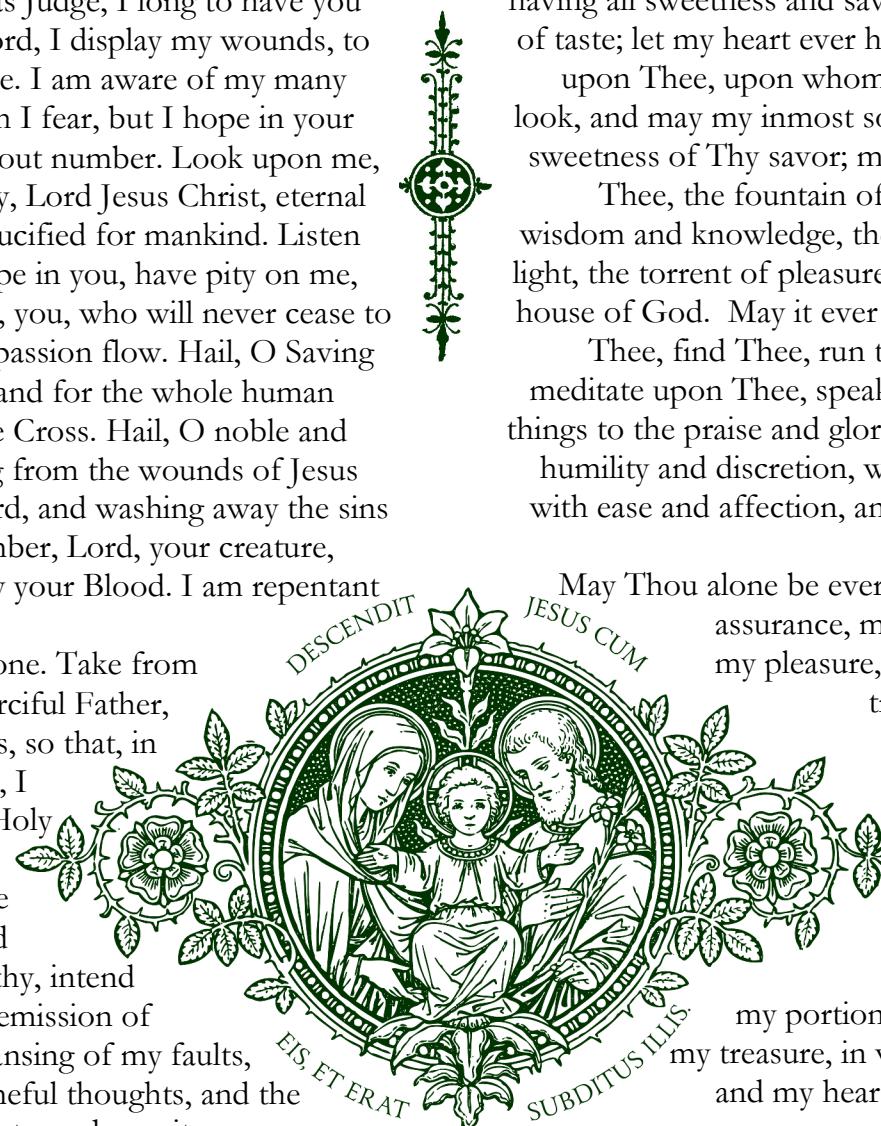


# PRAYERS BEFORE & AFTER THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

## PRAYER OF SAINT AMBROSE BEFORE HOLY MASS:

I draw near, loving Lord Jesus Christ, to the table of your most delightful banquet in fear and trembling, a sinner, presuming not upon my own merits, but trusting rather in your goodness and mercy. I have a heart and body defiled by my many offenses, a mind and tongue over which I have kept no good watch. Therefore, O loving God, O awesome Majesty, I turn in my misery, caught in snares, to you the fountain of mercy, hastening to you for healing, flying to you for protection; and while I do not look forward to having you as Judge, I long to have you as Savior. To you, O Lord, I display my wounds, to you I uncover my shame. I am aware of my many and great sins, for which I fear, but I hope in your mercies, which are without number. Look upon me, then, with eyes of mercy, Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, crucified for mankind. Listen to me, as I place my hope in you, have pity on me, full of miseries and sins, you, who will never cease to let the fountain of compassion flow. Hail, O Saving Victim, offered for me and for the whole human race on the wood of the Cross. Hail, O noble and precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, my crucified Lord, and washing away the sins of all the world. Remember, Lord, your creature, whom you redeemed by your Blood. I am repentant of my sins, I desire to put right what I have done. Take from me, therefore, most merciful Father, all my iniquities and sins, so that, in purified mind and body, I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies. And grant that this sacred foretaste of your Body and Blood which I, though unworthy, intend to receive, may be the remission of my sins, the perfect cleansing of my faults, the banishment of shameful thoughts, and the rebirth of right sentiments; and may it encourage a wholesome and effective performance of deeds pleasing to you and be a most firm defense of body and soul against the snares of my enemies. Amen.



## PRAYER OF SAINT BONAVENTURE AFTER HOLY MASS:

Pierce, O most Sweet Lord Jesus, my inmost soul with the most joyous and healthful wound of Thy love, with true, serene, and most holy apostolic charity, that my soul may ever languish and melt with love and longing for Thee, that it may yearn for Thee and faint for Thy courts, and long to be dissolved and to be with Thee. Grant that my soul may hunger after

Thee, the bread of angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and supersubstantial bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delight of taste; let my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor; may it ever thirst after

Thee, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of pleasure, the richness of the house of God. May it ever compass Thee, seek

Thee, find Thee, run to Thee, attain Thee, meditate upon Thee, speak of Thee, and do all things to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance unto the end.

May Thou alone be ever my hope, my entire assurance, my riches, my delight, my pleasure, my joy, my rest and tranquility, my peace, my sweetness, my fragrance, my sweet savor, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession and my treasure, in whom may my mind and my heart be fixed and firmly rooted immovably henceforth and forever. Amen.

WELCOME TO

# St. Patrick CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Roman Catholic Church serving Jesus Christ, Located in the Heart of Hilliard, Diocese of Spokane



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 11TH, 2021

## *Musings from your Parish Priest:*

Today, for Divine Mercy Sunday, I would like to draw your attention to this passage on mercy from the theologian Dietrich von Hildebrand's 1948 work *Transformation in Christ*.

"Mercy thrives in the souls of those alone who visualize everything in *conspicu Dei*; who, in full awareness, measure everything by supernatural standards. It also presupposes an inward suppleness and fluidity; a thoroughly melted, quickened, liberated heart. Every inward scar, as it were—every 'hardening,' every 'incrustation' brought about by an experience we have failed to rectify before God—dams up the flux of mercy. Nay, the path of mercy is thwarted by every kind of inner unfreedom: by our bondage, for example, to anxiety or to disgust; to the rancor evoked in us by an insult; and in general to every over-emphatic preoccupation. For everything that stunts our freedom tends to make us self-conscious and to deprive us of the capacity, implied in mercy, of taking our stand 'above the situation.' He alone who has attained the supernatural sovereignty that results from true freedom and that is reserved for those who seek only the kingdom of God and His justice, who expects nothing of his own forces but everything of God — he alone can participate in the specifically divine virtue of mercy."



Pay special attention to von Hildebrand's injunction against a "hardened" heart. This phrase recurs in countless variations throughout the Old and New Testaments, e.g. "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity" (Proverbs, 28:13-14) or "And Jesus ... said to them, 'Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened?'" (Mark, 8:17).

In both of those passages, we see the damage that can be done by the internal spiritual blockages that we inflict upon ourselves, and how these blockages deny us Christ's boundless mercy. Proverbs demonstrates the danger of holding onto our transgressions and defects, and the Gospel of Mark demonstrates that when we focus solely on our own concerns, we lose sight of the Kingdom of God.

If we wish to live in the Kingdom of God, we must orient ourselves properly to his mercy. Hostility, selfishness, dishonesty, and all forms of interior bondage will deny us the fruits which Christ has so freely, and at such great cost, given to us.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart,





### *St. Patrick our Patron Pray for us and our families!*

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me. Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my  
left, Christ lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up, Christ in  
the heart of every person who may think of me, Christ in the mouth  
of every person who may speak of me, Christ in every eye that sees  
me, Christ in every ear that hears me! - St Patrick's Breastplate



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The schedule for Holy Mass and Confessions this weekend is the following:

#### Saturday

8am – Daily Mass cancelled due to Retreat (**St. Patrick**)  
3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)  
4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

#### Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)  
9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)  
11:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form (**St. Francis Xavier**) – Fr. Gaines  
\*\*12:30pm – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form (**St. Francis Xavier**) – Fr. Gaines

\*\*We have temporarily added this Mass to help with diocesan occupancy requirements because the 11am Latin Mass is often very full.



Jesus,

We believe that you are Lord and Christ.  
We believe that you are the Way, the Truth,  
and the Life.

We believe that you have the words of  
everlasting life.

Give us the courage to follow you,  
To live out our faith with conviction,  
And to serve others with boldness.  
May our faith be a source of healing

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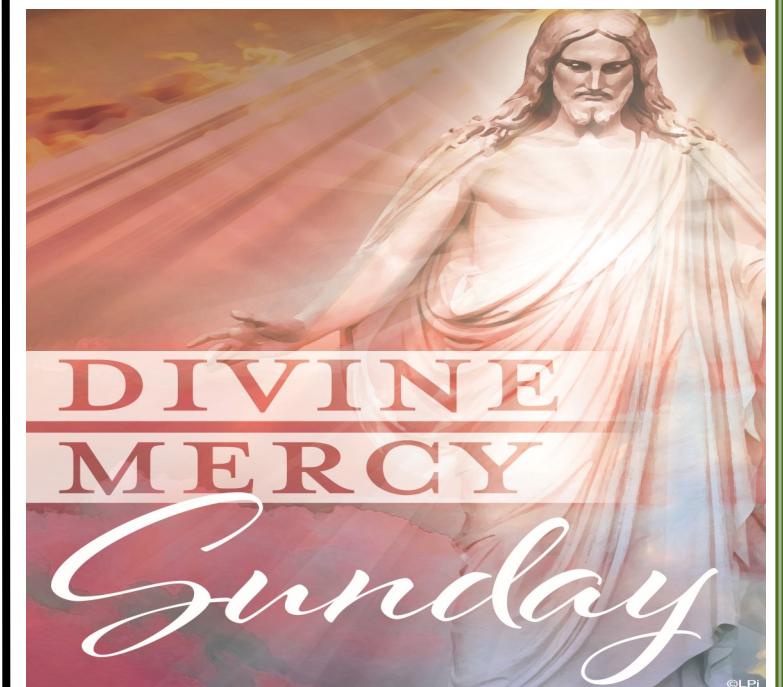
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## St. Patrick's Prayer Line

Have a certain need that prayer can help? St. Patrick's Prayer Line is available. Call Jackie Silvey (483-3109).

The diocese is committed to helping victims/survivors of sexual abuse and to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers who supervise other volunteers who work with minors and vulnerable adults are required to report any suspected abuse by others they supervise. Contact: Roberta Smith, Victims Assistance Coordinator (509) 353-0442 Office Phone or (509) 998-18340 Cell. You may also go to the Diocesan website: [www.dioceseofspokane.org](http://www.dioceseofspokane.org)

For spiritual emergencies, scheduling sacraments or funerals please contact Fr Gaines at 487-6363

To request a certificate, bulletin ad or to speak to someone about your charitable contributions please contact the office and say you are calling for St. Patrick Parish. 509-466-7738

#### **Religious Education**

The Catechism of the Good Shepherd (ages 3-6) and the Fatima Club (ages 7-12) meets on Mondays (Except Holidays) from 3:30 PM-5:00 PM.

The Fatima Club will be in the sisters' convent and the Good Shepherd classes will be held in the Chesterton Classical High School.

Contact the Missionaries of Charity at 487-3963 or Mrs. Casey at 280-4402 for more information.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Mass Intention Book**  
Did you know that there is a Mass intention book available for you to write your petitions in? These intentions are included in the prayers offered during each Mass. Please feel free to include all and any of your prayer requests in the book, which is located at the entrance to the church.

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

##### **Eye Has Not Seen**

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### **Stewardship:**

March Contributions

\$9,365.55

YTD (7/1/20-end of March)

\$71,403.17

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#### Holy Hour and Rosary

The Missionaries of Charity invite you to pray for our families and friends who are not in full communion with the Catholic church and no longer practicing their Catholic faith and for their growth in holiness every Friday evening at St. Patrick's from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent at 5:30 PM. Please join us.

#### Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Any one, families, or singles, who would like to consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please contact the sisters at 487-3963.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

#### Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

SUN 4/11 Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

MON 4/12 Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

TUES 4/13 Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

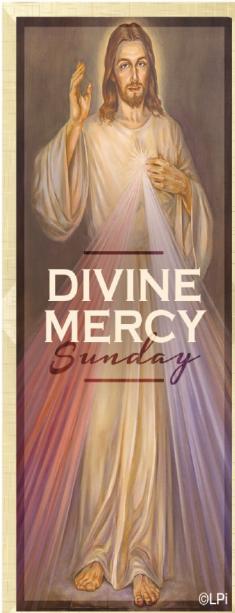
WED 4/14 Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

THR 4/15 Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

FRI 4/16 Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-21

SAT 4/17 Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

SUN 4/18 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



#### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Thursday: Tax Day

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

#### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

All hail! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce our!

My  
Lord and  
my God!

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