



ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH



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Reconciliation - by prior appointment only

From Father Raining

A famous comedian once observed, "Horse sense is the good judgment that keeps horses from betting on people." Of course, "horse sense" is just another term for good old fashioned, common sense.

There's an old story about a farmer who you could say was sorely lacking in horse sense. The farmer owned a beautiful horse that he was very proud of. One day he rode the horse into town and carefully tied the animal to a hitching post in front of the general store. Two thieves, passing through the town, saw the handsome horse and decided to steal it. They also agreed on a clever strategy to carry out their plan. So, one of them untied the horse and rode swiftly away while the other remained by the post.

When the farmer emerged from the store, he was surprised to see a man, not his horse tied to the hitching post. In a sad, low tone, the thief said, "Sir, I am your horse. Years ago, I sinned, and for my sins, my punishment was to be changed into a horse. Today my sentence is over, and I am a man once again.

The farmer was dumbfounded yet touched by the story. So, he untied the man and sent him on his way, wishing him luck in his new life. Several weeks later, the farmer went to a fair in a neighbouring town. To his great surprise, he saw his horse for sale there. After studying the animal to make sure his eyes weren't playing tricks on him, he walked over and whispered in the horse's ear, "So - I see you've sinned again!"

First reading: Personal conversion and baptism into the community are expected of new followers.

What changes in my life do I seek during this Easter season?

Second reading: Peter uses Christ's behaviour during his suffering as an example for us.

Which characteristic of Christ's example do I find most difficult?

Gospel: We hear the voice of Jesus our shepherd calling us by name.

When have I experienced Jesus calling me to a deeper relationship with him?

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassin, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DeVillar, Fevoura Daroy, Selene Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Frederick de Silva, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Josephine Mamari, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess & Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Lesleu Palaki, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, Shaista Quraishi, Emely Reyes, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford & Patrick Wheeler.

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances.

May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen

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Holy Hour for Vocations

We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"

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Holy Water

Available to take home. Please contact the office and BYO empty bottle. Thank you

Moments of Mercy

I rejoice that souls ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. On the other hand, I am sad when souls ask for little, when they narrow their hearts. (Diary 1578)

Due to the CoronaVirus all ministries will now be suspended until further. Thank you for your continued commitment

Praying the Rosary

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events in the history of our salvation. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five Joyful Mysteries (said on Monday and Saturday), the five Luminous Mysteries (said on Thursday), the five Sorrowful Mysteries (said on Tuesday and Friday), and the five Glorious Mysteries (said on Wednesday and Sunday). **During the month of May the Rosary will be prayed straight after the 9:00am mass every Saturday.**



THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Mondays and Saturdays



1. The Annunciation of Our Lord

MEDITATION: The angel said to Mary, "You shall conceive and bear a son and give Him the name Jesus. And He will be called Son of the Most High."

Luke 1:31-32



2. The Visitation

MEDITATION: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled."

Luke 1:42 & 45



3. The Nativity of Jesus

MEDITATION: While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger.

Luke 2:6-7



4. The Presentation in the Temple

MEDITATION: When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that He could be presented to the Lord.

Luke 2:22



5. The Finding in the Temple

MEDITATION: They came upon Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Him were amazed.

Luke 2:46-47



The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be prayed every Wednesday after Communion.

Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttill, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chamouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Brian Baker, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace*