



SAINT CECILIA PARISH

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APRIL 19, 2020 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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WANT TO MEET YOUR INCOMING PASTOR?
Check out Fr. Mike McKinney's live streamed Masses (& video reflections), in English & Spanish. As you will see, he is a wonderful preacher.
Website: www.stannechurchmonterey.org
YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCMa0iPZ_A5xPBH1k7nGLg4w/
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RECONCILIATION: CALL FATHER

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION CANCELLED

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE
MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY
Links to the Bishop's letters and directives can be found on our website stceciliademotte.org

**No Public Masses
Until Further Notice!**

*Oh Lord, hear our prayer,
and let our cry come to you.
Hide not your face from us in the day our distress.
Incline your ear to us;
in the day when we call, answer us speedily.
Psalm 102*

From the Pastor's desk:
May You Become Whole in the Sight of God
After fifty years of marriage to the same woman, a man died and was about to be buried when his grieving widow found the will. He'd left the whole of his fortune to another woman! The widow was outraged, and rushed to the stonecutter to change the inscription she had ordered for his tombstone. The stonecutter replied, "Sorry, lady, I already inscribed it, 'Rest in Peace,' just like you ordered."
"Very well," said the widow grimly. "Just add, 'Till We Meet Again.'"
-----Theological Reflection-----

In this weekend's gospel, the Apostles meet Jesus again for the first time since his arrest and crucifixion. Think how happy the Apostles must have been when Jesus first entered the upper room and slowly looked around at each of his old friends!
Better think again. In fact, it was a moment of sheer horror, because each one of those Apostles could remember exactly what he was doing when they last saw Jesus -- and that was running, deserting Jesus, and in the case of Peter, denying with many curses that he even knew Him.
And now Jesus was back. What was He going to say? What was He going to do? The Apostles' legs were probably turning to jelly. And then Jesus spoke, "Peace be with you." He didn't lecture or wag his finger or shame them. He just forgave them, even before they could get-up the courage to ask.
You see, "Peace be with you," was a Jewish blessing, a very big Jewish blessing, and it meant, "May you become whole in the sight of God."

That reunion in the upper room was a defining moment in **OUR** relationship with God. Because with those simple words of blessing - "Peace be with you" - Jesus let us know, once and for all, what God is really about: healing, not wounding or punishing, just healing; building peace; making people whole. He also let us know what **WE** are to be about, the very same thing, healing, building peace, helping to make people whole.
So if, at any moment, we want to know how we stand with God, that is our litmus test.
- Have we used our gifts to build the foundations of peace and help make people whole?
Have our brothers and sisters become more - more whole, more full, more alive - because we have been a brother or a sister to them?
A "no" to those questions is the ultimate admission of a failed life. A "yes" is the only thing that really matters for time or eternity.
May God grant that we may so live every day, that when the shadows grow long, and the evening comes, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done; our final "yes" to peace will speak itself into eternity.

*My door is always open and you are always welcome.
Fr. Dennis*

UPDATES FROM BISHOP DOHERTY:
* CHURCHES & CHAPELS REMAIN LOCKED TO VISITORS
* THE BISHOP REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE ASSIGNMENT TIMETABLE FOR UNITING IN HEART 2020.
REVISED DIRECTIVES APPLYING TO SACRAMENTS AS OF 3/27/2020 FROM THE DIOCESE
*SCHEDULED SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS SHOULD BE POSTPONED (IE: BAPTISMS)
*FOLLOWING STATE GUIDELINES IN REGARD TO VISITS TO PRISONS.
*NURSING HOME AND HOME BOUND VISITS BY PARISH LAITY SHOULD BE CANCELED.
*INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

*A LINK TO BISHOP DOHERTY'S FULL LETTER MAY BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE:
ST_CECILIADEMOTTE.ORG*

SALAD BAR LUNCHEON
Due to the health emergency and in an abundance of caution not to spread the Covid-19 virus the Salad Bar Luncheon has been cancelled.

COMBINED PARISH BUSINESS DIRECTORY
We are compiling an updated Business Directory to include personal businesses, direct sales, business reps, & anyone who would provide a service for local parishioners. If you belong to St. Cecilia, Sorrowful Mother, or St. Augusta and would like to be included in this directory, please complete the form found on the St. Cecilia website, stceciliademotte.org, email your information to stceciliademotte@gmail.com or contact Debra Opolski at 219.682.4674. The deadline to submit your information is THURSDAY.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS
For information about scholarships available through the Lafayette Diocese, please contact Fr. Dennis at the rectory, Or email him at fr.dfaker@gmail.com

*Please remember in your prayers the soul of
Patricia Brock
Who passed away on Sunday, April 12th
Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and
let Perpetual Light shine upon her. Amen.*

Need Prayer Intentions?
*Parishioners of St Cecilia will pray for you and your special intentions.
Call Gen Mestrich 956-3020
You do not have to give your name.
Call Gen if you can help with the prayer line.*

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
INDIANA'S CATHOLIC BISHOPS HAVE DECIDED THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MASSES OR CHURCH ACTIVITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
BISHOP DOHERTY HAS OFFERED DISPENSATION FOR THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING MASS DURING THIS TIME.
PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE "ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH", WEBSITE (STCECILIADEMOTTE.ORG), OR CALL THE OFFICE (987-3511) FOR UPDATES.

THE KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS
The annual K of C State Convention and its raffle has been postponed until June 19-21. Parishioners who purchased raffle tickets from a Knight need to keep your tickets until the raffle is held the weekend of June 19-21.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive, Sat., May 16TH from 7:30AM until 12:30PM. Please call 1-800- Red Cros (733-2767) To schedule your donation appointment.

REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR POP TABS!
We are still collecting to reach **A RECORD 4TH MILLION.** So keep turning in those tabs.

LADIES' SODALITY COOKBOOK
Do you have one yet?? Our cookbook is on sale now for only \$5! Contact Fr. Dennis or Debra Opolski

GIVING
St. Cecilia is a medium sized parish with many ministries that continue to need your merciful financial support. The extent of how quickly the parish will rebound after this virus passes will be contingent on prayerful and financial support during this time. Please don't forget St. Cecilia when you pay your bills so we can pay ours. Online and Text giving are now available. The link to Online giving is on the website: StCeciliaDeMotte.org To set up text giving: Text StCecilia to 73256

PARISH STEWARDSHIP FROM LAST WEEK
*Envelopes: \$2,010.00 Loose Cash: \$150.00
Building Fund: \$185.00
Good Friday: \$440.00 Easter Offering: \$1,095.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT LAST WEEK: \$3,880.00*