

Phase II
Monthly Marriage Packet to Parishes
April 2016

Bulletin Corner

- Weekend of April 2/3 2nd Sunday of Easter – Sunday of Divine Mercy
Are you a “Doubting Thomas?” Sometimes we doubt our beloved’s good intentions; sometimes we doubt our own ability to live up to our commitments. Trust takes time and a track record. Have you earned your beloved’s trust? Not sure? Ask.
- Weekend of April 9/10 3rd Sunday of Easter
“Simon, Son of John, do you love me?” (John 21:16). Sometimes married couples feel they have to fish for compliments or for those magic words, “I love you.” Can you be the first to say them to your beloved today? If you missed being first, try being the last.
- Weekend of April 16/17 4th Sunday of Easter
“So they shook the dust from their feet...” (Acts 13:51). Some arguments just aren’t worth fighting. If you and your beloved have an ongoing disagreement, consider whether it’s time to shake the dust from your feet, let this one go, and move forward together.
- Weekend of April 23/24 5th Sunday of Easter
“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (John 13:34). Ponder the way Jesus loved – self-sacrificing, unconditionally, like a shepherd, forgiving – and choose one element to lavish upon your beloved today.
- Weekend of April 30/May 1 6th Sunday of Easter
“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid...I am going away and I will come back to you.” (John 14:27-29). Separations like business trips or military deployments can strain a marriage. Plan a daily way to reconnect, even if it is simply to pick a common time to pray for each other.

Prayer of the Faithful

- Weekend of April 2/3 2nd Sunday of Easter – Sunday of Divine Mercy
That our parish families would experience the Risen Jesus in their midst, bringing them peace and overcoming all doubts. We pray to the Lord.
- Weekend of April 9/10 3rd Sunday of Easter
That all married couples would find Christ in the daily living of their marriage. We pray to the Lord.
- Weekend of April 16/17 4th Sunday of Easter
That all parents would be open to the grace to lead their children to Christ, the Good Shepherd. We pray to the Lord.
- Weekend of April 23/24 5th Sunday of Easter
That all who are divorced, widowed, or separated would find comfort and confidence in Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We pray to the Lord.
- Weekend of April 30/May 1 6th Sunday of Easter
That our homes and families may be filled with the Spirit of Truth. We pray to the Lord.