

HOLY REDEEMER

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Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

If you are non-baptized or baptized in another denomination and are interested in exploring our faith, please consider joining our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Contact DRE for more information.

Holy Orders and Religious Life

For information on the Sacrament of Holy Orders and/or Religious Life, please contact Fr. Jonathan Wallis, Director of Vocations, 817-945-9321 or email vocations@fwdioc.org.

Adoration for Vocations

The first Sunday of each month, for one hour, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for the bulletin should be submitted a week in advance. Friday is the deadline. Phone the parish office or email the office.

Parish Registration

Welcome to our parish! Please pick up a welcome packet located in the Narthex and complete the registration form inside and return to the office.

Sacrament of Baptism

You must be registered parishioner for 3 months prior to baptism. Private baptisms are on the first Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Baptisms during Mass are on the first weekend of the month at rotating Masses.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program beginning in 9th grade. Contact the DRE for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office to schedule an initial meeting with the Pastor or Deacon 9-12 months before the wedding date. Pre-Cana and NFP must be completed before the wedding date.

Marriage Tribunal

If you were previously married and wish to inquire about an annulment or would like your current marriage blessed, please call Deacon Scott France.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you or a member of your family is unable to receive communion at Mass due to sickness or disability, please call the parish office.

DIVINE MERCY

Sunday

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MASS TIMES

Wed, Thurs, Fri. 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

First Sunday of the Month:

The Mass of Healing ... 5:30 p.m.

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Readings and Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. LIVE STREAM Mass online

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/

1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/

Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/

Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

NO Mass

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/

Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

NO Mass

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18,

19-20/Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

NO Mass

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

No 5:30 p.m. Mass

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/

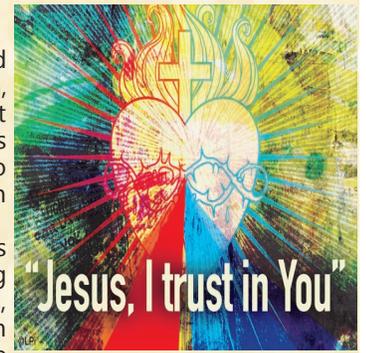
Mk 16:15-20

PEACE and MERCY

The second Sunday after Easter is designated *Divine Mercy Sunday*. It's a recent feast in the Church, instituted in 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II. He felt that immediately after Easter, while the Paschal mysteries were fresh in our hearts, we needed an opportunity to reflect more deeply on God's great mercy manifested in the Resurrection.

So how does this feast fit with the Gospel of Jesus's appearance in the Upper Room? When the reading begins, the disciples are hiding in fear for their lives, certain that the officials would be coming to get them just as they came for Jesus. Compounding their fear is the recognition that they had abandoned Jesus in his hour of greatest need. They are scared, disgraced, and guilty. At that very moment, who should enter into their sorrow and shame but Jesus himself. Jesus comes, despite the locked doors, to stand in their midst, offering them peace and mercy. In addition, he tells them that through the power of the Holy Spirit, they, too, will have the ability to extend mercy by forgiving sins.

Today, through our priests who have been ordained in apostolic succession, we, too, can receive mercy and forgiveness. All we need to do is repent and trust in the mercy of God. Indeed, today's feast invites us to trust that no matter what wrong we may have done, Jesus loves us and wants us to experience his mercy. That's why one simple prayer associated with Divine Mercy devotion sums up the confidence we should have in Christ's mercy: **"Jesus, I trust in you."**



"Jesus, I trust in You"

HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in our prayer intention book.



Jesus: I trust in you

"Do Not Be Afraid"

The year was 1978. The white smoke above St. Peter's announced to the world that a new pope had been elected by the College of Cardinals. He was from Poland, educated, vibrant, bright with a vision for a new world reflecting the suffering in his native land. He would take the Papal name, John Paul II. Suddenly a cardinal relatively unknown outside Poland became the Holy Father of the Catholic global believers. All the world waited to hear his first words, his first sermon, his first papal address, for it would likely set direction and the style of his papacy. One Pope, two names, John and Paul to protect, guide and inspire him. And here were Pope John Paul's first words on his first public appearance addressed to the world: **"Be not afraid"**.

At the Annunciation the angel Gabriel said to Mary, *"Do not be afraid Mary, you have found favor with God..."* The angel said to Joseph in a dream, *"Do not be afraid, Joseph to take Mary as your wife..."* At the birth of Jesus, the angels said to the shepherds, *"Do not be afraid, this day in the city of David, a Saviour has been born for you..."*

When the apostles saw him after the resurrection by the sea of Galilee, they thought they were seeing a ghost, Jesus said to them, *"It is I, do not be afraid"*. While crossing the Sea of Galilee during the fierce storm, they woke him up and Jesus addressed them by the same encouraging words.

This Easter season 2020 the whole world is passing through a deadly storm. We need to hear the reassuring words of our Risen Savior, *"Do not be afraid. Peace be with you."* Luke 24:36

The first time after his resurrection when the apostles were terrified behind the locked doors, Jesus gave them a salutation of peace. The second time was a week later when Thomas was with them. Jesus showed them his hands and his feet which had been pierced with the nails on the cross, and then his side which had been opened with a lance saying to them, *"Touch me and look, a spirit has no flesh and bones, as you see that I have"*. Luke 24:39

It is very likely that the frightened apostles actually had touched the glorious body of Jesus. This might explain why Thomas later demanded such a privilege. He would not be inferior to the rest; therefore, he said, *"Unless I touch...and see...I will not believe"*.

This Easter why are these words a message for us? Because Jesus is inviting us to face our fear with the hope of Easter joy. Fear makes us withdraw and even reject our loved ones and puts us in a corner in a fetal position with no incentive to get away and return back to normal life and to our loved ones.

The message of this Easter is from the wish of Our Risen Savior to the woman who first saw him: *"Do not be afraid, go tell my disciples to go to Galilee, there they will see me"*.

Heavenly Father, healer of body and soul, have mercy on the whole earth, possessed by anguish, fear, doubt, sickness and death. Give us courage to trust in your power, dispel the darkness covering the world. Calm the storms threatening our lives. You wanted your beloved apostles to go to Galilee to see you. Hear our prayers that we may go to church where we can see you, talk to you and receive your Holy Communion. May this Easter season replace our fear with courage, joy, love and peace. Lord, God, do not let our fear overcome our faith. Amen.

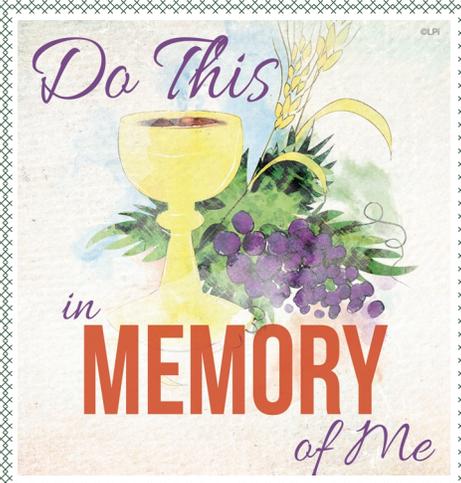
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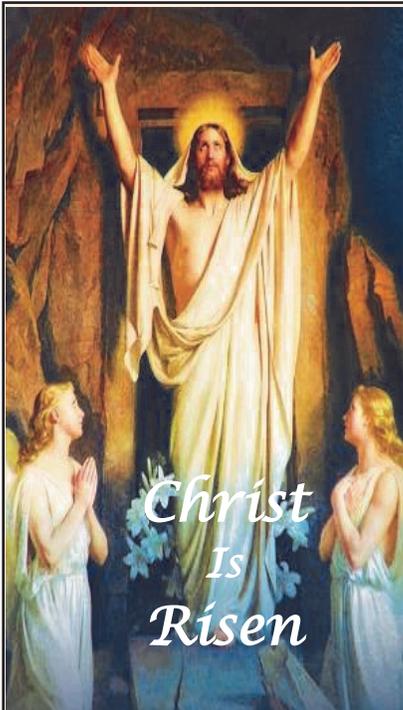
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Christ Our Hope Is Risen



Early in the morning on the first day of the week, when the sun was up to banish the night and to dispel the darkness covering Jerusalem, the Son of God triumphantly rolled up the stone sealing the tomb, rose up and came back to life. The power of salvation embraced the whole world.

A few days before his death, Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus, his friend. He told them, “Untie him”. Then he gave the command, “Lazarus, come out!”, and Lazarus came back to life after four days in the tomb.

At the dawn of Easter Sunday, Jesus too was in the tomb, also wrapped in cloth (shroud of Turin), his tomb was sealed by a huge stone. They said, “Who is to roll the stone away for us from the door of the tomb?” Mark 16:3. Three days after his death, when the soldiers kept watch over a dead body and a sealed tomb, Jesus broke all that was restraining him and the greatest miracle ever, happened. Christ, our hope has risen!

From the tomb, a place claiming the decay of the body, came life, restoring Eternal Life of body and soul.

At Jesus’s birth, heaven came to earth.

At Jesus’s resurrection, earth returned him back to heaven.

From the fall of Adam and Eve to the birth of the promised Redeemer, the prayer of the prophets and of the people of God for thousands of years was “Come, O long expected Saviour!”.

The Universal Prayer for Easter 2020

Come Risen Hope, heal our broken hearts. By the power of your resurrection, heal this pandemic scattered all over the world. You, Risen Lord, have power over sin and death, hear and see the ardent supplications of the fearful, of the sick and of the dying. Your body was not subject to the corruption of the grave, deliver us from this threat robbing us from a joyful and happy Easter.

Mary, Mother of God, your heart was pierced as your Son’s heart was pierced on the Cross. Intercede before him as the virus is piercing so many hearts everywhere.

Mary, our beloved Mother, your Son gave you to us, at the hour of his death, when he said to John: “Behold, your mother”. The grave had no power over you because you were taken into heaven body and soul; have mercy on us, ‘poor banished children of Eve’, frightened, quarantined, restricted, depressed and protect us as we celebrate the victory of your Resurrected Son.

As you were with Joseph and Jesus on that urgent journey to Egypt to save the life of your son from the death threat by King Herod, be with us now. Accompany us as we journey to see the end of this pandemic.

As you were reunited with your Son and Joseph when you entered heaven, we humbly beg you to reunite our families, open our schools and churches, the places of work, let us go free, safely and gratefully.

As you noticed the needs of the couple at Cana in Galilee, see our urgent need this Easter 2020. The need of a spiritual revival, the need to treasure the sanctity of life, the need of unity in the family, church and society. The need to pray and to be thankful. The need to see Jesus and to hear and live his teaching with sincerity in our hearts.

Most Merciful Father, we ask you to spare our families, relatives and friends young and old. Gentle Mary, cover us with your mantle of tenderness and love. Jesus have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

Let not your fear overcome your faith.

Have a blessed Easter.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Msgr. Publius Xuereb