



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>

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## ***EASTER SUNDAY - LET US CELEBRATE IN TRUTH***

"Let us celebrate the feast not with the old yeast, that of corruption and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." —1 Corinthians 5:8

The Corinthians were struggling to celebrate the Passover in the spirit of sincerity and truth. We also are struggling to celebrate the new Passover, Easter. To recover the true celebration of Easter, we should look at the first Easter day.

On the first Easter morning, Jesus told Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, to go and tell the Good News to His disciples (Mt 28:10). On the first Easter afternoon, Jesus walked about seven miles with two of His disciples and interpreted every passage of Scripture which referred to Him (Lk 24:27). As He did this, the disciples' hearts burned within them (Lk 24:32). At the end of the afternoon, they recognized the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread, that is, in Holy Communion (Lk 24:35). On the first Easter evening, Jesus opened the apostles' minds to the understanding of the Scriptures (Lk 24:45). He also commanded them to receive the Holy Spirit and gave them the power to absolve sins in His name (Jn 20:22-23).

We truly celebrate Jesus' Resurrection through the power of the Spirit. As on the first Easter, the Spirit will send us forth to evangelize, make God's Word come alive in our hearts, open our eyes to recognize the risen Christ, especially through the Mass, and call us to repentance and Confession. If we follow the Spirit's lead in these ways (see Gal 5:25), we will truly celebrate Easter.

"Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection."

"Jesus Christ did not come into this world to make bad people good; He came into this world to make dead people live."

## *Masses & Information*

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## *Masses Intentions*

Sunday, March 25--8.30 a.m. Sambo Kotara By Mary Kotara

Monday, March 26--7:30 a.m. Sambo Kotara By Mary Kotara

Wednesday, March 28--6:00pm Stations of the Cross by Children

Holy Thursday, March 29--7:30p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 30--7:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 31--8:15p.m. Easter Vigil

## *Church Cleaning for April*

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres,

Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotatra, Melanie Hinson and Karen Brown

## *Pray for Our Sick*

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, , Willie Mae Barnett, Dylan Stafford, James Weinheimer, Alice Britten, Alan Acker, Sherry Koetting, Georgann Hinson, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Eileen Asher, and Margaret Heinrich

## *Family Chalice Program*

March 31/ April 1 Cobb and Kay Britten

April 7/8 Nick Kuehler Family

April 14/15 Joannie Kling Family

April 21/22 Tami Keesee Family

April 28/29 Corkey, Sandie and Hope Hickey

## *Birthdays*

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucille Britten

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Emma Darlene Britten

April 4<sup>th</sup> Jack Britten

## *Anniversaries*

## *Stewardship Reports*

### **03-25-18**

Individual	\$1,610.00
Loose	\$ 757.00
Children	\$ 6.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,373.10</b>

### **Building Fund 3-25-18**

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
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## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Easter Vigil 8:15p.m. March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Servers: Zayden, Braxton, Derek, & Ryan

Lectors: Jason Eugea and Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten

### **Easter Sunday Mass 8:30a.m. April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Servers: Owen and Carrigan

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling, Michele Bohr and Tabitha Eggemeyer

### **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek and Tucker

Lectors: Cari Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Jackson and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Barbara Homer, and Vanessa Eugea

### **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Damon and Stephen

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

### **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Owen and Derek

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Marla Britten, Cari Weinheimer, and Sandie Hickey

### **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Halle and Hugh

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Grace and Katie

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Sharon Britten, and Susan Britten

## *Announcements:*

### **Second offerings: April 1<sup>st</sup> Rice Bowl**

### **April 8<sup>th</sup> Building Fund**

### **Divine Mercy Schedule –**

**Easter Sunday** – following Mass - Melanie Britten

For all devout and faithful souls

**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Michele Bohr in her home. For all those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know him

**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Debbie Ollinger in her home.

For the souls of separated brethren

**Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** - after 6:00 Mass – CCD

Classes. For the meek and humble souls and the souls of children.

**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Marla Britten following morning mass. For the souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

**Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>** – Marla Britten following morning mass. For the souls who are detained in Purgatory

**Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>** – 9 am - Joannie Kling following evening Mass. For the souls that have become lukewarm.

**Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Divine Mercy Sunday, following Mass – Chaplet of the Divine Mercy CD –Melanie will start this.

**When someone is praying the Novena in their home, please try to say it sometime during the day as well.**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** TYM breakfast as well as celebrating Fathr Raj's ordination and birthday, and new member Mikaela Hoffman.

### **Christian Mothers:**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** Meeting 7:00p.m. at Marla Britten's house. Hostess are Neysa Friemel and Adela Kotara.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** is the East Deanery Spring meeting at our Place!! Please mark this on your calendars and set up your babysitter now. The fee is \$30 which includes lunch and great speakers are being lined up. We received superior ratings on our hosting the Fall Diocesan Convention. Please come and enjoy this Saturday with ladies of our deanery. I will be updating the information on the speakers and items.



### **Announcements:**

\*March 30, Good Friday, the Lord's Passion at 7:30pm

\*March 31, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 8:15pm

\*April 01, Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30am.

### **Announcements:**

#### **\*UCA 2018-19**

Every year the Diocese of Amarillo conducts its annual United Catholic Appeal after Easter. The appeal funds approximately 33% of the operational costs of the various ministries and programs the diocese offers to all of our parishes. This is a vital and very important appeal for the ongoing financial stability of our diocese. This year the united catholic appeal commitment Weekend is on April 21 and 22. This will give you two weekends after Easter to talk about and promote the UCA.

**\*Easter:** The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

Candles provide the only light at the start of the Easter Vigil at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Washington, D.C. in April 2010. CNS photo/Nancy Wiechec "What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;... So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49). The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday. The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time, and lit for all liturgical celebrations.