

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER****April 26, 2020**

“TIS THE MONTH OF OUR MOTHER.” This Friday begins Mary’s month of May. We rejoice with Mary, the Mother of our Savior, in this Easter Season as we continue to enjoy the new life, renewed hope, and continued joy of the Resurrection. May we unite ourselves to Mary in prayer this month for peace, a renewal of faith among Catholic Christians, and for the continued safety and health of all people during this pandemic.

**CHURCH PROGRESS.** Since January 13th of this year, our church has been undergoing the refinishing of pews and floor cleaning. I must say it has been a challenge for both the workmen on this project, our parish council and myself. Finally, the work is almost completed with the exception of some small details and we have been busily cleaning the church. It is truly amazing how much dust and dirt has covered everything. A small group of parishioners has been working to clean everything from the lights, the walls, the woodwork, the windows, the floors and pews so that the church will sparkle when we will finally be able to open.

**DID YOU KNOW** that St. Catherine of Siena was one of the Church’s greatest mystics? She was born on March 25, 1347 in Siena, Italy, the youngest of 25 children. Already at the age of six, she began to have mystical experiences. She became a member of the Dominican Order at the age of 16. Her mystical visions of Christ, Mary, the saints and even diabolical visions continued, interspersed with periods of spiritual dryness. She devoted herself to caring for the sick, especially those suffering from leprosy and cancer. In her native Siena she devoted herself to caring for those suffering from the plague that devastated her city. She was known for her great holiness, aid to the spiritually troubled and a peacemaker. In 1376, she met with Pope Gregory XI in Avignon, France and convinced him to return the papacy to Rome, which he did. This was a time of division in the Church. After Pope Gregory’s death in 1378, the Great Western Schism began when Pope Urban VI’s election was contested by a group of dissident cardinals who elected Robert of Geneva as the anti-pope Clement VII who set up a papal court in Avignon. She worked tirelessly to gain support for Pope Urban and to end the schism. She did not hesitate to speak her mind, even criticizing Pope Urban for some of his actions. After suffering a severe stroke she died in Rome on April 29, 1380. Some 400 of her letters are still preserved, as well as her book Dialogue about her mystical experiences. She was canonized a saint in 1461 and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970. As we see by her life, even in dangerous, tumultuous times of political intrigue, in-fighting, epidemics; prayer, charity, and holiness triumph.

**TODAY’S PSALM RESPONSE:****“Lord, you will show us the path of life.”****Last Sunday’s Offering: \$3,614.00****Online Donations: \$960.00****Additional Easter Offering: \$6,695.00****Additional Holy Land: \$165.00****Home Missions: \$459.00****Catholic Relief Service: \$333.00**

**Church Needs:** \$300 in memory of Matthew & Lillian Dolenc from Laura Dolenc; \$300 in memory of Lillian & Matthew Dolenc from Christine Dolenc; \$100 in memory of Steve & Mary Zorichak from Janet Miller; \$100 from Milena Hendrix; \$100 from Jerry & Josie Taricska; \$100 from Edward & Kati Cup; \$20 in memory of John Kozina from Veseli Godci; \$25 in memory of John Kozina from Martin & Maria Marsic; \$20 in memory of Martina Stepec from Anton & Ana Medved; \$20 in memory of John Kozina from Bernadette Malone; \$20 in memory of Martina Stepec from Bernadette Malone

**The Following in Memory of Betty Kozar:** \$20 from Bob & Sue Frederico, \$25 from John & Patricia Gruden, \$20 from Jo Ann Stinziano

**The Following in Memory of Paula Hauptman:** \$25 from John & Mary Zupancic, \$100 from Cunningham & Associates, Inc., \$25 from Martin & Maria Marsic, \$50 from Jim & Madeline Debevec, \$100 from Karl & Ani Zajec, \$20 from Anton & Ana Medved, \$50 from Helena Gorshe, \$40 from Vera Marsic, \$50 from Martha & Ben Stankewicz, \$50 from Mark & Martina Jakomin, \$100 from Edward & Sonja Mejac, \$25 from Zdravko & Andrea Novak, \$20 from Amelia Maslac, \$25 from Thomas & Anna Gorenssek, \$50 from Ivan & Zdenka Zakrajsek, \$100 from Edward & Kati Cup, \$15 from Veronica Petric

**The Following in Memory of Anthony Mihelich:** \$25 from Mark & Martina Jakomin, \$50 from Anton & Vida Hauptman, \$25 from David & Kathleen Skrajner, \$25 from Veronica Petric, \$20 from Pauline Dolinar, \$20 from Edward Veider, \$25 from Zdravko & Andrea Novak, \$50 from Arlene Mole, \$50 from Anne Marie Pecon, \$50 from Louise Strauss, \$100 from Ralph & Genise Delligatti, \$110 from friends

**The Following in Memory of Matthew Dolenc:** \$50 from Cheryl Arslanian, \$20 from Jan Biermann, \$20 from Kyle Cielec, \$100 from Linda & Paul Cimperman, \$10 from Julie & Tony DiMattia, \$10 from Pauline Dolinar, \$100 from Marcia & Bob Dzikowski, \$100 from Dennis & Sandy Eckart, \$100 from Scott & Brenda Feudo, \$20 from Helena Gorshe, \$25 from Dorothy Ivancic, \$25 from Eileen Ivancic, \$25 from Joanne & Rudy Ivancic, \$20 from Linda Jacobs, \$20 Chris Kocin, \$20 Bernie Kotorac, \$50 Richard & Elizabeth Kozan, \$20 Mary Kratochiril, \$20 Helen Laznik, \$75 Nancy Leblang, \$50 Deacon Bob & Karen Lester, \$30 Francis Loznik-Ross, \$60 Randy March, \$30 Nancy & Kamlesh Mathur (Ivancic), \$50 Lou and Lauren (Penko) Merkys, \$30 Arlene Mole, \$25 Zdravko & Andrea Novak, \$20 Sonia Omahen, \$100 Bea Pestotnik, \$50 Kathy & Allan Pestotnik, \$250 from the Poznik’s, Jimmy, Brent, Travis & Cathy Calvin, \$25 from Ed & Paula Rizk, \$40 from Steve & Marie Royer, \$20 from Tillie Spehar, \$50 from Ida Thomas, \$115 from the VA Medical Staff, \$20 from Tom & Nancy Vadnal, \$20 from Edward Veider, \$25 from Dorothy Woloiecki, \$50 from Teri (Mohar) & John Young, \$30 from Tania Zaletel

**Pew Refurbishing:** \$200 from Joakin & Brigita Mejac, \$200 from Jim & Madeline Debevec, \$200 from Lou & Lauren Merkys, \$250 from Veronica Petric

**THANK YOU!!!!**

**Masses for the Week April 27—May 3, 2020**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>(4/27) EASTER WEEKDAY</b>
7:45 a.m.	Mary & Albin Strazar (Jim Yartz & Family)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>(4/28) ST. PETER CHANEL (Priest &amp; Martyr); ST. LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONFORT (Priest)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>(4/29) ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA (Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Joe, Frances & Maureen Zorko (Jim Omahen)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>(4/30) ST. PIUS V (Pope)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>(5/1) ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER</b>
7:45 a.m.	Ciril Štepec (Son, Viktor)
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>(5/2) ST. ATHANASIUS (Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church)</b>
7:45 a.m.	Deceased Members of Jakomin & Štepec Families (Family)
5:00 p.m.	Anton & Angela Abolnar (Mary Korosec)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>(5/3) FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Altar Society
12:00 noon	Stella & Stephen Strauch

**Please Pray for Our Sick:** Fr. William Jerse, Chris Chermely, Josephine Strle, Robert Klancher

**May They Rest in God's Peace:**

+John Kozina  
+Martina Stepec

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

*MARIJA JE PODOBA ČLOVEKA, KI GA JE KRISTUS POPOLNOMA ODREŠIL. KDOR TOREJ HOČE VIDETI, KAKŠEN JE UČINEK KRISTUSOVEGA ODREŠENJA, NAJ SE OZRE NA MARIJO. (Tomaš Špidlik)*

**DANES JE 3. VELIKONOČNA NEDELJA.**

“SPET KLIČE NAS VENČANI MAJ.” V petek začnemo Marijin mesec maj. Mi se veselimo z Marijo, Materjo našega Odrešenika v Velikonočnem času, ko mi nadalje uživamo novo življenje, obnovljeno upanje in nadaljno veselje Vstajenja. Združimo se z Marijo v molitvi ta mesec za mir, za obnovo vere med katoliškimi kristjani in za nadaljno varstvo in zdravje za vse ljudi v času pedamije.

**ALI STE VEDELI**, da je bila Sv. Katerina Sienska je ena največja cerkvena mistika. Rojena je bila 25. marca 1347 v Siena, Italija, najmlajša od 25 otrok. Že ko je bila stara 6 let je začela imeti mistična doživetja. Ona je postala Dominikanka v starosti 16 let. Njeno mistično videnje Kristusa in Marije, svetnikov in tudi diabolična videnja so se nadaljevala potresena z obdobjem duhovne suše. Ona se je posvetila oskrbi bolnikov, posebno tistim ki so trpeli gobavost in raka. V njeni rojstni Sieni se je posvetila oskrbi tistih, ki so trpeli za kugo ki je opustošila njeno mesto. Poznana je bila za njeno plemenito svetost, bila podpora duhovno vznemirjenim in pomirjevalka. Leta 1376 se je srečala z papežem Gregorijem XI v Avignonu, Francija in ga pregovorila, da vrne papeštvo v Rim, kar je on storil. To je bil čas razprtije v Cerkvi. Po smrti papeža Gregorija leta 1378 je bila velika Zahodna skizma ko je izvolitev papeža Urbana bila sporna od skupine odpadlih kardinalov, ki so izvolili Roberta od Geneve kot proti-papežu Klementu VII, ki je postavil papeški dvor v Avignonu. Ona je neutrudno delala, da dobi podporo za papeža Urbana in da konča skizmo. Ona ni omagovala odkrito govoriti, tudi kritizirati papeža Urbana za nekatera njegova dejanja. Po trpljenju, ki jo je zadela kap je umrla v Rimu 29. aprila 1380. Okrog 400 njenih pisem je še vedno ohranjenih kakor tudi njena knjiga Dialog o njenih mističnih doživljajih. Katarina je bila razglašena za svetnico leta 1461 in za cerkveno učiteljico je bila razglašena od papeža Pavla VI leta 1970. Kot vidimo njeno življenje, tudi v nevarnih, burnih časih političnega rovarjenja, notranjega boja, epidemije, molitev, dobrota in svetost zmagaja.

**NAPREDEK V CERKVI.** Od 13. januarja letos je naša cerkev podvržena obnovitvi klopi in čiščenja tla. Moram reči, da je bilo klubovanje za delavce v tem projektu za naš Pastoralni svet in zame. Končno je delo skoraj končano razen nekaj male podrobnosti in mi hitro čistimo cerkev. Neverjetno koliko je prah vse pokrtil. Majhna skupina faranov dela in čisti vse od luči, sten, oken, klopi in tla, da se bo cerkev svetila ko bomo mi spet lahko odprli cerkev za maše.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:**

**GOSPOD, DAJ MI SPOZNATI POT ŽIVLJENJA.**