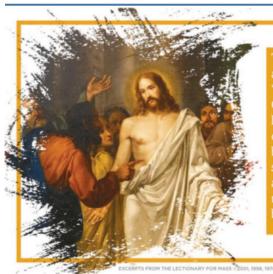


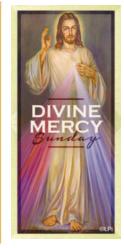
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



"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 20:28-29





MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

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DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & in church

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Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (in church)

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Thank you to all who helped in any way with our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. In the love that you displayed in your hard work and sacrifices, we saw the love of Jesus who destroyed our death and restored our life. Special thanks to every member of the Art and Environment team for the amazing decorations throughout this sacred time!

Fr. Angelo



Congratulations and Blessings to our Confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend

Margot Bakota Nicolas "Nico" Bianchi Shires Jack Bisbee

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Bella Cain

Kya Isabella Conover

Nicolette Goudy Steven Hearny Dylan Kilzner Rocco LoVerme Vanni LoVerme Sadie Lowenberg Christian Martinez Fiona McInerny Sabrina Mockler

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43;

Psalm 118;

Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13,

17-19;

John 20:19-31

First Reading:

In the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection, the Apostles performed "many signs and wonders," healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits. *Is there something in your life that needs healing?*

Second Reading:

John is initially frightened at the strange vision of Jesus, but Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid." *How does Jesus calm your fears?*

Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus' first words to his disciples are "Peace be with you." How could you be a peacemaker this week with a family member or neighbor?

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter; more recently in our Church's history, it has become known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often referred to as the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord, especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appears to them after His resurrection. The passage says that they were in hiding, cowering behind a locked door because they were afraid of what the Jews might do to them for their association with Jesus. They were paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? To chide them for abandoning Him when He needed them most? To call them out for being so wimpy? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them the authority to forgive sins. "Peace be with you," He says. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you.... Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift is this divine mercy.

This Sunday of mercy in this Easter season of mercy is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of the gift of Reconciliation. Do we really appreciate the healing power of this sacrament? The infusion of grace, the freeing power of knowing we are forgiven, the increase in self-knowledge, and intimacy with our Lord? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often and by encouraging our loved ones to do so as well?

Today is also an opportune time to examine how generously we offer the gift of mercy to those around us. When Thomas obstinately declared he would not believe in the risen Christ unless he could see for himself the mark of the nails in His hands and put his fingers into the nail marks and put his hands into His sides, our Lord does not become indignant. He offers mercy. Jesus graciously gives Thomas the very thing Thomas is asking for — a real and personal encounter with Him, the chance to literally touch His sacred wounds to heal Thomas from his doubts. When we are disbelieved or disrespected, do we respond as Jesus did, with humility and magnanimity and compassion, the very hallmarks of mercy?

Interestingly, we will find that the more deeply we embrace the gift of mercy through regular Confession, the greater will be our capacity to offer mercy to others because we will see ourselves as really truly are — forgiven sinners deeply loved by God. Let's commit ourselves to become faithful disciples, stewards of Christ's mercy 2,000 years after His Resurrection. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.



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Readings for the Week					
Sun	4/27	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER — SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31			
Mon	4/28	St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8			
Tues	4/29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15			
Wed	4/30	St. Pius V, Pope Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21			
Thu	5/1	St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36			
Fri	5/2	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15			
Sat	5/3	STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14			
Sun	5/4	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19			

Mass Intentions				
Mon	4/28	8:30 am	Elma Rodriguez-Victoria †	
Tues	4/29	8:30 am	Marya Catalana Evans †	
Wed	4/30	8:30 am	Lisa Baxter Cobler †	
Thu	5/1	8:30 am	Joseph Mardesich, Jr. †	
Fri	5/2	8:30 am	Alison Frezzo †	
Sat	5/3	8:30 am	Rosemary & Robert Espe †	
		5:00 pm	Kathy Hendig †	
	5/4	9:00 am	Serge Laplace (special intention)	
Sun		11:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory †	
		5:00 pm	Christopher Harbour (special intention)	

Stewardship of **PRAYER**

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:

Magdolma O'Brien; Janel Shultz; Ryan Heath; Dave Najour; Rose Arnaudo; George Bommarito; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Honora Hannan; Tony Baldi

For those who have recently died:

Maureen O'Connell; Sister Genie Rohner; Herb Robbins; Paul Mahoney, Sr.; Diane Piziali; Jack Hanley

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

OUR MISSION: We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ that gathers together to celebrate the mysteries of God's love. We support and strengthen one another in our commitment to the Catholic faith. We serve those in need and share with all the Good News of God's unconditional love.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY -INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

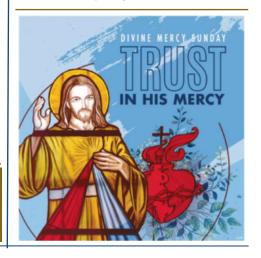
Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

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Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: May

For working conditions:

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



FAITH IN ACTION







Through your generosity we raised \$18,667 to deliver 124 wheelchairs to the poorest of the poor on Wheelchair Sunday at St. Mary.





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Managing God's Gift To Us

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MAY 3 & 4

5:00pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 9:00am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 11:00am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5:00pm Sunday: Adult Choir & Piano/Organ



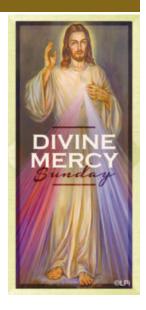
OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS CELEBRATED ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, WHICH THIS YEAR IS APRIL 27, 2025.

On May 5, 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter, the Octave of Easter, would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The feast was established by the pope after he canonized Saint Faustina, a humble Polish nun to whom Jesus revealed his message of divine mercy.

Born in 1905, Saint Faustina became a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy at age 20. While at the convent, beginning in February 1931, she received several revelations from Jesus, who communicated to her the depth of his mercy and his desire that all be merciful to one another.

The Lord also shared with her his desire that a feast day be dedicated to Divine Mercy and that it be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Saint Faustina's diary, in which she details the revelations, includes 14 occasions on which the Lord asks that a feast day be established. One of those can be found in diary entry 699: I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened...It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

According to Saint Faustina's diary, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a Divine Mercy Novena, which would begin on Good Friday. She writes that the Lord told her, "On each day of the novena, you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy."

Prayers are to be offered on the first day for all mankind, on the second day for the souls of priests and religious, on the third day for all devoted and faithful souls, on the fourth day for those who do not believe in God and do not yet know Christ, on the fifth day for those who have separated themselves from the church, on the sixth day for meek and humble souls and for souls of little children, on the seventh day for souls who especially venerate and glorify Christ's mercy, on the eighth day for souls who are detained in purgatory, and then, on the ninth and final day, for souls who are lukewarm.

Divine Mercy Image

In Saint Faustina's visions, Jesus appears with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and blue/white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. Jesus asked that the image be painted with the words "Jesus, I trust in You" inscribed beneath it.

Plenary Indulgence

In 2002, Pope Saint John Paul II decreed a plenary indulgence* associated with the devotion of Divine Mercy Sunday, "to ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion."

To receive a plenary indulgence, you must go to confession, receive holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the pope. That should be done in the days leading up to the feast. Then, on Divine Mercy Sunday, you must "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus" (Apostolic Penitentiary Decree).

*A plenary indulgence is the "full remission of the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven." Through the sacrament of confession, our sins are forgiven, but some of the worldly effects of those sins may remain. A plenary (full) indulgence completes the healing process.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is Dominica in Albis, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

EVENING REFLECTION FOR WOMEN - MAY 7 at St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish. *First Wednesday monthly*. 6:00pm Mass, 7:00pm Talk followed by fellowship. Registration fee: \$15.00. Scan the QR code to save your seat. Please bring an appetizer to share.





SAVE THE DATE! ILM GRADUATION 2025: The Institute for Leadership in Ministry of the Diocese of San Jose will hold its twenty-sixth graduation honoring the Class of 2025 on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 7 PM at Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph. Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Cantú will preside the evening service and graduation.

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