Easter and this is what we are to contemplate each Sunday as we were reminded of our baptism through the right of sprinkling. In case you have forgotten, in our renewed and faithful life in Christ, do we, through our thoughts and actions utterly reject Satan, and all his works (temptations)? Do we reject all his empty promises (go ahead, just do it)? May we always know that our baptism gives us all the graces we need to combat the devil and all temptation, but it seems that still; we fall into old patterns, passions of anger, feelings of hopelessness, and temptations. Remember, with the coming of Pentecost we are promised the Holy Spirit is to be for us the love of God that is ever ready to help remind us of those graces and stay on the true path of holiness. Normally we will not do the *Asperges* outside of Eastertide. I hope the reminder of our baptismal promises meant something to you even as we had to wipe the water off our glasses, and helped us in our daily walk of holiness.

ad Jesum per Mariam, (to Jesus through Mary)
Fr. Dean

FIRST COMMUNION

The second class of 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May 15 will be the last Sunday for Religious Education Classes.



BREAKFAST SUNDAY AT ST. MICHAEL

Breakfast Sunday at St. Michael will be May 15 instead of May 8

A Prayer After Holy Communion

By St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You.

You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need You. Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You!

Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. Amen.

**NO ADORATION OR CONFESSIONS ON
SATURDAY, MAY 14
FIRST COMMUNION WILL BE AT 10 AM**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES LEGION HOSTS DIOCESEAN MEETING

The Our Lady of Lourdes Legion of Mary will be hosting a meeting of the officers of the Legion throughout the Diocese on Sunday, May 15 at 2:30 PM at the parish hall. While Legion officers must attend, anyone who is interested in the Legion of Mary is invited to come to the meeting.



The Big Payback raised over \$500.00.
Thank you to all who donated to St.
Vincent de Paul Society.

THANK YOU!

The Council of Catholic Women would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for Supporting the DCCW fundraiser. The support was greatly appreciated, the food was good and priced affordable for everyone to enjoy.

**TOTUS TUUS,
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 19-24**

Please let the office know if you would be able to be a host family for the missionaries.

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

** Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

HOMEBOUND

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

ST. MICHAEL

*John Baker
*Elizabeth Jenkins
*Robert & Regina Head

ASSIGNMENTS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Vigil – 5/14/2016

Lector: Colleen Felts

Extraordinary Ministers:

John Schwarz & Alice Cole

Ushers: Harry Lee & Volunteer

SUNDAY – 5/15/2016

Lector: Jill Rucker

Extraordinary Ministers:

Nathan Smith & Mande Johnson

Ushers: Don Owens & Cuinn Owens

Altar Servers:

Chris Hardy & Taw Owens

Collection Counters: Mel Warnecke & Pam Curran

ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 5/15/2016

Lector: Kaye Sharp

Extraordinary Ministers:

Linda Harbert & Annecia Conaghan

Usher/Greeter:

Anna Tinkle

Collection Counters:

Sandy Sawyer & Bob Cyprus

GOSPEL: May 9-14

MONDAY: *John 16:29-33*

TUESDAY: *John 17:1-11a*

WEDNESDAY: *John 17:11b-19*

THURSDAY: *John 17:20-26*

FRIDAY: *John 21:15-19*

SATURDAY: *John 15:9-17*

St. Matthias

OFFERING

May 1

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Parish: \$3,840.01

ST. MICHAEL

Parish: \$1,743.00

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Sandra Rizer by Alice Cole
SUNDAY MASS	8:00 AM	For the deceased members of the Altar Society
SUNDAY MASS	10:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Winn Robertson by The Johnson Family
TUESDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Richard LeMoine by The Dwayne Erickson Family
WEDNESDAY MASS	6:30 PM	For the intentions of the Richard LeMoine Family by The Dwayne Erickson Family
THURSDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Anne Robertson by The Johnson Family
FRIDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of Nancy Rampino by John & Cissy Rampino
SATURDAY MASS	8:30 AM	For the intentions of all First Communicants

The Altar flowers at St. Michael are donated by Pat & Jeanie Gower in honor of their anniversary

The Altar flowers at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Father & Mrs. Dean in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dean