

The Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year "C"

Annunciation Catholic Church

Bogalusa, Louisiana

May 12, 2019

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 11th 4:00 PM
Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Rosemary Marx, Tommy Brown, Irma Lee Callender, Sheanie C. Mitchell, Welfare of Marty Paige, Welfare of Rita Anderson, Michael Taylor

Sunday, May 12th 8:30 AM
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Margaret Bush, Irma Lee Callender, Sheanie C. Mitchell, Lou Ann Mayfield, Michael Taylor, Welfare of Patrice Ivu, Welfare of Vic Haik

10:30 AM
Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

Tuesday, May 14th 8:00 AM
Lou Ann Mayfield

Wednesday, May 15th 8:00 AM
Irma Lee Callender

Thursday, May 16th 8:00 AM
Irma Lee Callender

Friday, May 17th 8:00 AM
Welfare of Margie Brown

Saturday, May 18th 4:00 PM
Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Nathan and Carol Bush, Tommy Brown, Welfare of Marty Paige, Irma Lee Callender, Sheanie C. Mitchell, Lou Ann Mayfield, Welfare of Julie Lott

Sunday, May 19th 8:30 AM
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Sheanie C. Mitchell, Irma Lee Callender, Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Lou Ann Mayfield, Welfare of Ned Cerniglia, Welfare of Mary Melancon

10:30 AM
Annunciation Catholic Church Parishioners

He is Risen

Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns
In memory of:

Casey Lewis

Last Week's Collection May 4th, 2019–May 5th, 2019

Loose-Checks and Cash
2,632.00
Envelopes
2,967.00
Total:
\$5,599.00

Budgeted funds needed to
operate: \$6,299.00

**Amount under weekly budget
\$700.00**

**Thank You for Your
Generosity!**

Next Second Collection
May 11th & 12th
Priest Retirement Fund

A Mother's Day Reflection on the Mother of Jesus

Is it uniquely Catholic to speak of Mary, the mother of Jesus, as "The Blessed Mother?"

In what sense was she "blessed"? I think of a French word that looks similar—blesse—but gives us more to ponder: It's a word that means "wounded."

"Wounded." Now that is accurate!

Mary's involvement in God's plan was profoundly wounding. Reread the first four chapters of Luke's gospel, plus other mentions of Mary further on and see how obscure, terrifying, horrifying Mary's life was at times.

If you're a reader who can plow through some poetic excess, *A Woman Wrapped in Silence* by John Lynch might yield surprising insights into Mary's and Joseph's trials.

Their boy was not an easy responsibility. Like most offspring, he made life "interesting" to an extreme extent. Parents who look on anxiously as their children navigate life's tricky

passages might find it helpful to reflect on those rough spots and converse with Mary.

How blessed exactly did she feel when her 12-year-old went AWOL in Jerusalem, or when his buddies sent word for her to come and get him because he was "talking crazy?"

Thinking along these lines about the Blessed Mother helps me to understand why my mother and so many other women (and men) raising children today still turn to Mary for inspiration. Her life was anything but a holy card in pastels and gilt. Even though she herself was sinless, the sin-pervading the world touched and wounded her life repeatedly, and she, like us, had no choice but to live it out moment by moment with no idea how it would end.

Sound familiar? If you intend to follow God's plan for living, reckon with what that might require of you, and pray for Mary's courage to stick with your commitment!

- Fr. Bru