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- The attacks against Pope Benedict have been orchestrated, planned, and mendacious. The 24th of April is the fifth anniversary of his coronation as Pope. We will have a sung Mass at 8:30 AM for his intention. Do keep him in your prayers. The enemy likes to strike the shepherd more than anyone in the flock.

- On March 17th The Holy See announced the formation of a special Commission to investigate the alleged apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in Medugorje, Croatia. The Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith is in charge of the investigation. I've prayed for the success of the Commission, since the site is very important in the lives of many, many Catholics. Allegedly, there have been over 30,000 messages from Mary since the beginning of these apparitions. 30 million pilgrims have visited the site. It is important to pray for those Catholics who believe in the apparitions, since if a negative ruling is pronounced on Medugorje, the chances are high that many will not accept the ruling, and could go into disobedience over the decision.

- It's a given that I have not explained very well the changes that are coming to our parish regarding the new furniture or construction. General messages, bulletin inserts and sermons all speak to the average parishioner. Therefore there are individuals for whom these explanations have been insufficient. Granted, there are many who do not read the inserts carefully, or listen only partially to sermons and announcements. But I am trying to explain as best I can why some of these changes should occur. Take the old reliquaries we had. They belonged to the altar and all its furnishings which are now in the new chapel at the seminary in Denton. They did not belong here. I could not in conscience keep them here. But the seminary has reimbursed us for them – though it did not have to really. What all these changes boil down to is trust. First, I hope that you could trust the tradition of the Church and her laws (as opposed to your own opinions) and then secondly to trust your parish priests that they would try and conform the parish as closely as possible to that tradition in every way. And pray for me, since I must make the deci-

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Fr. Jackson's Mass Intentions for the week:

**Sunday, April 4**

*Easter Sunday*

7:30 am Family of Brad Farr by Brad Farr

9:00 am +Patrick Gormley by Tony Nykiel

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7:00 am Dr. Donald Bebak by John Becher

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7:00 am Michael Benefiel by Benefiel Family

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