

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Rev 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

8:00 am Mass...Patrick Allen Snell†

10:30 am Mass...Mary Watson†

MONDAY, APRIL 25

1Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-3ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 am Mass...Ashley & Markus Housler

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 am Mass...Patrick Allen Snell†

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 am Mass

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/
Jn 15:18-21

5:30 pm Mass...Parishioners and First Holy Communicants

HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in the prayer intention book and those listed below:
Susan McLaughlin,
Robert C. Brown†

"A single moment of tribulation assures an immense weight of glory. Never to suffer would be the greatest danger for us."
-St. Paul of the Cross

Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving Financial Information thru April 16th & 17th:

Weekly Need:.....\$11,350.00
Weekly Actual:.....\$7,666.10

Attendance: 528
Seminary Formation Fund: \$1,818.65

Church Debt Loan Balance:\$189,826.60
Property Loan Balance:.....\$418,861.24
(as of 4/13/2016)

Blessed Among Us

St. Mark

Evangelist (First Century)

Feast Day—Monday, April 25

Who was St. Mark? A disciple of Jesus and thus a witness to the story recounted in his Gospel? Perhaps the John Mark who appears in the book of Acts as a companion to Paul in his missionary journey? Regardless of his sources or his identity there is no doubt that in writing the first Gospel narrative, sometime around the year 70, Mark had a decisive influence on the subsequent shape of Christianity. Previously the teachings of Jesus circulated in the form of sayings. Paul's letters contain almost no reference to the actual life story of Jesus. But for Mark, the authority of Jesus' message was rooted in his paradoxical identity as the suffering and crucified Messiah. For Mark, this was best communicated in the form of a story.

His Gospel ends on a curiously dynamic and open-ended note. In place of an explicit account of the resurrection, he ends with the discovery of an empty tomb and words of an angel: "Go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you." Thus Mark addresses contemporary disciples. Jesus is no longer in the past or confirmed to Mark's story. He has gone ahead to Galilee. Mark's readers must write their own conclusion by taking up the cross of discipleship and going forth to meet him for themselves.

"But what about you," he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah" - Mark 8:29

Reflection—Mark and the Prison Librarian

I confess to being obsessed with the challenge of preaching. To defend myself against the eleven minutes of terror that weekly masquerades as a homily, I devour poetry and literature, exegesis and commentaries, hoping that a superabundance of material might be distilled into strangely fresh and oddly familiar good news.

The byproduct of this rhetorical cramming is that it spills over into other teaching, speaking, and writing: thus this take on the feast of St. Mark. I recently read Avi Steinberg's stunning memoir, *Running the Books: The Adventures of an Accidental Prison Librarian*. Steinberg is a former Orthodox Jew, Harvard grad and obituary writer for *The Boston Globe*. Using his Yeshiva training to discern whether he should become a prison librarian, Steinberg reviewed the histories of prophets and discovered that most had been criminals or in prison.

As a librarian and creative writing teacher at a Boston prison, Steinberg thought that reflecting upon the prophets would instruct his inmate clientele to believe "the prophets are just like us!" In devastating honesty, however, he discerns the prophets conversely saying, "we are just like the criminals." This illuminates for me Mark's "attitude" towards discipleship: Mark, the earliest of the Gospel writers, is tough on Jesus' inner circle, depicting them as clueless while the healed and transformed around them get it.

Self-effacing Mark reveals that the chosen are deeply flawed. Thank you, Mark, for teaching us that we are the same but can still be redeemed. Thank you for your own running the books, the Gospel legacy you initiated.

- Fr. Edward Foley

Upcoming Events

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| Apr. 24: Children/Youth Faith Formation
9:05—10:15 AM | Apr. 27: Youth Group 6:30 PM |
| Apr. 25: Rosary Making 9:00 AM | Apr. 28: Mom's Group Speaker 9:30 AM |
| Apr. 25: Adult Faith Formation 6:30 PM | Apr. 28: Ministry Leads Mtg. 7:00 PM |
| Apr. 25: Boy Scouts T-1099 7:00 PM | Apr. 30: First Holy Communion 5:30 PM |
| Apr. 26: Bea's Quilting Group 9:00 AM | May 1: Children/Youth Faith Formation
9:05—10:15 AM |
| Apr. 27: Wed Morning Ladies 9:30 AM | |



**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
for the Year of Mercy**

Universal: That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization: That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE
CALLED TO SERVE:**

SAT., Apr. 30 • 5:30 PM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

Jack Mayer Thatcher Nelson

READERS

Shawn Parks Tim Schauf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Bobby Zeigler Roxanna Young

David Wagner Carol Wagner

USHERS

Bobby Zeigler Hannah Jozwiak

Jim Hughes

SOUND

Larry Mask

SUN., May 1 • 8:00 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

Ben Clements Libby Clements

READERS

Barbara Anderson Candi Lear

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Tim Clements Myra Speer

Jan Ford Jennifer Parkinson

USHERS

Jeff Hensley John Brown

Kandi Smith

SOUND

Robert Speer

SUN., May 1 • 10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

Clayton Crawford Brogan Lane

READERS

Donya Fronk Michael Harding

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Arturo Sandoval Chris Lane

Monica Collins Val Grooms

Patrick Snell Maureen Gabarino

Maryrita Mallet Kori Crippes

Kate Been Ethan Bates

USHERS

Sheila Hill Tom Crippes

Paige Crippes Joe Crippes

SOUND

Noah Murphy

*Mom's Group Speaker Series
Thursday, April 28th*

"Domestic Church Intentional Home"

9:30 am at Holy Redeemer

Potluck Breakfast

*If childcare is needed, please contact
parish office by Monday, April 25th.*



First Holy Communion

30 children have been preparing all year
and the big day is almost here!

First Holy Communion

Saturday, April 30, 2016

5:30 pm Mass

Holy Redeemer

Vacation Bible School

June 27—30

10:00 am—12:30 pm

Youth and Adult Volunteers Needed

More Info to Come

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rachel's Corner

"I never knew my wife suffered so much pain over an abortion she had before we met. It was eye-opening to attend a Rachel retreat with her and be a support in an area of her life where there was so much secret grief. We are closer now than we have ever been."

- RV Retreat Participant

Call Rachel Ministries and let us help you heal the wounds of abortion.

Rachel Ministries

817-923-4757

Next Retreat April 29

WALK FOR LIFE

JOIN US FOR THE 25TH ANNUAL TEXAN'S FOR LIFE WALK FOR LIFE

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH AT 9:00 AM

ALEDO MIDDLE SCHOOL STADIUM

**WE WALK SO WE CAN CONTINUE TEACHING GOD'S LOVING MESSAGE
OF ABSTINENCE BEFORE MARRIAGE AND THE BEAUTY OF HIS IMAGE ON
THE FACE OF EVERY UNBORN CHILD.**

TOGETHER WE ARE SAVING LIVES.

REGISTRATION WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX APRIL 23, 24 AND MAY 1.

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