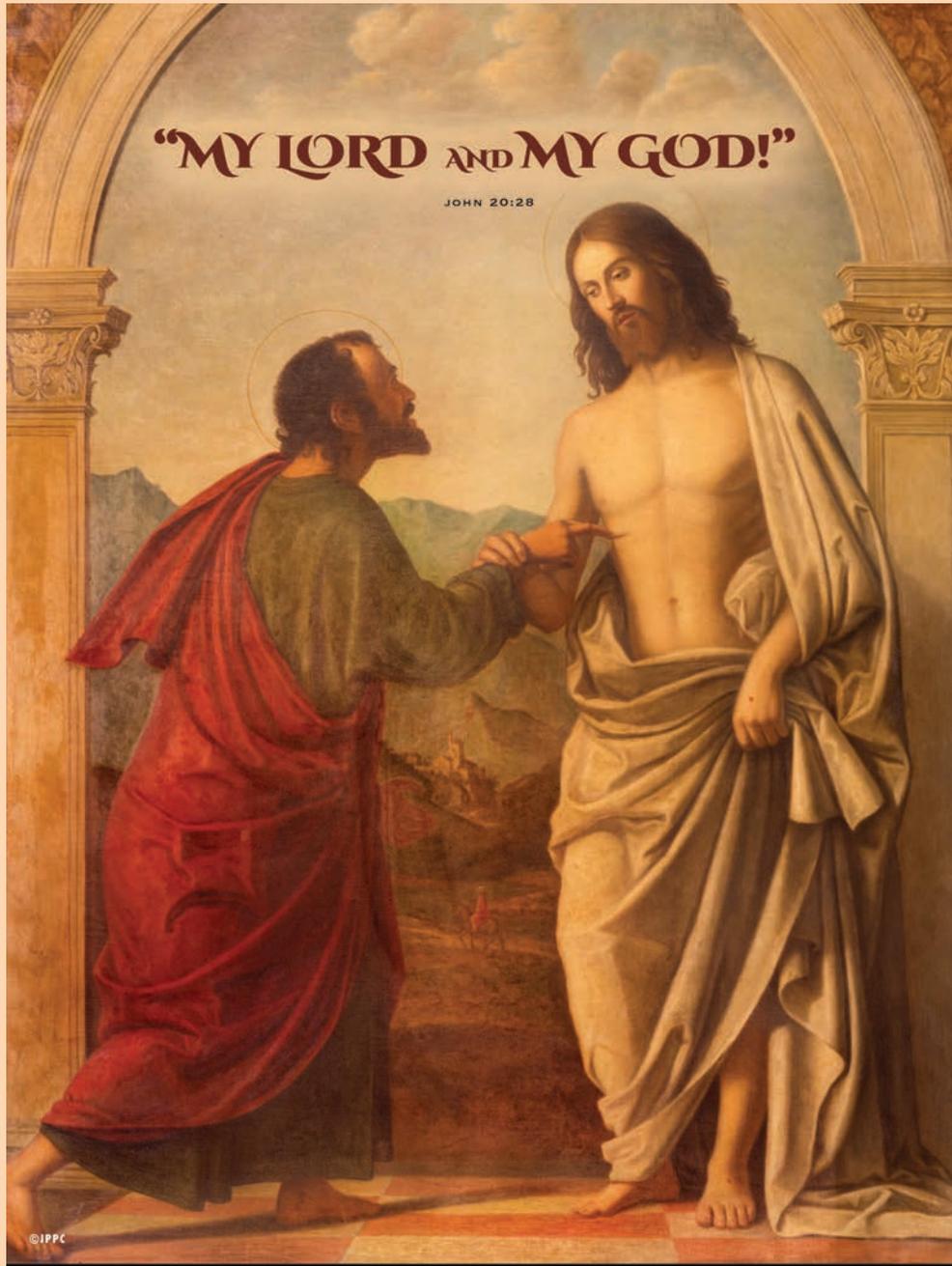


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Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022

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St. John the Evangelist Church**
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St. Francis of Assisi Parish
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**St. Katharine Drexel Parish at
St. Jerome Church**
1010 Slater Rd.
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SATURDAY VIGIL
4:00p.m. at St. Jerome

SUNDAY
8:00a.m. at St. Francis
9:00a.m. at St. Joseph
10:00a.m. at St. Francis
11:30a.m. at St. Jerome

DAILY MASS at St. Francis
8:00a.m. Monday - Saturday
5:30p.m. Monday - Friday

Confessions
will be 1/2 hour before
the weekday Masses
7:30-7:50a.m. and 5:00-5:20p.m.
at St. Francis
3:00-3:45p.m. on Saturday
at St. Jerome

St. Andrew, St. John, St. Peter
and St. Maurice Churches
are no longer used for regular Masses.



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Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacons
James Arena
Alan Bielawski
Joseph Kane

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EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Please join our email notification system which alerts parishioners to changes or cancellations in scheduling due to inclement weather or other unforeseen events. This will be the primary way to communicate to our parishioners. **To opt in, email your request with your full name and email address to: notification@stfranciscatholic.org** Please note: We do not send texts and cannot make phone calls.

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Holy Week 2022





A special invitation to
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St. Katharine Drexel Parishes!

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May 21 – 27, 2023

Join us on a 7-Day Pilgrimage
to Mexico, in Honor of
**Our Lady of
Guadalupe**

Highlights include Mexico City,
Cuernavaca, Taxco, Puebla,
Tulpetlac, and Teotihuacan.

WHO IS LEADING THE PILGRIMAGE?
Fr. Casey and Fr. Gutierrez will be leading this
special parish pilgrimage. The itinerary was
designed to give thanks to Our Lord through
Our Lady. We hope this pilgrimage will offer
parishioners the opportunity to worship and
pray in holy places providing graces to return
home transformed.

WHO CAN ATTEND?
Families and friends of Divine Providence, Holy
Apostles, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Katharine
Drexel Parishes.

HOW DO I JOIN?
Tour brochures with enrollment information will
be available in July. To request a brochure email:
peter@petersway.com (Ask for Tour Code 9902).

Pilgrimage Registration
opens July 2022!



Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Patron Saint of preachers, 1673 – 1716

The English writer Graham Greene grew up Anglican with the typical anti-Catholic biases of his twentieth-century generation. One of those biases firmly held that Catholics worshipped the Virgin Mary and thus deflected toward Christ's mother the glory due to Him alone. But when Greene started dating an educated Catholic girl, she taught him that Catholic rendered latria (worship) to God, dulia (praise) to the saints, and hyperdulia (an abundance of praise) to Mary. It made sense. Worship is given to God alone. Praise is given to the saints. And Mary is rendered a unique intensity of praise in recognition of her unique role in salvation history.

Throughout the centuries since the Reformation, Catholics have been accused of granting to Mary what is due only to God. As a young man, the future Pope Saint John Paul II wondered whether he gave Mary central a role in his devotions, prayer, and reading. But the writings of today's saint, Louis de Montfort, helped the young Pole place Marian devotion in its wider theological context. Pope Saint John Paul II routinely gave thanks to Saint Louis de Montfort's book, *True Devotion to Mary*, for helping him develop a more mature Marian spirituality.

Louis Grignion de Montfort was one of eighteen children. Eleven of them are saints—Louis and ten of his siblings who died as babies. Even as a child, Louis was devoted to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. He studied under the Jesuits as a teen and then attended theology courses at St. Sulpice in Paris. He was ordained a priest at the age of twenty-seven. Louis became a hospital chaplain, preached missions, and served as a confessor. Father Louis was interpersonally awkward and ardent, which confined his priestly ministry to non-traditional forums. He also lived in radical poverty, owning nothing and carrying no money.

Saint Louis' itinerant life ended due to physical exhaustion at the young age of forty-three. His writings on Mary, in particular, were rediscovered and published in the nineteenth century, leading to his canonization in 1947. Our saint died with a statue of the Virgin Mary in one arm and a crucifix given him by the Pope in the other arm. He felt attacked by the devil in his last agony and yelled at him, "You attack me in vain. I stand between Jesus and Mary. I have finished my course. I shall sin no more." He was buried, per his request, under an altar dedicated to his Lady... to Our Lady.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/april-28-saint-louis-grignion-de-montfort-priest/>



Archbishops Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gifts help those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith

Thank you to the parish families who have made gifts and pledges to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of you gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the appeal literature, which can be found at <http://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.

No appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5;
Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20;
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6,
11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Join us on the first Saturday of the month to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We begin before the Saturday morning Mass at 7:15am. The Mass intention is for the Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford. All are welcome.



Prayer Line

In need of Prayers?

Please call our "Spirit of Love" Prayer Line
Mary M. at 860-225-3890
(Call between 2-4p.m.)



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

We are seeking to grow our hospitality ministry in each of our four churches. Hospitality ministers help welcome people to Mass, assist with any needs during Mass, greet people as they leave, help ensure the church is ready for the next Mass, and also help with social events after Mass. If you would be interested in helping us in this way, please contact the parish office.

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Saturday, April 23:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
4pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:**
+ The Carlina, Rizzo and Koley Family

Sunday, April 24:

8:00 am: St Francis: Intention of the Celebrant
9:00 am: St. Joseph: + The Occhipinti Family
10:00 am: St. Francis: + Derrick Straughn
11:30 am: St. Jerome: + Scott Beauchene

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, April 25:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: Intention of Celebrant

Tuesday, April 26:

8:00 am: Special Intention
5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, April 27:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 28:

8:00 am: + Amedee Cote
5:30 pm: Pro Populo

Friday, April 29:

8:00 am: Special Intention
5:30 pm: + Holy Souls In Purgetory

Saturday, April 30:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** Special Intention
4pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** + Emilia Francalangia

Sunday, May 1:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** + Theresa Glownia
10:00 am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Carol Ravagnani

To schedule a Mass, please call the parish office,
located in the Parish Center at St. Jerome at 860-224-2411.



Our parishes are the support for the Food Pantry at St. Joseph's. It's open every Tuesday morning from 9:30am-10:30am. Please

consider adding a few of these items on your grocery list. We are currently in need of the following non-perishable food items:

- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meats and Tuna
- Instant Potato and Rice Mixes
- Raman Noodles and Soups
- Pasta Sauce
- Mac and Cheese
- Snack Items: Cookies, Crackers and Chips

Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. Thank you for your generosity.



April 10, 2022: \$16,620.76

April 17, 2022: \$18,644.76

This amount includes the basket, mail in and online donations.

Mass Attendance for the weekend of April 10: 836
Mass Attendance for the weekend of April 17: 1,100

Thank you to all who support our parish.

Pastoral Care Ministry

We are most eager to help anyone who is unable to join us at Mass because of illness, handicap or age. Any parishioner in need of anointing of the sick or sacramental care at home, assisted living, hospital or care facility, please call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 and we will be happy to arrange a visit.



What was God doing before he created the universe?

St. Augustine confronted this question in the fifth century. He noted that others jokingly responded that for all eternity God was making hell for people who ask questions like that. Augustine's more serious response was that prior to the creation of the world there was no time. It makes no sense to ask what God was doing prior to the creation of the world, because the creation of the world also included the first moment of time.

Time can be a difficult thing to understand, but one common-sense view is to think of time as a measurement of change. If God existed in a changeless, perfect state without the universe, then our mental picture of a lonely God passing countless idle eons is a flawed one. God exists without time because he does not change. The Bible even says, "Every 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).

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/what-was-god-doing-before-he-created-the-universe>



Calling all Parishioners...

If you have treasures to sell why not rent a table at the Parish Tag & Craft Sale on Saturday, May 21 at the St. Joseph School on Edson St. (behind St. Joseph Church).

The doors will be open from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Table rental is \$10 per table and you can reserve your space by calling Ellen at 860-936-4215. We cannot accept donations of items at this time. Table rental only.

Also, we will be having a Bake Sale at the same event.

Donate your best cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies and breads to sell at the event. Call Elaine at 860-828-1616 to sign up to bake. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will benefit Council 31 Knights of Columbus' programs and activities. Looking forward to a successful parish activity.

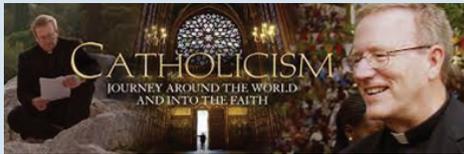


You're Invited.....

Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Chaplet at St Francis Church

April 24 at 3pm

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Please come and join us on Mondays April 25 through June 27 at 6:15pm at St. Francis School to explore our faith, traditions and to have a deeper understanding of what we celebrate.

Blood Drive



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There is a A BLOOD SUPPLY SHORTAGE!

please consider making an appointment.

**Our next drive is Thursday, April 28
1pm - 6pm in the hall at St. Jerome Church.**

AA Meetings

Wednesdays at 7pm:

basement at St. Francis Church

Fridays at 7pm: School at St. Joseph
(Spanish speaking group)

Saturdays at 7pm: hall at St. Jerome Church

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