



April 19, 2020 Sunday of Divine Mercy

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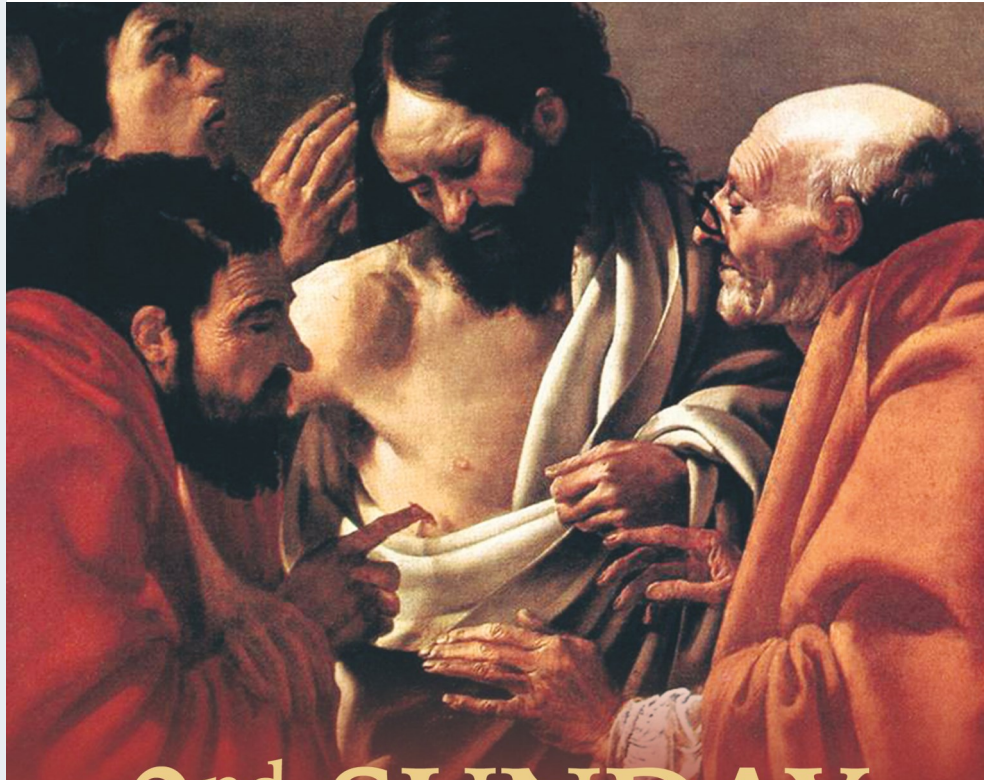
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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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." —Jn 20:28-29

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Holy Mass Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Monday 7:00 AM; Tuesday 6:30 PM; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesdays 5:00 PM; Saturdays 4:00 PM;
or by appointment

**BULLETIN
STANDARD DEADLINE:
9:00 A.M. MONDAY**

Dear Parishioners,
Happy Easter! We had beautiful and powerful liturgies throughout Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Sunday! The liturgies in themselves were beautiful, even if there was something very important missing, in your physical presence. Since that has not been possible, I've had to get creative and put all these liturgies on-line live while they happen for your easy access. And, I've heard from many who have participated in these on-line liturgies how important these are to you! For, even though it is not close to being the same as it is in person, this still gives us something, a way to connect with the Mass, with the parish and with each other in the shared prayer of the Mass during this uncertain time in our lives. I will continue to live-stream all of the liturgies that I celebrate which now include 8am daily Mass, 7 PM Holy Hour Monday through Friday and each weekend Mass 5 PM Saturday and 10:30 AM Sunday. It is important to try to watch and participate in the Mass at the time it is being celebrated. That is the ideal. However, if you miss a Mass, we have it available for you to watch later at our parish facebook page at facebook.com/stjbsom. This difficult time is also a time for us to engage in more Catholic spiritual reading each day and prayer, especially prayer of the Holy Rosary. The rosary may be the most beloved devotion in the catholic faith and it's also very powerful. Prayer of the rosary has been known to suspend wars and to bring peace. Sister Lucia of Fatima told us that "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls." So, I encourage you to try to pray at least 5 decades of the rosary every day for your peace and strength during this time, for your protection from covid-19, for those infected with the covid-19, as well as for the doctors, nurses, volunteers and all those who serve those patients and for scientists so that they can soon find a vaccine for covid-19.
God Bless,
Fr. Butler

Livestream Father Butler's Masses
Go to our parish website
stjbsom.org and click on the
Maroon Livestream button and
then scroll down and click on the
arrow. That is by far the easiest
way to get to the live feed.



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Our candle offerings this week
are:

Special Intention

Req by Katharine Haggard



If you are interested in E-Giving,
instead of bringing an envelope to
mass each week, go to our website,
www.stjbsom.org/giving
Or, call the office at 815 498-2010
and you will receive a call back.



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Our beautiful adoration angels which serve as sanctuary lamps indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. These lights burn for one week with the special oil provided. If you would like to have a sanctuary light in memory of someone, or for a special intention, it will be available at a cost of \$5.00. Your intention will be noted in the bulletin and remembered in prayer. If you are interested, please contact the parish office, or place your offering in a separate envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

BLESSED



"Blessed are those who
have not seen and
have believed."

JOHN 20:29

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.



Jerome & Pat Butler, Kathleen Carr, Carr Family, Patrick Doherty, Joann Duffy, LaVerne Fox, Sarah Franklin, Mike Franzone, Joan Frieders, Sharen Gavin, Michael Geever, Denise Green, Martha Green, Virginia Hann, Margaret Hardekopf, Linda Hickey, Jerry Hinterlong, Mary Holevas, Jim Johnson, Deb Kulbartz, Doris Langston, Jan Magioni, Karen McCormick, Tom McCrea, William McKillip, Irene Osifchin, Brody Roberts, Christine Smith, Diane Verlare, Bob Wade, Kazia Dilleat Watson, Jerry Welte, George Weseman, Trish Wojcik

REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT

If you are hospitalized and would like a visit from a priest, please call the parish office at 815 498-2010. Because of privacy laws, hospitals can no longer notify churches without the direct permission of the patient.

Fr. Butler will live stream daily
Mass at 8:00am, Saturday at
5:30pm and Sunday at
10:30am. 7:00pm Holy Hour
Monday-Friday
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maroon livestream button

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MASS INTENTIONS

April 20—26, 2020

Monday	8:00 am	Tessa Majors Req by Fr. Butler
Tuesday	8:00 am	Msgr. Tom Monohan Req by Fr. Butler
Wednesday	8:00 am	Fred McAllister Req by Suzette McAllister
Thursday	8:00 am	Msgr. Tom Monohan Req by Fr. Butler
Friday	8:00 am	Dave Frieders Req by Mary Ann Soszynski
Saturday	5:00pm	Fr. Nicholas Gruner Req by Don & Jean Wegener
Sunday	10:30am	Pro Populo People of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekend of April 25-26

Saturday 5:00 pm Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 8:00 am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 10:30 am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

ALTAR SERVERS

Weekend of April 25-26

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

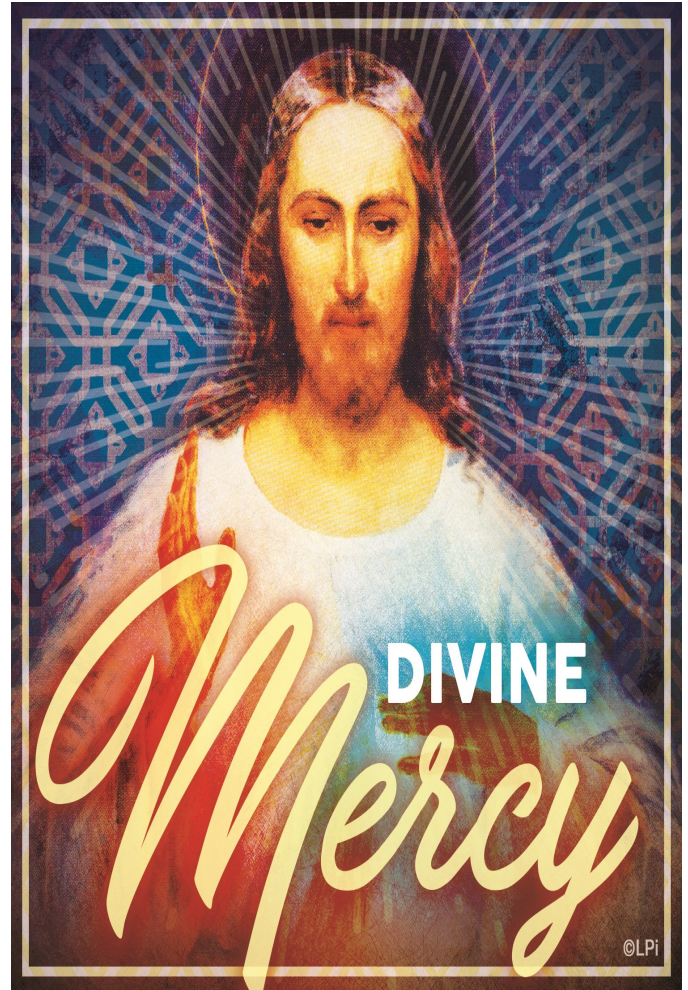
Sunday 10:30 am N/A

APRIL USHERS

Saturday 5:00 pm Bud Short, Craig Zuege
Sunday 8:00 am Scott Hauser, Bill Ulrich
10:30 am Bill Mokry, Dave Grabow

THE WEEK AHEAD

**ALL MASSES AND EVENTS CANCELLED
INDEFINITELY**



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of April 19, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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

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

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

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

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35