

St. Augustine & St. Mary Catholic Churches



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April 14, 2024 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Regular Mass Times

Sat. 5:00 pm - St. Augustine

Sun. 8:00 am - St. Augustine

Sun. 9:30 am - St. Augustine

Sun. 11:15 am - St. Mary

Wed. 9:30 am - St. Augustine

Thur. 9:30 am - St. Mary

Fri. 9:30 am - St. Augustine

Confessions

Saturday, 4:00 pm - St. Augustine

Anointings

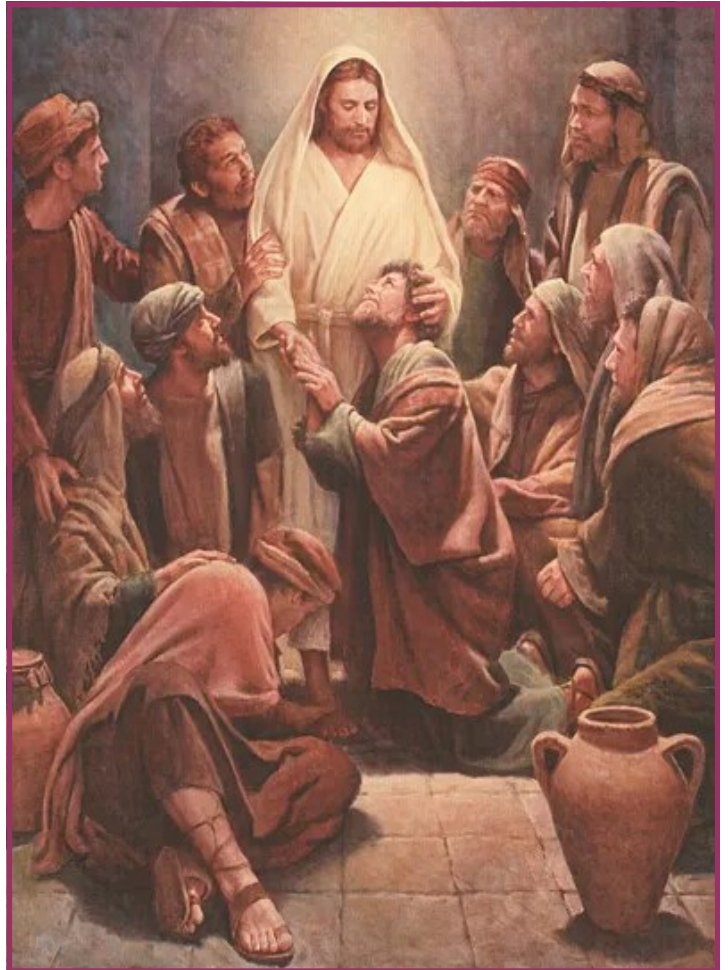
- ∞ Please call the parish office at 360-675-2303 during business hours to request an anointing or last rites.
- ∞ After 4pm Wednesday-Sunday, call the office at 360-675-2303 and listen to the message to receive the **emergency anointing or last rites only** phone number.
- ∞ *On Monday and Tuesday*, please call the St. Mary, Anacortes office number at 360-293-2101.

Office Hours

Monday: Closed to the public

Tuesday - Friday:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Welcome!

If you are new to the area or returning after a long absence, please take a moment to register as a member of our parish.

Registrations can be found at church, at the Parish Office in Oak Harbor, and at www.staugustineoh.org.

Being registered helps us to get to know you and gives you the opportunity to tell us if there are ministries where you might like to serve.

Weekly Calendar

St Augustine

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| April 14 | Sunday | 8:00 am | Mass |
| | | 9:00 am | Ministry Fair Coffee & Donuts |
| | | 9:30 am | Mass (<i>Lisa Zeimantz, INT;</i> <i>Wendy Zeimantz, INT</i>) |
| | | 10:30 am | Ministry Fair Coffee & Donuts |
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| April 15 | Monday | Office Closed | |
| | | 10:00 am | Adult Education, CR 1&2 |
| | | 4:30 pm | Agape Meal, K/PH |
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| April 16 | Tuesday | 4:00 pm | OCIC, CR 1&2 |
| | | 6:00 pm | OCIA, CR 1&2 |
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| April 17 | Wednesday | 9:30 am | No Mass |
| | | 4:00 pm | RE Grades K-5, CR 1-5 |
| | | 6:30 pm | RE Grades 6-12, CR 1-5 |
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| April 18 | Thursday | No Activities | |
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| April 19 | Friday | 9:30 am | No Mass |
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| April 20 | Saturday | 4:00 pm | Confession |
| | | 5:00 pm | Vigil Mass (<i>Bill Zeimantz, INT;</i> <i>The Zeimantz Family, INT</i>) |
| | | 6-8:00 pm | Parish Game Night |
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| April 21 | Sunday | 8:00 am | Mass |
| | | 9:00 am | Coffee & Donuts, PH |
| | | 9:30 am | Mass (<i>Guadiso Porteria, RIP</i>) |
| | | 10:30 am | Coffee & Donuts, PH |

St Mary

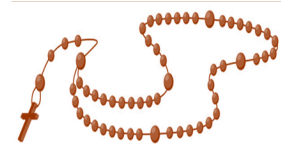
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| April 14 | Sunday | 11:15 am | Mass |
| | | 12:15 pm | Coffee & Conversation, HH |
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| April 18 | Thursday | 9:30 am | No Mass |
| | | 10:20 am | Bible Study, HH |
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| April 21 | Sunday | 11:15 am | Mass |
| | | 12:15 pm | Coffee & Conversation, HH |

Baptisms

- ☞ The next Baptism Class is May 11 at 1:30 pm.
- ☞ The next Baptisms are May 11 at 11:00 am.
- ☞ We schedule a maximum of 4 children per Baptism.
- ☞ Call the parish office at 360-675-2303 for more information or to register for class.

We Pray for Our Family

Ruth Abrea, Fr. Larry Bailey,
Lynn Ochoa-Brown,
Jim Brady, Patrick Cantwell,
Eileen Catalano, Cecilia Crook,
Mike Cussimano, Jacquie Diaz,
Tomas Dagdagan,
Bob & Sue Ellis,
Douglas Hammer,
Sheryl & Mikey Henry,
Donald Hubner,
Marsha Kilgore, Jack Kraft,
Laura Lafranchise,
Carol LeClercq,
Martha McAllister,
Alexandria Molt,
Jasmine Patricio,
Onee & Richard Rezabek,
Denise Robertson,
Nancy & John Romanski,
Lou & Lulu Santos,
Jadwiga & Philippe Sebrechts,
Dennis Sionson,
Chuck Tollefson,
David Williams, Larry Williams



Permission is required from the individual prior to printing their name on the prayer list. To include a loved one, please call the parish office.

Gospel Meditation - April 14, 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light. The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.” With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

~ Father John Muir

Vocation of Marriage

For those deciding to marry in the Church or to bring your existing civil union into the Church (“Convalidation”):

- * Contact your parish - Make an appointment to speak with the parish representative (Mary E. Waters).
- * Meet with your parish - We will help you begin the necessary paperwork and set your tentative wedding date.
- * Begin your Premarital Assessment - Your parish will give you an assessment to help with marriage preparation to explore questions regarding matters ranging from family background, finances, children, and more.

APRIL
Is Child Abuse
Prevention Month



1st Friday
PRO-LIFE
PEACE VIGILS

May 3, June 7 & July 5 from 3:45 - 4:45pm
Meet at the corner of SR 20 & Pioneer
Prayers and Signs will be given there

Contact Mike & Barb Thelen
thelenmike.assoc@gmail.com
(360)661-0311 & (360)320-3959

Upcoming Events and Notices

- ☞ **Sanctuary Flowers** - Stop by the office to order a flower memorial for someone you love or simply to beautify the sanctuary. Donation amounts start at \$40, flower color choice is your preference, and you are welcome to take the arrangement home after Sunday's 9:30 Mass.
- ☞ **Ministry Fair at St Augustine** - Plan to visit the Ministry Fair April 14th, following both Sunday Masses, and learn more about the many parish service, hospitality, and community ministries as well as councils and organizations you might be interested in volunteering for or joining.
- ☞ **Parish Game Night** - Joan's Lilies will be hosting a Parish Family Board Game Night on Saturday, April 20 following the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Augustine's parish hall. All ages are encouraged to join in the fun. Light refreshments will be provided.
- ☞ **Last Pancake Breakfast** - May 5th, after both Sunday Masses, is your last chance until the fall to fill your belly with hotcakes & sausage. All are welcome to this monthly social event and donations are always appreciated.
- ☞ **Santa Cruz de Mayo** - The Filipino Community is inviting everyone to the 33rd annual celebration of the Santa Cruz de Mayo feast day on Saturday, May 18 at 10:00 am. Mass will be followed by a procession and a reception.

Join us for an evening of
Risk free fellowship!

Roll in after the 5:00 pm Mass, or Shuffle on down to the Parish Hall April 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

You won't be Sorry!

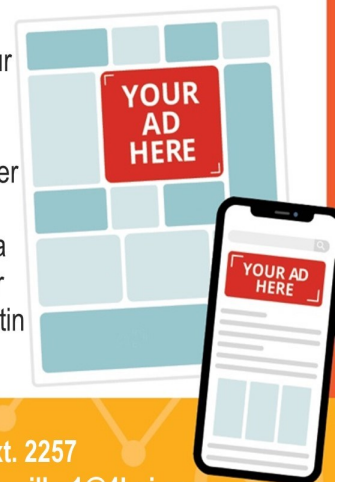
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Stewardship

Saint Augustine

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| Weekly Expenses | \$13,090 |
| Offering March 17 | \$16,341 |



Saint Mary

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| Weekly Expenses | \$2,962 |
| Offering March 17 | \$4,442 |

We encourage you to use online bill-pay through your bank as there is no cost to the parish or to you.

Include your envelope number and mail your donations to: P.O. Box 1319, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

If you need your envelope number please call the parish office 360-675-2303.

MINISTRY FAIR

Explore the MANY
Ministry Opportunities
Available in our Parish

**Sunday,
April 14, 2024**

**After the 8:00 & 9:30
Mass in
St. Augustine's Parish
Hall**

△ Eucharistic Ministers

△ Ministers to Homebound

△ Gardening Crew

△ Church Environment

△ Catholic Organizations

△ Funeral Reception

Plus many others...

You will receive:

- ◆ Information on ministries that interest you
- ◆ The opportunity to speak with someone who is involved in that ministry
- ◆ The chance to sign up or ask for more information
- ◆ And information about your church's activities you may not have known before!

There's Something for Everyone!

**ENRICH YOUR CHURCH!
ENRICH YOUR LIFE!**



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of
St. Augustine Parish, Oak Harbor
St. Hubert Parish, Langley
St. Mary Mission, Coupeville*

Dear Friends,

I am happy to greet all of you on Whidbey Island in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus!

As archbishop, I have the important responsibility and honor of providing you with ongoing pastoral care and sacramental ministry in your parish community.

Today, I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Chris Hoiland as your pastor.

Father Hoiland is a wonderful priest who will diligently and faithfully serve you and your parish family. Be assured that he will receive all the necessary support and assistance from the Archdiocese of Seattle to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish family.

At the same time, I want to personally thank Mrs. Susan Walker and Father Paul Pluth for their wonderful service and leadership these last few years. Susan will remain on staff at St. Hubert and support the parish family. Father Pluth will continue as a senior priest for the archdiocese.

Times of transition can be challenging, especially as we prepare to say goodbye to a familiar presence and welcome new pastoral leaders. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish and the Catholic Church of Western Washington. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Father Hoiland to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul D. Etienne'.

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle

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Date: April 6-7, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to inform you of my immediate future with you as your pastor. I know many of you have been wondering and asking about where I will end up in the midst of the Partners in the Gospel initiative within the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Well, I am pleased to officially announce that I will remain as your pastor here on Whidbey Island. I'm sure to many of you that this is wonderful news. Please know that I am pleased as well.

I also need to inform you that I will not be receiving a parochial vicar.

Needless to say, that my responsibilities will significantly increase when the Whidbey Island family officially takes effect on July 1st of this year.

While I am excited to remain with you, this new arrangement will bring challenges. Please pray for me that I may be the priest that God wants me to be. And pray for our community during this period of change and uncertainty.

Blessings

Fr. Chris

MINISTRY FAIR – LOVE IN ACTION INDIVIDUAL SIGN-UP

Check the spaces for each stewardship activity in which you currently serve and those in which you would like to participate. Please list your name, phone and/or email below. A parish leader of those ministries will contact you.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Liturgical Ministries:

- _____ Altar Servers
- _____ Church Environment
- _____ Eucharistic Adoration
- _____ Extraordinary Ministers/Communion
- _____ Reader
- _____ Sacristan
- _____ Greeters
- _____ Ushers
- _____ Eucharistic Ministers Homebound

Outreach & Service Ministries:

- _____ Grief Ministry
- _____ Funeral Reception Ministry
- _____ Agape Community Meals
- _____ Lenten Soup Suppers
- _____ Gardeners
- _____ Prayer Garden helpers
- _____ Holiday Bazaar (November)
- _____ Parish Bus Driver

Hospitality/Community Ministries:

- _____ Coffee & Donuts
- _____ Pancake Breakfast
- _____ Pizza with the Pastor
- _____ International Dinner (May))
- _____ Octoberfest (Fall)
- _____ Filipino Celebrations

Faith Formation/Sacramental Ministries:

- _____ Catechist for Grades K-5
- _____ Middle School & HS
- _____ OCIC / OCIA Ministry
- _____ Baptism Preparation
- _____ Wedding Planner
- _____ Natural Family Planning
- _____ Adult Faith Programs
- _____ Church Library
- _____ P.O.E.T.S. Men's Prayer Group
- _____ Ladies Prayer Group
- _____ Flame of Love
- _____ 7 Sisters Apostolate

Support Councils & Commissions:

- _____ Pastoral Council
- _____ Finance Council
- _____ Stewardship Commission
- _____ Works of Mercy Commission

Catholic Organizations:

- _____ Catholic Daughters/Americas
- _____ Knights of Columbus
- _____ Columbiettes
- _____ Oblates of Divine Mercy

Occasional Help in Parish:

- _____ Office Angels
- _____ Setup & Take Down Crew
- _____ Facilities repair help

Ministries in Process:

- _____ Parish Health Ministry
- _____ Right to Life Ministry (Pro-Life Vigil 1st Friday)

Stewardship Shared in the Home:

- _____ Prayer at Home options
- _____ Phone Prayer Line
- _____ Food for Funerals

Other areas of interest: _____

**THANK YOU FOR PUTTING
YOUR BAPTISM IN ACTION!**

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2024

St. Augustine and St. Mary Catholic Community

Rev. Chris Hoiland, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Gemma Galgani

Born in Tuscany to a devout family, St. Gemma was attracted to prayer early on, mystically conversing with Jesus, Mary, and her Guardian Angel. Although she was hard working, kind, and a good student, her ecstasies earned her ridicule. She received the stigmata (wounds of Christ) in her body. She lost half her family to tuberculosis and struggled with poor health herself. Although this prevented her from entering the Passionist Order, she was posthumously accepted by them. .



We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

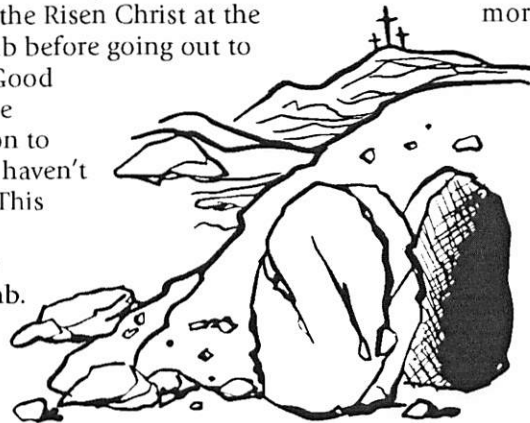
"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."
John 6:84).



This Easter, meet Christ at the empty tomb

The Resurrection, more than Jesus' other miracles or teachings, shows His divinity and His Lordship over creation, and His victory over death. Every Easter Sunday, we're called to encounter the Risen Christ at the empty tomb before going out to bring the Good News of the Resurrection to those who haven't yet heard. This Easter:

Visit the empty tomb. Scripture is "living and active" (Hebrews 4:12), so the events of Jesus' life can still impact us today when we pray with them. During the Easter season, read through John 20:1-18, and picture yourself there. Read with an open heart. No one who meets the Risen Christ remains unchanged.



Renew your commitment to Him. Can you remember a moment when Christ called your name and invited you to follow Him? Renew your commitment to follow Christ more faithfully this Easter.

Commit to daily prayer. Offer your errands for the souls in Purgatory. Resolve to go to Confession more often. Don't let anything get in the way of weekly Mass.

"Go to my brothers and tell them" (John 20:17). Our job is to make more disciples for Jesus

(Matthew 28:19). Invite someone to Mass, pass on inspiring spiritual reading, answer questions about our Faith, be ready to talk about your love for God and your hope for eternity (1 Peter 3:15).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics need faith?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his

suffering, death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, *"For with God, nothing will be impossible"* (Luke 1:37).



3 Ways to be a better communicator

When people encountered Jesus, they knew they were heard, seen, known, and loved by the Father. A large part of this was how He conversed with them. As Christ's disciples aiming to convey the same message, we can become better communicators with these three skills:

Know which conversation you're having. There are three types of conversations: social, emotional, and practical. Maybe someone offered a solution in which a listening ear was needed or made a corny joke at the wrong time. When in doubt, say something like: "Do you want me to fix this or just listen?"



Ask good questions. Jesus asked questions about people's values, past experiences, and perceptions.

Ask open-ended questions, find out what interests them, ask their opinion on a given topic. Seek to understand them. You don't have to agree.

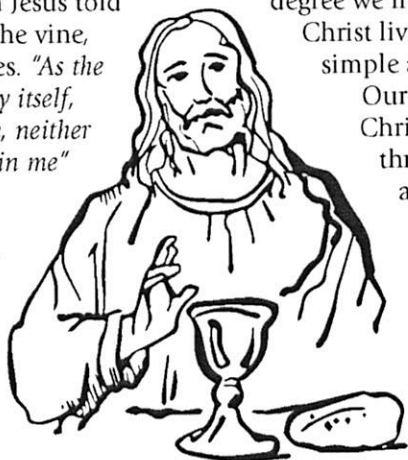
Really listen. Recall the rich young man whom Jesus looked at with love before challenging him to follow Him (Mark 10:21). Avoid checking your phone or thinking about your next response. Give the gift of your full attention.

from Scripture

John 15:1-8, Bearing fruit that will last

This Gospel passage takes us back to the Last Supper, when Jesus told His disciples that He is the vine, and they are the branches. "As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4). This shows the closeness of the friendship and intimacy Christ wants to draw us into.

Yet, this isn't just a luxury for the few, but a vital necessity for all. "For apart from me you can do nothing" (15:5). As Jesus is who He says He is (God), then we can only have a truly fulfilling,



meaningful, fruitful life to the degree we live in Christ and Christ lives in us. It really is as simple as that.

Our connection with Christ is nourished through daily prayer and the Eucharist, and is healed in Confession. We are part of the Vine when we humbly obey Christ's commands, carry out our duties and acts of kindness with love, and offer our sufferings to God. Only then will our lives bear lasting fruit.

Q & A What is a Spiritual Communion?

Pandemic lockdowns that prevented us from attending Mass in person prompted the rediscovery of Spiritual Communion, the "ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him" (St. Thomas Aquinas). Thankfully, we have returned to in-person Mass

attendance, but we can still benefit from this devotion. Spiritual Communion keeps us connected to Christ and deepens our awareness of His love throughout the day. Best friends don't only see or speak to each other once a week or when they need something. They stay in contact daily. Certainly, we have no closer friend than God.

The saints encouraged frequent Spiritual Communion because the practice opens us to much-needed graces. St. Alphonsus Liguori encouraged making three Spiritual Communions during Mass – at the beginning, during the consecration, and at the end – even when we receive the Body and Blood.

Spiritual Communion isn't a substitute for Sacramental Communion. Instead, making frequent Spiritual Communion can enrich our experience when we do receive Communion in person.



Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 – St. Francis of Paola (1507). St. Francis founded the Minim Friars who lived an ascetic life. Known as a miracle-worker, he also had the gift of prophecy. He died in Plessis, in a monastery built for him by the king.

April 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord (1st century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. She had confidence in God's grace and trusted His wisdom.

April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith, until his martyrdom.

April 27 – St. Zita (1271). Born in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family. Famous for her miracles in helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.



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