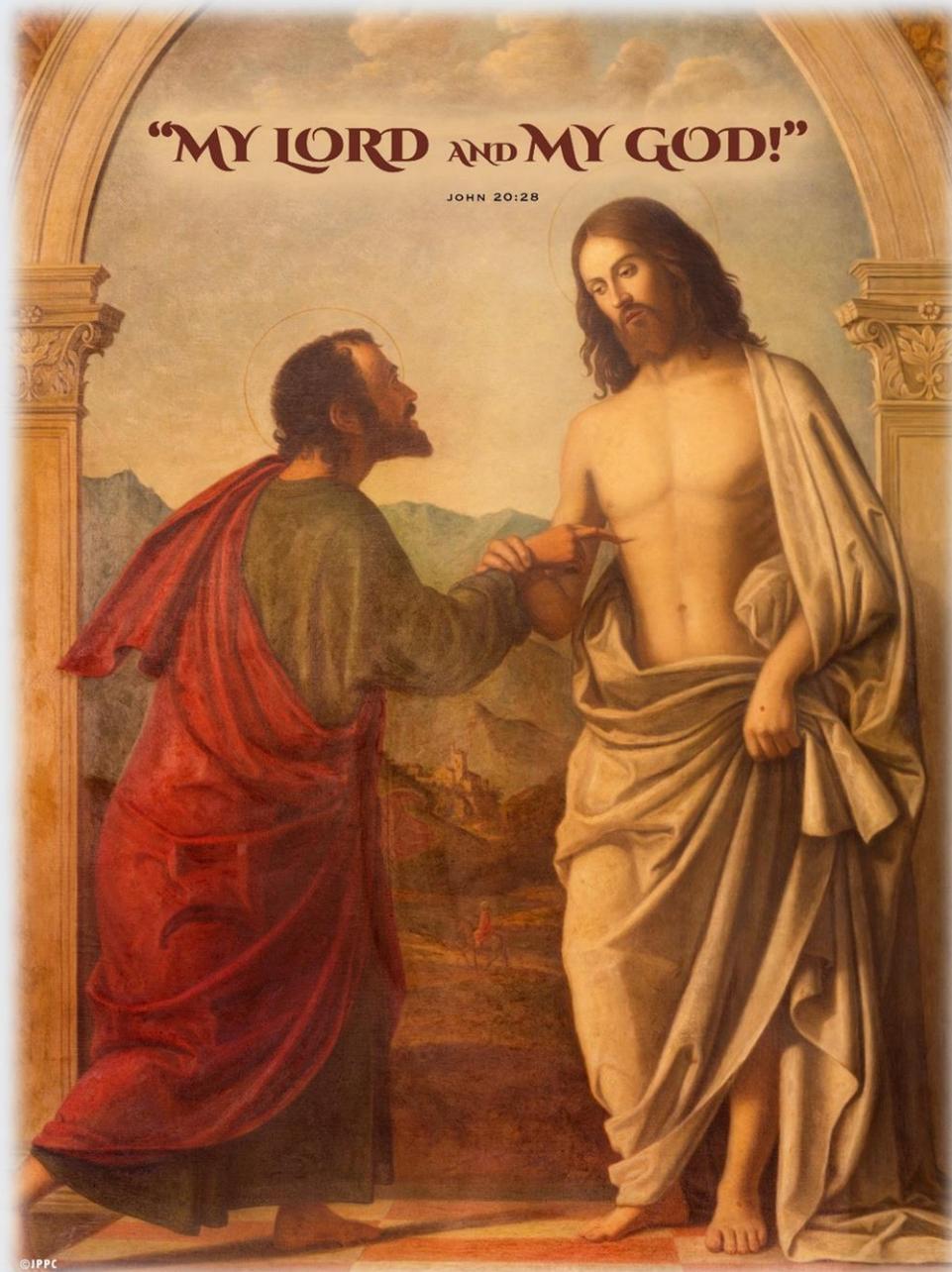


Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022



**Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street
North Attleborough, Massachusetts**

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm, with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at stmaryna@noozi.com for more information and available dates.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged with Father Rodney. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the 1st Tuesday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am with Morning Prayer and ending at 6:00 pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction.

Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for on line giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service

Saint Mark Church

Links to: Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

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MASS Intentions

April 24 - Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday **April 23**
 4:00 pm Albert & Elsie Jette

Sunday **April 24**
 8:00 am Lawrence Flint

Sunday **April 24**
 9:30 am Joseph E. Smith

Sunday **April 24**
 11:00 am Sarah Cahill

Monday **April 25**
 4:30 pm Teresita Cadena

Tuesday **April 26**
 8:00 am Harold Edgar

Wednesday **April 27**
 4:30 pm

Thursday **April 28**
 8:00 am Lawrence Burke, Sr.

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May 1 - Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday **April 30**
 4:00 pm Jack & Kate McNamara
 George & Mary Walmsley

Sunday **May 1**
 8:00 am William D'Abate

Sunday **May 1**
 9:30 am Francine L. Leary

Sunday **May 1**
 11:00 am Harry Belham

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Parish Contributions

Collection figures from April 9/10 –
 \$13,419.73



We Welcome

On April 16, at our Easter Vigil we welcomed our RCIA candidates as new members with their full initiation into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. Congratulations to *Jennifer Curren, Katelyn Griffin, and Daniel Robinson!*

From Father Rodney

As we journey through Easter, we will read from Acts of the Apostles. This account of the early Church is remarkable. As I stated last week in my column, the infant Church experienced immense growth and strength. Today, we encounter Saint Peter who has really changed his tune. It has not been all that long since we heard Jesus predict that Peter would deny him three times before the cock crowed and now Peter is boldly proclaiming Jesus to be the Savior. It must be remembered that the Eleven were scared for their lives. The Jewish leaders did not want the news of Jesus's Resurrection to spread yet the more that they attempted to suppress the Eleven the more boldly they were desirous to spread the Good News. I guess that is the utterly amazing thing about speaking the truth: the more we speak it, the more we feel emboldened to speak the truth. This can manifest itself in so many facets of our lives. When challenged because of our beliefs, we can sometimes feel compelled to remain silent, thereby compromising who we are. Think about it for a minute: you are with co-workers or friends or relatives and a discussion regarding faith and morals ensues, and you are seemingly outnumbered. In an effort to not muddy the waters, you suddenly decide that you'd much rather keep the peace, if you will, and choose to remain silent allowing those who disagree with you to silence your voice. If they Eleven had done that, who knows how the Church might have evolved. Jesus once said that "the truth will set you free" and yes indeed it will. Never be ashamed to boldly proclaim your view and who you are. Never compromise your beliefs because they might be not popular. The Eleven were preaching a message that the Elders of the people did not want spoken however they persisted and were victorious. You can be as well! He is Risen from the dead just as He said! Happy Easter!

Welcome!

We are happy to have you join us today. If you are visiting our area with family and friends, we welcome you to our parish. We hope you will enjoy your stay. If you are new to the area, we invite you to consider registering as member of our parish community. You may follow the link below to access the registration form. Please call the office if you have any questions. We are here to help!

<https://www.saintmaryna.com/wp-content/uploads/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-registration-form.pdf>



Monthly Adoration

Monthly Adoration is offered the *first Tuesday of every month (May 3 is next)*. You are invited to join us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Mary church, beginning at 9 a.m. with Morning Prayer and ending at 6 p.m. with Evening Prayer and Benediction. You can drop in at any time for as long as you like or, if you would like a specific time slot, please call Joanne Regali 508-643-3821 and leave a message.

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

Please note new email address:
TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com

First Communion will be held on
Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Saint Mary Church,
groups as follows:

10:00 am for students with the last name A-J

1:00 pm for students with the last name K-Z.

The Faith Formation program has ended for all grades for the 2021-2022 year. I would like to thank the parents/guardian for their endless support and patience. Also, thank you to the catechists. I am truly blessed to work with such a wonderful team!

The students in all grades will be promoted to the next grade and emails regarding the program will be sent during the month of August. If you have a son/daughter entering first grade in the fall, you will need to register him/her to the Faith Formation program. First grade is the first year of the two-year program in preparation for First Communion which is held in the spring of the second year. Contact the Faith Formation office at transfigurationreled@gmail.com to register.

Pope Francis

“The Lord is risen! Let us not tarry among the tombs, but run to find him, the Living One! Nor may we be afraid to seek him also in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the stories of those who hope and dream, in the pain of those who suffer: God is there!”



~April 19, 2022

Men's Group Next Saturday!

Join us next Saturday April 30 at St. John's in Attleboro. Grace Perfects Nature is the topic. The Program starts at 7am and runs through 8:15am.

Join us at 6:30am for a free breakfast! Each week stands on its own so even if you can only make one week it will be worth it for you and us!



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith in a busy and changing world. *The Thomas P McDonough Council #330, serving the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish will be holding a membership drive after all Masses on the weekend of April 30th/May 1st.* The Knights of Columbus brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Stop and chat with a member after Mass April 30th/May 1st or go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council # 00330.

We will also be available to answer questions prior to our regular meeting at 7PM on Wednesday, May 11th, in the St Mary's Church Parish Center.

Pray for Ukraine

Please join together in praying a decade (or more) of the Rosary daily for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for the end of the war. At the back of



each of the churches in the Parish there is a blue binder with the Ukrainian colors on the front. If you feel led by the Holy Spirit to do so, please sign your name as a simple commitment to pray daily until the end of this crisis. Sometimes even as a people of God we can feel overwhelmed or powerless when we see the images coming out of Ukraine and hear about demonstrators in Russia being beaten and any independent news sources being shut down. We can lose heart. We often forget that we have the most powerful weapon of all... prayer and when we come together as a community there is real power.



Thank you for taking a few moments out of your day to unite with the larger Catholic/Christian community to pray for an end to this crisis.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones. We also thank our friends at Patrick Lyons Greenhouses for the beautiful flowers in our churches!

As is recommended in the rubrics, during the Easter season we will be using the Apostles' Creed in lieu of the Nicene Creed. This briefer, earlier Creed is a good way for us to keep an ancient practice alive. The Apostles' Creed can be found on page 10 in the missalette. We will also use the Penitential Act found on page 4 and below.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting.

Amen

Bulletin Advertisers

Did you know, that we do not pay for the bulletins to be printed, or to be available on line each week? Our parish bulletin company, John Patrick Publishing Co., sends us a check each year thanks to the revenue generated from businesses that advertise in our bulletin. We all know that businesses have been struggling during the pandemic, and we greatly appreciate the support of those companies and businesses that have devoted some of their funds to help our parish community. The next time you need some type of service, please take a look at the bulletin. Our vendors can be found in a link on the parish website, or physically on the bulletins. Thank you to those businesses that support us, and thank you for supporting them!

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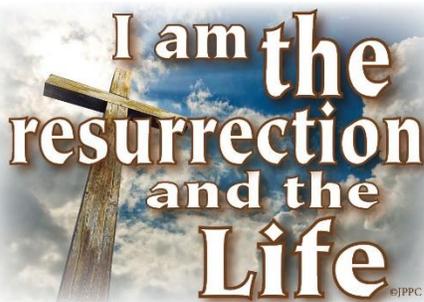
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Donation Statements

The 2021 year end tax reports are available for those parishioners using the budget envelope system. Please contact Monica in the office, email preferred, (stmaryna@noozi.com), if you would like your statement. You may also call (508-695-6161) and leave a message with your name and address. Letters can be mailed or emailed to you.

I am the
resurrection
and the
Life



*Jacqueline MacDonald
June Mann*

*Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead,
O Lord.*

*Let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest always in the loving arms of God*



B A P T I S M

Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 1:00 pm at 14 Park Street with a maximum of four families. Please contact Monica in the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and visit the parish website www.saintmaryna.com and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information.

What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor? If you have been asked to be a godparent, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent, please see Father Rodney after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and followed by a closing prayer.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Optional Opening Prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

Repeat three times:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father

Hail Mary

The Apostle's Creed

For each of the five decades

On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer (repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



From <https://www.shrineofdivinemercury.org/>

Readings for April 24

Second Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,

"His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,

"His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling,
but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the
LORD,

and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ





Parents' Page - Praying with your children

In ways large and small, parents seek what is best for their children. This desire is expressed in a variety of practical ways every day; such as preparing healthy foods, ensuring adequate opportunity for sleep, teaching good manners, and sharing enriching activities as a family. Incorporating prayers of blessing into your family's daily routine is another way to express this desire for the very best for your children. When we pray for God's blessing, we acknowledge that God is the source of all that is good. In prayer, we ask God to bless us, to bless others, and to bless our activities. We do so with confidence and trust in God, who also seeks what is best for each of us. To pray in blessing for our children is to join our desires for them with God's own desire for them. Daily life provides parents with many opportunities to offer prayers of blessing with and for their children.

Bedtime Blessings

As part of bedtime prayers, invite your child to name the people he or she would like to pray for. This can take the form of a simple litany, praying, "God bless . . ." as your child names family and friends. As your child grows older, you might offer a simple prayer intention for each person as you pray. For example, if a sibling is sick, you might ask for God's healing presence, praying, "God bless [name] and help her [him] feel better soon." Later, you might suggest that your child offer the prayer intention. Conclude by praying your own prayer of blessing for your child as you trace the Sign of the Cross on your child's forehead.

Morning Blessings

Even in the most organized households, mornings can become a frenzy of activity as family members prepare to leave for work, day care, school, and daily errands. Establishing a morning routine that includes a prayer of blessing for family members as they leave the home can help to strengthen and encourage each person to live faithfully as a follower of Jesus. Ask each family member to name particular challenges or activities he or she may face during the day, and pray together, asking God to bless each person and his or her activities. Parents can trace the Sign of the Cross on each child's forehead in blessing before leaving the house each day.

Mealtime Blessings

The importance of gathering for family meals cannot be overstated. Not only are meals important for providing daily nourishment, but they are also occasions for strengthening our spirits by connecting with the people who are most central to our lives.

Meals are natural occasions for prayers of blessing. We pray in thanks to God for his goodness to us. We ask God to bless our food and make our lives a blessing to others. Pray together **Grace Before Meals** and **Grace After Meals**. Mealtime can also be an opportunity to ask family members to name the good things that God has shared with them throughout the day and to pray together in thanksgiving.

Prayers of blessing for these occasions and many others can be found in Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers: Revised Edition (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2008).

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