

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish

Richmond, IN

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

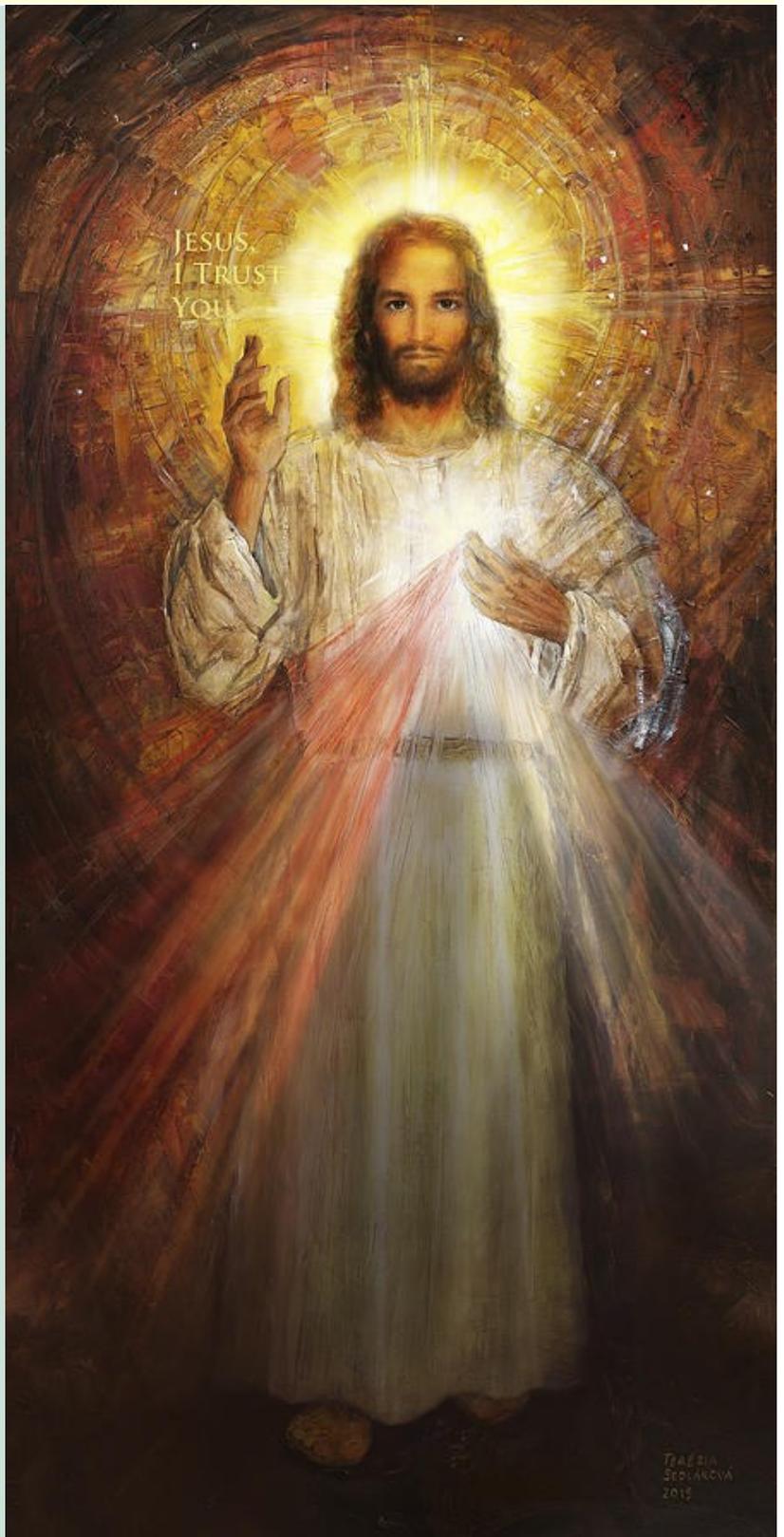
Feast of Divine Mercy

You expired,
O Jesus,
but the source
of life gushed
forth for souls
and an 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.

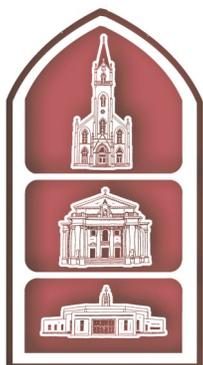
O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth
from the Heart of Jesus
as a fount of mercy
for us,
I trust in You.

Amen.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Journeying together as missionary disciples, committed to bring everyone to Christ in His Holy Church

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 19, 2020

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS				This Week's Liturgy: April 20- April 25		
Saturday, 4/18	SA	11:00 am	Brenda King	MON	20	Easter Weekday [2] [Private]
Sunday, 4/19	SA	10:00 am	Mary Maurer	TUE	21	Easter Weekday [2] Private
Monday, 4/20	SM	11:00 am	Bertha Lina & Jose Jesús Lopez	WED	22	Easter Weekday [2] [Private]
Tuesday, 4/21	SM	11:00 am	Special Intentions	THU	23	Easter Weekday [2] [Private]
Wednesday, 4/22	SM	12:00 pm	Dana Augustine (LIVE MASS)	FRI	24	Easter Weekday [2] [Private]
Thursday, 4/23	SM	11:00 am	Pam Pardo	SAT	25	Saint Mark, Evangelist [Private]
Friday, 4/24	SA	11:00 am	Pablo Ilano			
Saturday, 4/25	SM	11:00 am	John Lahman			
Sunday, 4/26	SA	10:00am	Jane & Carl Turner			

Sunday 10am LIVE Mass TELECAST in
www.setoncatholics.org
STREAMSPOT

Wednesday 12 noon Mass Live on
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish
FACEBOOK Page

Pope Francis' Prayer for Pandemic



Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Your generosity and faithfulness is greatly appreciated. Please enroll in Online Giving during this difficult time to fund our mission. If you need assistance in setting up online giving, please call the office!

Stewardship report during Covid-19

Sunday Collection	4/12/2020	14,690.00
Online Giving	Month of March	\$18,885.60
Special donation		
Parish needs	4/5/2020	\$784.00
Memorials	4/5/2020	\$140.00

Divine Mercy Sunday

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

Each year, the Sunday after Easter is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II introduced this feast in the year 2000. Much before, in the 1930s, our Lord had requested St. Faustina a Feast of Divine Mercy, to be celebrated in the Church. After many years of study, personally by St. John Paul II himself, this feast was introduced to be celebrated the Second Sunday of Easter.

Why would Jesus offer us something so great right now? Jesus told St. Faustina that she was to prepare the world for His Second Coming and He wants to pour out His Mercy before He comes again as the Just Judge and as a last hope of salvation. Faustina's visions not only concerned God's bountiful mercy, but also the existence of hell and the truth that many souls perished in hell despite Christ's bitter passion and death (*Diary 965*). What is so special about this new Feast of Divine Mercy is the promise of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment for anyone that would go to Confession and receive Communion on that very special Feast of Divine Mercy!

How do we understand God's mercy? In Scripture, the most often quoted text when talking about God's mercy is Eph 2:1-10. These ten verses bring out the wonderful mystery of God's mercy. Verses 4-7 stand out: "But God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with

him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." Mercy is a dimension of God's love. It is totally unmerited, gratuitous and not given because we became worthy of it. The sins of humanity since Adam is so burdensome and we can't get out of ourselves. Rightly so, we are children of wrath (Eph 2:3-5) and by nature we deserve death. Our course of nature leads to death. If not for God and his gratuitous gift of mercy, no one can bring us out of this condition. When Christ died, he died our death. As a righteous Son of God and in our place and on our behalf, he died a death that transformed our death putting us on a course of life eternal. Remember, this is not automatic, we must choose what God offers us; such is the power of our choices we make.

Our choices can put us on the course of death, for "the wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23). Only God can wipe out and forgive our sins and make us His children through his only Son. He has already done this marvelous work for us. At baptism, we have inherited this beautiful life with God, but we are not free of our freedom to make bad choices! Turning away from sins is a response to God's mercy which has already been given through a name – Jesus Christ! Christ is God's mercy to us. We need to see mercy as a present-day reality, not just something that will come and help us at the last hour – such possibilities

are true through anointing at death bed. God's mercy wins, so does our free will! Imagine God's mercy as well-designed suit one wears against bad weather – can we blame the suit for we not purposefully wearing them? Let us be thankful for God's mercy, "It is in Christ and through His blood that we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favor to us" (Eph 1:7-8).

As we are pretty much shut down and quarantined, making a confession is not going to be possible until normalcy returns. But, as the General Absolution is in place, one can make an act of contrition purely for love of God and make our confession later. A perfect act of contrition arises when it results from a love by which God is above all else desired (CCC 1452). It is never too late to make a good act of contrition.

Praying for you,



Fr. Sengole T. Gnanaraj



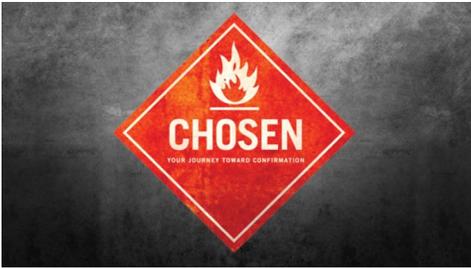
CONGRATULATIONS

on the 13th anniversary of your ordination to the Priesthood. We are blessed to have you here as our priest. We appreciate you and love you.

FAITH FORMATION

There are more opportunities to learn even when we are homebound and away from Church and class rooms! Learning faith is just a click away! If you need help do not hesitate to contact us!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES



FIRST COMMUNION

- **The 1st Reconciliation Service**
1st Communion Mass are postponed until we can gather again.
- Practice Confession with your Reconciliation Guide
- Follow the Mass Guide while participating in the TV Mass at Home

- **Memorize Act of Contrition**
"O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life."



- Confirmation students, you will continue your preparation online now that our curriculum has provided the classes for free!
- Email Kyle King at kking@setoncatholics.org and he will send you the link to have free access.
- All classes need to be completed by the end of May at any pace you wish to do them. We will resume classes in August.

April Online Classes:

Week of April 12th: Lessons 6: **Why the Catholic Church?**

Week of April 19th: Lesson 7: **Heaven, Hell, Purgatory**

Week of April 26th: Lesson 12: **The Holy Spirit**

May Online Classes:

May 3rd: Lesson 13: **The Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

May 10th: Lesson 14: **Confirmation**

May 17th: Lesson 18: **Prayer**

May 24th: Lesson 19: **Mary**

May 31st: Lesson 20: **The Beatitudes**



6 Week Young Adult Bible Study

Join our YA Bible Study through the book of Philipians. We will watch 6 sessions of the Bible Study on FORMED on our own in our homes and then gather in online small groups to discuss the study.

Ages: 18-39 (Singles, College, Young Married)

Sign up by sending your email to

Sarahburket@gmail.com this weekend. We will launch discussion groups this week!

Mensaje del Papa Francisco en Misa de Fuego Nuevo

Ansiosos de pasar de la Cruz del Viernes al Aleluya del Domingo, este día percibimos más que nunca el Sábado Santo, el día del gran silencio. Nos vemos reflejados en los sentimientos de las mujeres de aquél día, como nosotros, tenían en los ojos el drama del sufrimiento de una tragedia inesperada que se les vino encima demasiado rápido, vieron la muerte y tenían la muerte en el corazón. Al dolor se unía el miedo: ¿Tendrían también ellas el mismo fin que el maestro? Y después la inquietud por el futuro; quedaba todo por reconstruir: la memoria herida, la esperanza sofocada, para ellas era la hora más oscura, como para nosotros. Pero en ésta situación las mujeres no se quedaron paralizadas, no cedieron a las fuerzas oscuras de la lamentación y del remordimiento, no se encerraron en el pesimismo, no huyeron de la realidad. El sábado hicieron algo sencillo y extraordinario, prepararon en sus casas los perfumes para el cuerpo de Jesús. No renunciaron al amor, la Misericordia iluminó la oscuridad del corazón. La Virgen, en el sábado, día que le sería dedicado, reza y espera. En el desafío del dolor confía en el Señor. Estas mujeres sin saberlo, preparaban en la oscuridad del aquél sábado, el amanecer del primer día de la semana, día que cambiaría la historia.

Jesús como semilla en la tierra, estaba por hacer germinar en el mundo una vida nueva. Y las mujeres con la oración y el amor, ayudaban a que floreciera la esperanza. ¿Cuántas personas en los días tristes que vivimos han hecho y hacen como aquéllas mujeres, esparcen semillas de esperanza con pequeños gestos de atención, de afecto, de oración? Al amanecer las mujeres fueron al sepulcro, allí el ángel les dijo: ¡Vosotras no temais, no está aquí, ha resucitado! Ante una tumba encontraron palabras de vida y después encontraron a Jesús, el autor de la esperanza que confirmó el anuncio y les dijo: ¡No temais, no temais, no tengais miedo, he aquí el anuncio de la esperanza! Que es también para nosotros hoy. Son las palabras que Dios nos repite en la noche que estamos atravesando. En esta noche conquistaremos un derecho fundamental que no nos será arrebatado, el derecho a la esperanza, una esperanza viva que viene de Dios. No es un mero optimismo, no es una palmadita en la espalda o una palabra de ánimo, de circunstancia, NO, es un Don del cielo que no podíamos alcanzar por nosotros mismos. Todo irá bien, decimos constantemente estas semanas, aferrándonos a la belleza de nuestra humanidad y haciendo salir del corazón palabras de ánimo, pero con el pasar de los días y el crecer de los temores, hasta la esperanza más intrépida puede evaporarse. La esperanza de Jesús es distinta, infunde en el corazón la certeza de que Dios conduce todo hacia el bien, porque incluso hace salir la vida.

El sepulcro es el lugar donde quien entra no sale, pero Jesús salió por nosotros, resucitó por nosotros para llevar vida donde había muerte para comenzar una historia nueva que había sido clausurada tapándola con una piedra. Él, que quitó la roca de la tumba, puede remover las piedras que sellan en el corazón, por eso, no cedamos a la resignación, no depositemos la esperanza bajo una piedra. Podemos y debemos esperar, porque Dios es fiel, no nos ha dejado solos, nos ha visitado y ha estado en cada situación: En el dolor, la angustia. En la muerte su luz iluminó la oscuridad del sepulcro y hoy quiere llegar a los rincones más oscuros de la vida.

¡Hermana, hermano, aunque en el corazón hayas sepultado la esperanza no te rindas, Dios es más grande, la oscuridad y la muerte no tendrán la última palabra, ánimo! Con Dios nada está perdido, "ánimo" es una palabra que en el evangelio está siempre en los labios de Jesús. Una sola vez la pronunciaron otros para decirla a un necesitado: ¡Animo, levántate, Jesús te llama! Es Él el resucitado que nos levanta a nosotros que estamos necesitados. Si en el camino eres débil y frágil, si caes, no temas, ¡Dios te tiende la mano y te dice ánimo! El valor no se lo puede otorgar uno mismo, no te lo puedes dar, pero lo puedes recibir como un Don de Dios, basta abrir el corazón en la oración, basta levantar un poco esa piedra puesta en la entrada de tu corazón para dejar entrar la luz de Jesús, basta invitarlo: ¡VEN SEÑOR JESUS EN MEDIO DE MIS MIEDOS Y DIME TAMBIÉN ANIMO! Contigo Señor seremos probados pero no turbados, y a pesar de la tristeza que podamos albergar, sentiremos que debemos esperar, porque contigo la luz florece en resurrección, porque tú estás con nosotros en la oscuridad de nuestras noches, eres certeza en nuestras incertidumbres, palabra en nuestros silencios y nada podrá robarnos nunca el amor que nos tienes. **Este es el anuncio Pascual, un anuncio de esperanza.**

El Señor nos precede, nos precede siempre. Es hermoso saber que camina delante de nosotros; que visitó nuestra vida y nuestra muerte para precedernos en Galilea, es decir, el lugar que para Él y para sus discípulos evocaba a la vida cotidiana, la familia, el trabajo. Jesús desea que llevemos la esperanza allí, a la vida de Galilea. Hemos sido llamados y amados por Dios, cada uno tiene su propia Galilea, necesitamos retomar el camino, recordando que nacemos y renacemos de una llamada de amor gratuita.

¡Acallemos los gritos de muerte! ¡Basta de guerras! ¡Que se acabe la producción y el comercio de armas, porque necesitamos pan y no fusiles! ¡Que cesen los abortos que matan la vida inocente! ¡Que se abra el corazón del que tiene para que se llenen las manos vacías del que carece de lo necesario!
¡Nosotros, peregrinos en busca de la esperanza, hoy nos aferramos a tí Cristo Resucitado, le damos la espalda a la muerte y abrimos el corazón a tí que eres la vida!

Mercy in the Time of COVID-19

Every day, it seems, we have more news of the spread of a strange-sounding disease. Every day, news of quarantines, of schools shut down, of increasingly larger disruptions in the ordinary workings of the world. It's enough to alarm the most sedate soul — but we're called to something different.

Our model for responding to this pandemic should be all those Christians before us who have faced such crises, and gave outstanding witness to Christian charity. From the time of Christians nursing plague victims in ancient Rome down to the present-day Christian hospitals and medical facilities around the world, Christians have been outstanding for going to places where the diseases have been most virulent in order to nurse the sick, bury the dead, and provide whatever aid possible.

Saint Faustina demonstrated this sort of courageous service to the poor and those in need. She also received it when she was suffering from the tuberculosis that ultimately took her life. In all things, she teaches us that we must pray, "Jesus, I trust in You." We must refuse to give way to fear. We must abide in the virtues, repent when we fall, and turn again and again to our loving Lord as we transmit that love and mercy to those around us. Jesus told St. Faustina (and, through her, tells us all):

I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 742).



As the world faces this global epidemic, let us turn with trust to the Divine Mercy. Let us commit to prayer — especially the Chaplet before the Image of Divine Mercy — for all those afflicted with this disease, for all those providing care for them, and for everyone tasked with responding to this crisis. Let us be virtuous in our response to this outbreak, prudently discerning how best to fulfill the duties of our state in life with temperance, fortitude, and justice. Let us remember our faith, drawing on the hope it gives us, and thereby be free to truly love God and neighbor with Christian charity.

As St. John Paul II said, "Be not afraid." Pray for me, that I may practice what I preach. I'll pray for you.

Jesus, I trust in You!

By Christ Sparks.

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<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/mercy-time-covid-19>



Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!

Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on us!***

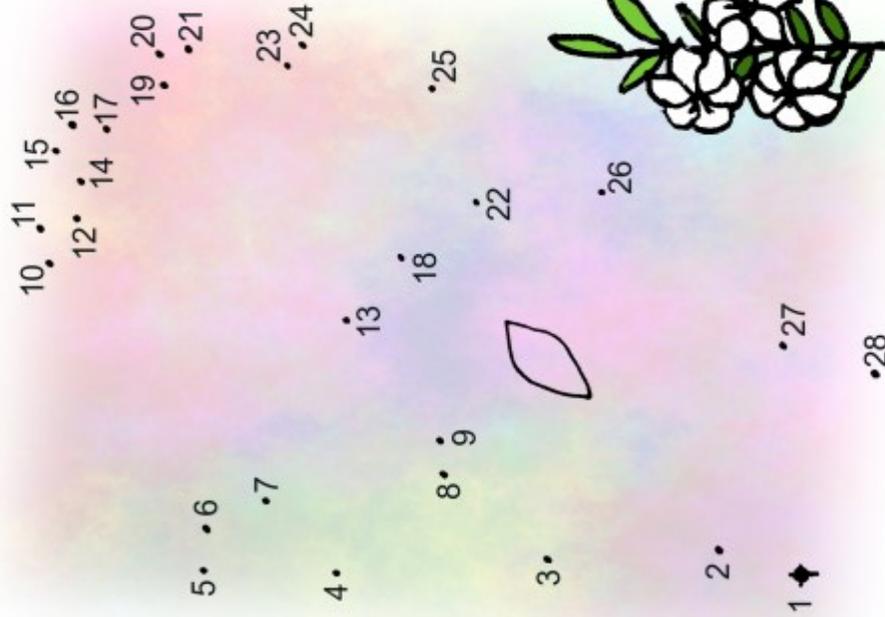
Jesus, I trust in You!

Answer to Word-Find: My Lord and my God!
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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter
April 19th, 2020

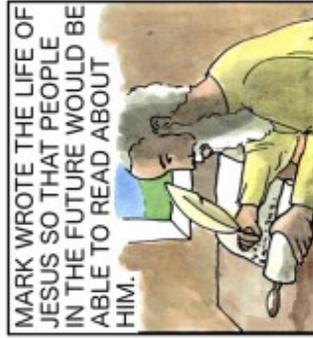


Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive?

Connect the dots to find out!

Saint Mark

April 25



Doubling Thomas Word-Find

T W E L V E S I N S R M
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 O E V E N I N G O R J F
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Find the words in **CAPITALS** in the puzzle, and when you're done use the left over letters to fill in the blanks near the end.

In the **EVENING** when the doors were locked where the **DISCIPLES** were for **FEAR** of the **JEW**S, Jesus came and said, "**PEACE** be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples **REJOICED**. **JESUS** said again, "Peace be with you. As the **FATHER** has sent me, so I **SEND** you." He breathed on them and said, "**RECEIVE** the **Holy SPIRIT**. Whose **SINS** you forgive are **FORGIVEN** them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

THOMAS, one of the **TWELVE**, wasn't there when Jesus came so they told him, "We have seen the **Lord**." But he said, "**UNLESS** I see the mark of the **NAILS** in his hands and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A **WEEK** later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, though the doors were **LOCKED**, 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 said to him,

"_____!"
 Jesus said, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? **BLESSED** are those who have not seen and have **BELIEVED**."

SAINT MARK KNEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS, SO HE WROTE HIS STORY, OR GOSPEL. DO YOU EVER READ BIBLE STORIES? DO YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE GOSPEL READING AT CHURCH? TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS SO YOU CAN BE MORE LIKE HIM!

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MASS: LIVE-STREAM & TV

Go to www.setoncatholics.org/video to watch the Live Stream of the Mass on Sunday mornings.

Community Television Channel 21

Notice of the Recorded Catholic Mass can be seen on Whitewater Community Television Channel 21 each week on Wednesday at 8:00 pm; 4:00 am and Noon on Thursday.



Stay Connected!

1.) Weekly Email & Bulletin:

Please send your email address to telstro@setoncatholics.org in order to receive the weekly bulletin and stay up to date with ways to build your faith.

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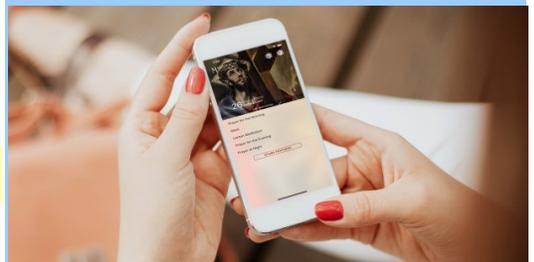


2.) My Parish App:

Most of our parish communications take place through MyParish App. Download and receive all instant messages!

3.) Magnificat Online

Online version is now available for free!
<https://us.magnificat.net/>



LIVE ROSARY ON PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Join the parish in praying the Rosary every evening at 7:30pm on Facebook Live! Go to our parish Facebook page — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish — and pray with us! (led by our Youth Minister, Krista Falcone and family).

ONLINE GIVING (FUND THE MISSION)

We know this is a difficult time to give. If you are unable at this time, we trust that God will care for you and us. At the same time, we believe our mission of sharing Jesus with the world and the hope of salvation is more critical than ever!

1. Go to <https://catholicsinrichmond.churchgiving.com> to sign up for regular, online giving.
2. Go to the Giving Button on **My Parish App**
3. Or mail your check to
S.E.A.S. Catholic Office, 240 S. 6th St., Richmond, IN 47374

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