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### FRONT COVER:

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd, 2016  
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes sanctuary  
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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM, 5:45 PM (Syriac-rite)

**Sunday:** 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

**Traditional Latin High Mass:** 10:30 AM

**Weekdays:** Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM

**Traditional Latin Low Mass:** Mon., Wed. &  
Fri., 12:30 PM; Thurs., 5:30 PM, Sat. 9:00 AM.

**Holy Days:** if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 &  
7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight

**Christmas Day:** 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

**January 1st:** 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

#### **Penance (Confession):**

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM

Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass,  
Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

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parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental  
preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

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facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for  
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

## SUNDAY EPISTLES STUDY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER James 1:17-21

As often happens in the Mass Propers, the prayers and readings complement one another in their message. Today's Collect and Epistle, for example, share a similar theme. St. James teaches us that "[e]very good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change" (Jas. 1:17, RSV - this translation will be used throughout this column). Our Collect reflects St. James' teaching when it prays, "that amid the changes of the world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found." Both texts prompt us to consider seriously the supreme and unchanging Good that is God Himself, in comparison to all other joys in life which are fleeting.

At the same time, we must be careful to note that St. James affirms the goodness of creation, ascribing its goodness to God. This is a fundamentally Biblical worldview rooted in Genesis 1. Catholic life reflects this "both/and" reality. We adore God alone, who *transcends* all passing things, and yet we find His goodness and wisdom *in* all created things and enjoy them with thanksgiving (cf. 1 Tim. 4:3-5). We feast *and* we fast. We seek God apart from the goods of this world, and we experience His love through them, as well. Both approaches have their proper place; both are essential to living the Gospel.

The verse quoted above which opens our Epistle reading today comes at the end of an important argument St. James makes regarding temptation, namely, that temptation is a result of disordered passions and sin, not God (vv. 13-16). When we suffer temptation, we err if we "*blame God*." In his providence, God allows temptation, although He himself is not its origin or cause (v. 13). In fact, God would see us profit by it. As St. James explains in v. 12, "*Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him*." Therefore, let us not be unduly discouraged when tempted, as if God has the

deck stacked against us. Let us rather be encouraged by His mercy, which is shown so clearly in two things: 1) God has made us his very own children "*by the word of truth*," (v. 18) that is, the Gospel message, and 2) He gives us "*every perfect gift*" of grace in the sacraments, so that we may persevere in the path of holiness as His children.

St. James then proceeds to offer timely and practical counsel, which can help us in this struggle to persevere. He writes, "*Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger*" (v. 19). How many sins issue from doing the opposite of what St. James tells us in this verse? We sometimes speak unwisely and precipitously. Many of us struggle to listen well. Tempers can flare in an instant at the smallest inconvenience, and yet St. James tells us that this last kind of behavior in particular "*does not work the righteousness of God*" (v. 20). In other words, we are not giving God His due (the virtue of justice) when we are quick to wrath. Anger is sometimes justified and warranted. Precipitous anger, however, is not a commendable virtue, because it fails to acknowledge the supreme justice, wisdom, and providence of God.

Mary is our best example for observing St. James' counsel. She "*receive[d] with meekness the implanted word*" (v. 21). Our Lady "*kept*" God's words, "*pondering them in her heart*" (cf. Lk 2:19, 51). Hence, she was "*quick to hear*" and "*slow to speak*." How commendable it is to read and meditate on the Gospel of each day, even for just 10 minutes. If we want to be good disciples, let us make a commitment to sit quietly and listen to Jesus, allowing His glorious words to speak to our hearts directly and personally. Let each of us give the Sacred Scriptures the faith, time and attentiveness they deserve, and we will see how "*living and active*" God's words really are (cf. Heb. 4:12).

*(David Allen)*

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# Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps.98:1-2

(Saint Meinrad, page 36)

*"O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia."*

**Ordinary Prayers: English Chant**

(Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus/Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

**Credo I: (extra sheet)**

**Offertory Hymn:**

Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest  
(Parish Hymnal No.86)

**Communion Antiphon:** Jn.15:1,5

(Saint Meinrad, page 37)

*"I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia."*

**Post Communion Hymn**

Regina Coeli  
(Chant)

**Recessional Hymn:**

The Clouds of Night Are Passed Away  
(Parish Hymnal No.68)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

**Fourth Sunday after Easter**

**Processional Hymn**

Ad Regias Agni Dapes (Gregorian Chant)

*Vidi Aquam: Chant*

**Introit:** Psalm 65:1,2,3 *"Cantate Domino canticum novum, allelúja: quia mirabilia fecit Dóminus, allelúja: ante conspéctum géntium revelávit justítiam suam. Allelúja, allelúja, allelúja. V. Salvábit sibi dextera ejus: et bráchium sanctum ejus."*

**Ordinary Prayers: "Mass of St. Louis"**

Josef Gregor Zangl (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

**Paschal Alleluia:** Ps. 117.16, Romans 6.9 *"Dextera Domini fecit virtutem: dextera Domini exaltavit me. Alleluia. V. Christus resurgens ex mortuis, jam non moritur:mors illi ukta non dominabiturs. Alleluia."*

**Offertory Verse:** Psalm 65:1,2,16 *"Jubilate Deo, universa terra, psalmum dicite nomini eius: venite, et audite, et narrabo vobis, omnes qui timetis Deum, quanta fecit Dominus animae meae, alleluia."*

**Offertory Hymn:** Ave Maris Stella (P .Piel)

**Communion Verse:** John 16.8 *"Cum venerit Paraclitus Spiritus veritatis, ille arguet mundum de peccato, et de justitia, et de judicio, alleluia, alleluia."*

**Communion Hymn:** Anima Christi (L.Dobici)

**Rogation Procession**

**Recessional Hymn:**

The Clouds of Night Are Passed Away  
(Parish Hymnal No.68)

*Regina Caeli (Chant)*

## LATIN MASS PROPERS: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

**INTROIT: Psalm 97: 1, 2** Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle, alleluia, for the Lord hath done wonderful things, alleluia: He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm 97:1* His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him salvation. V. Glory be to the Father.

**COLLECT** O God, who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant to Thy people to love that which Thou commandest and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the changing things of this world, our hearts may be set where true joys are to be found. Through our Lord.

**EPISTLE: James 1: 17-21** Dearly beloved, every best gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change nor shadow of alteration. For of His own will hath He begotten us by the word of truth, that we might be some beginning of His creature. You know, my dearest brethren. And let every man be swift to hear, but slow to speak and slow to anger. For the anger of man worketh not the justice of God. Wherefore, casting away all uncleanness and abundance of naughtiness, with meekness receive the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

**FIRST ALLELUIA: Psalm 117: 16** Alleluia, alleluia. V. The right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength, the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me. **SECOND ALLELUIA: Romans 6: 9** Alleluia. V. Christ, rising again from the dead, dieth now no more: death shall no more have dominion over Him. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: John 16: 5-14** *At* that time Jesus said to His disciples: I go to Him that sent Me; and none of you asketh Me: Whither goest Thou? But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow hath filled your heart. But I tell you the truth: it is expedient to you that I go; for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you: but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of justice and of judgment. Of sin, because they believed not in Me; and of justice, because I go to the Father, and you shall see Me no longer; and of judgment, because the prince of this world is already judged. I have yet many things to say to you: but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will teach you all truth. For He shall not speak of Himself: but what things soever He shall hear He shall speak, and the things that are to come He shall show you. He shall glorify Me: because He shall receive of Mine and shall show it to you.

**OFFERTORY: Psalm 65: 1-2, 16** Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name: come and hear, and I will tell you, all ye that fear God, what great things the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia.

**SECRET** O God, who by the sacred intercourse of this sacrifice hast made us partakers of the one supreme divine nature: grant, we beseech Thee, that as we know Thy truth, so we may follow it by a worthy life. Through our Lord.

### Preface of Easter

**COMMUNION: John 16: 8** When the Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of justice and of judgment, alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTCOMMUNION** Assist us, O Lord our God, that by these gifts which we have received in faith, we may be purified from vice and delivered from all dangers. Through our Lord.

## Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

SATURDAY April 23rd	4:00 PM	Phyllis Mack Slater	Memorial	Phil Mack & Family
SUNDAY April 24th	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		Jean Johnson
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	9:00 AM	First Communion Class		John & Mary Bennett
	10:30 AM	Betsy Eldridge	Month's Mind	Rusnack Family
		Jerome & Theresa Rusnack	Special Intention	Mike & Annie Procopio
		Bibbo Family	In Thanksgiving	Elissa Ferris & Gerald Nasif
		Sheila Daly	Memorial	Monahan Family
		Nick & Janet Pino	Health of the Sick	Monahan Family
		Rebecca DeVendra	Special Intention	Leonard F. Nolan
		Charles J. Cassidy	Memorial	Maureen & Barbara Nyhen
		MacKenzie Family	Special Intention	Margaret Evans
		Julie Keith	Health of the Sick	Patti Strom
		Ann Barden	Health of the Sick	Patti Strom
		Richard Steinkrauss	Memorial	Richard Fell
		Thomas & Lavada Fell	Memorial	Maria Centofanti
		Angela DiNezio	Memorial	Concepcion Reyna
		Fr. Christopher Pollard	Special Intention	Lida Reed
	5:30 PM	Ludmila Dostalova	Memorial	
MONDAY April 25th ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Memorial	Maria Schoeman
TUESDAY April 26th Easter feria	7:30 AM	Rose DelGrosso	Special Intention	Maureen & Barbara Nyhen
WEDNESDAY April 27th Easter feria	12:30 PM	Betsy Eldridge	Memorial	Catherine Dinon
THURSDAY April 28th St. Louis de Montfort	7:30 AM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
	5:30 PM	Lauren Ferris	Special Intention	Elissa Ferris
FRIDAY April 29th St. Catherine of Siena/ St. Peter of Verona	7:30 AM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
		<i>Health of the Sick</i>		
	12:30 PM	Intention of the Donor		Nicole Rudolph
SATURDAY April 30th St. Catherine of Siena	9:00 AM	Maria Diepgen	Special Intention	Maria Schoeman
		All Souls	Memorial	Maria Schoeman
		Pro-Life		Mike & Annie Procopio
		Peter Maich	Memorial	
	4:00 PM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		

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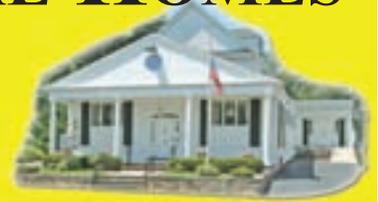
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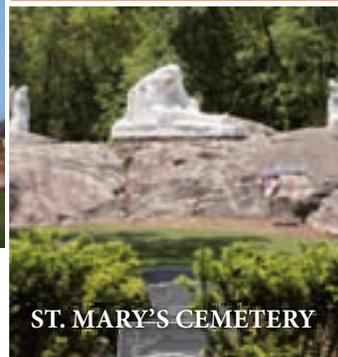
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