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Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst 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 answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." John 20:26-29



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The Feast of Divine Mercy

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina. www.ewtn.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please call the Rectory office if you have a need for an individual private confession. Confessions will continue to be heard Saturday afternoons from 3:15 – 3:45 pm



Please tell your fellow parishioners who do not have computers or access to the internet that our parish bulletin will be available for outside pickup in a black mail box attached outside by the front door.



Father Stephen Bauer is reaching out to his St. Joseph parishioners in Bonne Terre in an old-fashioned way: by making phone calls. He's calling about 20 parishioners per day, "I'm calling to say, 'Hi. We're here. We're still Church.'"

Picture and story published in the St. Louis Review.

Please remember that during these difficult days collections remain essential to even the limited operations of our parishes. We encourage you to mail in your contributions and special collection envelopes to our Parish Office. You may also drop your envelopes in the mail drop slot to the right side of the Rectory door or bring to the front door. Please do not place your contributions in the bulletin mail box. Thank you for your continued support.

Church Restoration

Thank you for your pledges and donations to date for the restoration of our Church. We have formally started the process of painting the Church. We are very appreciative of your support, pledges, and encouragement.

Bingo

Due to the COVID-19 virus, Bingo has been cancelled until further notice in order to protect our workers and players.

Your Gift to God

April 11 & 12, 2020

	St. Joseph	St. Anne
Envelopes	\$2,125.00	\$630.00
St. Vincent de Paul	65.00	175.00
Church Restoration	1,021.00	-0-
Palm Sunday	306.00	5.00
Easter	513.00	20.00
Retired Priests	190.00	20.00

2019-20 Budgeted Amounts	
Envelopes/Loose	
St. Joseph	\$3,644
St. Anne	\$750
for 52 weeks	

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 19, 2020



Happy Birthday Father Steve!

May God give you the gift of happiness on your special day –

April 20th, and all year long. Happy Birthday from the families of St. Joseph and St. Anne! You will be remembered in our prayers.

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* – Mercy

In the Gospel, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, authorizing the Apostles to forgive sins in the name of Jesus. It is no coincidence that Jesus says, “Peace be with you” more than one time to them as he greets them. When was the last time you went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? What beautiful peace in our hearts is found in this sacrament! Through the priest, Jesus forgives us of our sins when we are truly contrite. We receive sanctifying grace and actual graces that will help us to overcome sin in the future. Although sometimes we may still be restless and doubt God’s forgiveness, we must remember the words of Christ to St. Faustina: *“I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it.”*

St. Mark, Evangelist

Who was St. Mark? A disciple of Jesus and thus a witness to the story recounted in his Gospel? Perhaps the John Mark who appears in the book of Acts as a companion to Paul in his missionary journey? Regardless of his sources or his identity there is no doubt that in writing the first Gospel narrative, sometime around the year 70, Mark had a decisive influence on the subsequent shape of Christianity. Previously the teachings of Jesus had circulated in the form of sayings. Paul’s letters contain almost no reference to the actual life story of Jesus. But for Mark, the authority of Jesus’ message was rooted in his paradoxical identity as the suffering and crucified Messiah. For Mark, this was best communicated in the form of a story.

After predicting his own passion, Jesus foretells a similar fate for his disciples: “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Thus, Mark’s Gospel becomes a handbook of discipleship. To be a Christian means patterning one’s own life on Jesus’ example of self-sacrificing love.

Mark’s Gospel ends on a curiously dynamic and open-ended note. In place of an explicit account of the resurrection, he ends with the discovery of an empty tomb and the words of an angel: “Go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you.” Thus Mark addresses contemporary disciples. Jesus is no longer in the past or confined to Mark’s story. He has gone ahead to Galilee. Mark’s readers must write their own conclusion by taking up the cross of discipleship and going forth to meet him for themselves. *Give Us This Day*



A global initiative is underway to unite all Christians in prayer against the coronavirus pandemic. It was begun in France and includes Catholics and other Christians of all denominations. Please join us.



Healing

Gracious Lord, remember in your mercy those who suffer today.

Give strength and encouragement to those who minister to their needs. Remember your promise not to let them be tested beyond what they are able to bear. Above all, give them the reassurance that you are with them as they walk through this valley of the

shadows of death. And in your good time send healing of body and spirit. [Name those who need healing or help in their suffering.] In Jesus’ name, Amen. Living Faith: Prayers for Catholics
www.usccb.org

Please Pray

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ken Dalaviras**, husband of the late Beverly Dalaviras, who passed away on April 10, 2020. A memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Carl Patterson**, husband of Laura Patterson, who passed away on April 7, 2020.

Marjorie Pier, age 98, passed away at the NHC Nursing Heights facility on April 12, 2020.

We ask that you remember Ken Dalaviras, Carl Patterson, and Marjorie Pier and their families in your prayers. May their souls rest in our Lord’s eternal embrace.

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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