



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 7, 2018
4:00 PM Linda A. Mizher

Sunday, April 8, 2018
8:30 AM Walter Prayzner – 5th Anniversary
11:00 AM Arlene Hebert

Daily Mass this week will be held on
 Monday through Thursday at 8:00 AM

Monday, April 9, 2018
8:00 AM

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
8:00 AM

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
8:00 AM Manuel & Adeline Vieira

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Friday, April 13, 2018
 NO MASS

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 14, 2018
4:00 PM Alfred Silvia, Jr. 6th Anniversary

Sunday, April 15, 2018
8:30 AM Peggy Dunn
 For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Susana Carreiro de Almeida

Mass & Music Missalettes

Mass/Music Missalettes for **2018** are available for reserving on a monthly basis in memory of a loved one. If interested, please contact the Rectory 508-673-7831.

RESERVING MASSES OR CANDLES

Anyone wishing to reserve a Mass, Sanctuary Candle, Marian Candle or Sacred Heart Candle in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-673-7831

ALTAR BREADS & WINE

Altar Breads and Altar Wine are available on a monthly basis for anyone wishing to donate in memory of a loved one. Contact the Rectory to make arrangements 508-673-7831.

Today's Hymns



Choir



Entrance: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #174
Preparation: Christ is Arisen #161
Communion: Ye Sons and Daughters #171
Meditation: We Walk By Faith #497
Recessional: Alleluia, Alleluia! #166

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

God has taught us that you cannot love without giving. That giving includes giving of our time, talent and treasure.

Easter Collection	\$ 2,580.00
Retired & Infirm Priests	\$ 1,617.10
Organ Collection to date	\$ 28,100.00
E-Giving for March	\$ 1,485.00
Rice Bowls	\$ 567.70

Expenses from December, 2017– March, 2018

Snow Removal	\$ 11,069.30
Heating for the Church	\$ 5,565.42
Heating for the Rectory	\$ 2,480.39

The Second Collection will be for the Renovation Fund. Thank you for your continued support.

“Almsgiving/Treasure”

This year **\$296.00** was collected for the **LENTEN ALMSGIVING** and will be given to our **St. Thomas More St. Vincent DePaul Society**.

The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education

with the Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools are excited to announce The Catholic School's Hope and Opportunity Initiative. This will provide 100 scholarships for up to \$2000 per student for 2018-2019 school year to new low-income K-8 students. If you or someone you know are interested contact Sarah Heaton #508-678-2828 or sheaton@CatholicSA.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The next Weekends are April 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH. For more information, call #800-710-9963.

FAITH FORMATION 2018

Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 2:00PM** in our parish. Confirmation Students from our parish and those of St. John of God, St. Louis de France and St. Patrick of Somerset will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here. The celebrant will be Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.

First Communion

Sunday, May 6, 2018 during the 11:00 AM Mass.

First Communion Rehearsal Dates Saturday, April 28, 2018 and Saturday, May 5, 2018 from *10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Church.

ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES CLUB

There will be a regular meeting of the St. Thomas More Retirees Club on **Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center**. New members are always welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meeting

The next St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting will be held in the parish center on Thursday, April 17th at 6:00PM.

FOOD PANTRY

The SVDP Pantry is low on soup, canned vegetables and baked beans. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

REBUILDING in FAITH and HOPE

What are your hopes and dreams for our Diocese?

Share them at a Listening Session with Bishop da Cunha.

Bishop Edgar M. daCunha, S.D.V., invites members of the Fall River Deanery to join him at a listening session on April 12th at St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River which will take place from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.



Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates

Reaghan *Anne Cadorette
Sarah *Jeanne Calis
Maia *Elizabeth Calvano
Matthew *Thomas Carpenter
Cameron *William Carter
Thomas *Joseph Caton
Lucas *John Crook
Nicholas *Paul Cunha
Jacob *Patrick Edwards
Aaron *Michael Holewiak
Nicholas *Manuel Mahjoory
Jada *Elizabeth Mattos
Collin *Patrick Mosher
Andrew *Leo Oliveira
Savannah *Alice Peirce
Luke *Luke Sylvester
Nathaniel *Michael Teves

*denotes Confirmation Name

Thank you to...

The Celebrant, Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., the Pastors, Rev. Msgr. John Oliveira; Rev. Freddie Babiczuk; Rev. Paul Bernier and the Deacons. We would also like to thank Michael Fitzpatrick; the Religious Education Director, Adam Crook Confirmation Teacher; the Altar Servers and Ushers; the Music Director, Kyle Medeiros, the Choir and musicians. Thank you to the visiting Directors of Religious Education, and also to all the Confirmation Candidates, their Sponsors and families and friends.

QUO VADIS DAYS

A time to share our faith and build fraternity with other young men seeking God's will. Young men between the ages of 14-18 on Monday, July 9th to Friday, July 13th to be held at the Betannia II Retreat Center in Medway, MA. There will be priests, seminarians and other young men gathered together. Activities will be Holy Mass, mountain hiking, sports, games, discussions and talks. To register or for further information contact Fr. Kevin Cook #508-824-5707.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of “one heart and one mind.” They had no rich or poor among them, for they shared all necessary items with one another.

Second Reading: I John 5:1-6

John explains that we become God’s children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, “Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 8, 2018

“In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey His commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith...Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

One day a sign outside a church read ‘God gave us commandments, they are not suggestions.’ As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are well aware of the Lord’s desire to give us His peace, to offer us His mercy. There are two requirements for this to happen, 1. We ask for His gift of peace and pardon and 2. We acknowledge our dependence upon the Lord to be so blessed.

The ten commandments of Exodus were the requirement of the covenant. The great commandment of Jesus, love of God and neighbor allows me to focus more clearly on what I need to do. In both cases I must act. The question ‘how well am I doing?’ is answered when I look at the beatitudes of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount to discover that I am poor in spirit, meek, humble, working for justice, being a peacebuilder. Yes, love the children of God and keep His commandments.