

O.L.F. Year For Catholic Devotions June 2011 - June 2012

March is dedicated to the devotion of St. Joseph

Seven years ago, when the church was painted multiple shades of blue the Pastor ran this editorial in the Sunday Bulletin, then called the Fatima Mirror. Now seems an appropriate time for a reprint.

De gustibus non est disputandum
(day gus-ti-boos nohn est dis-poo-tahn-dem)
Concerning taste there is no argument.

or

"Why did you paint the whole thing Blue, without even asking anybody?"

The testosteronized tough guy in me wants to say: "Because I could."

The clever Canon Lawyer in me wants to say: "Never ask for advice when A.) you don't need it and B.) you're not going to use it."

The conservative politico in me wants to quote Maggie Thatcher who always said: "Consensus data gathering is democracy in action. Consensus decision making is an abdication of responsibility."

The Aristotelian philosopher in me wants to say: De gustibus non est disputandum.

The kindly Parochial Administrator in me says: "Ask any Catholic what is the first thing he thinks of when he sees blue and what will he say?" Right. "The Blessed Mother." "Ask any non Catholic what is the first thing she thinks of when she sees blue and what will she say?" Right. "Heaven (as in the sky)."

Those are the two things I want everyone thinking about from the time he walks in the door of our church until he walks out the door of our church. About Mary because she is our Patroness. About heaven because Pope John Paul II has described the Mass as "Heaven on Earth," explaining that what: "we celebrate on Earth is a mysterious participation in the heavenly liturgy."

When I first described what we were going to do, color wise, I announced my own personal preference for the "earth tones." [but upon further reflection I realized my own experience with earth tones is that they tend to keep one earth bound. Happily, I have found that sitting in this church saying my Office in the afternoon with natural light and in the evening with incandescent light to be a... well, heavenly experience. I'm confident in time others will too.

And now, seven years later...

we continue to cultivate the peaceful and contemplative atmosphere in this worship space of the Our Lady of Fatima parish family by simplifying the artistic and clarifying the theological significance of the area behind the altar. Now, with Mary enveloping us as our motherly guide we will make that

visual journey from the altar, through the bread and wine, through the priest, through the cross or mosaic, through the stained glass image of the ascending Christ, right to the Heavenly Father.

Whether immersed in public or private prayer, liturgical or devotional, our members or visitors are encircled by the contemplative sounds of high quality live or recorded music.

Bring your friends and neighbors, Catholic and non to pray at Our Lady of Fatima Parish's worship site.

Mornings, afternoons, and evenings are great times to get away from the daily grind and spend a few moments or hours alone. Of course Catholics know they are not alone, as long as that little red light is burning. Whether or not one is a believer he or she will benefit from the ambiance of the restful atmosphere. All are welcome.

Mon. 03/19	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer</u>
<i>Feast</i>	St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM Mass	Bill Conrad, <i>Willibald Maier</i>
Tues. 03/20	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases</u>
<i>Feast</i>	Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM Mass	Frances Kasun, <i>Maria Czarnik</i>
Wed. 03/21	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis</u>
<i>Feast</i>	Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM Mass	Fr. Anthony Pollack, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Sral & Family
6:00 PM	Denise Keagy, Mr. & Mrs. John Schimminger
Thur. 03/22	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders</u>
<i>Feast</i>	Lenten Weekday
8:00 AM Mass	Stanley (Beamer) Wilinski, <i>Stanley J. Krish Family</i>
Fri. 03/23	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders</u>
<i>Feast</i>	St. Turibius de Mogrovejo, Bishop
8:00 AM Mass	George Glashauser, <i>John Kessler</i>
Sat. 03/24	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes</u>
<i>Feast</i>	Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:30 PM Mass	Living and Deceased members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Sun. 03/25	<u>A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions</u>
<i>Feast</i>	Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:00 AM Mass	Devon Rhoa, <i>Bernie and Jane Shea</i>

*Lord
Jesus
Christ
Son
Of
God
Have
Mercy
On
Me
A
Sinner*

Happy Birthday:

3/19 Kristina Duraso & Lisa Levine
3/22 Mary Bacza

Happy Birthday:

3/23 Joseph Clark, MD
3/26 Helen Watters

MONEY MATTERS

Third Sunday of Lent (March 11, 2012)

157 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,472.75 of which \$ 129.00 accounted for visitor contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	203	# Used	88	# Unused	115
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*Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily
At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm*

During each of the Months remaining in 2012 'til June we will be having special devotions, usually but not always or exclusively, after each weekend Mass, according to the schedule shown to the right of this announcement.

Month	Dedication / Devotion
March*	St. Joseph
April	The Holy Eucharist
May	The Blessed Virgin Mary

Information for your Holy Week Planning . . .

Palm Sunday	4/1	Saturday	4:30 PM	Mass
		Sunday	10:00 AM	Mass
Holy Thursday*	4/5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Mass
Good Friday	4/6	Friday	1:00 PM	Passion Service
			3:00 PM	Divine Mercy
Holy Saturday	4/7	Saturday	1:00 PM	Food Basket Bl.
			3:00 PM	Divine Mercy
		Saturday	8:30 PM	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	4/8	Sunday	10:00 AM	Mass
			3:00 PM	Divine Mercy

- Holy Thursday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but it would be spiritually inconsistent not include it as part of one's celebration of that Week we call Holy.

Lenten Liturgical Schedule beginning Ash Wednesday

Each Weekday Morning: 7:40 Rosary. 8:00 Mass with Homily. 8:30 Confession
Each Wednesday Evening: 6:00 Mass with Homily. 6:30 Divine Mercy Devotion before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament. Confession during Adoration.
Each Friday Evening: 6:00 Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition + Divine Mercy Prayers and Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament + Confession

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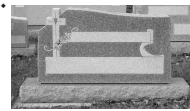
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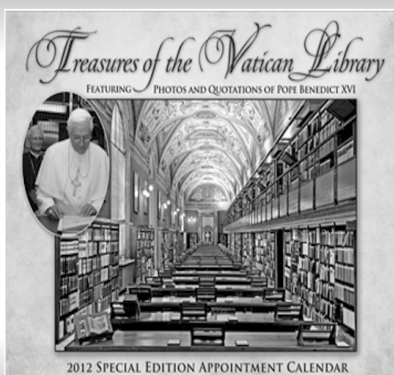
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