

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 24, 2022

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 5: 12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them.

A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever." R

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just: R

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Second Reading: Rev. 9: 1-19

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus.

I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

The Word of the Lord. . . Thanks be to God!

~~R. Alleluia, alleluia.~~

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."



But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

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."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. . . .Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!



Mother's Day Candles and Novena

The Annual Mother's Day Novena of Candles and masses is available now. The envelopes are available on the info table. Please write the name of the person you would like to remember, living or deceased on the envelop and drop it in the collection basket. The candles will be on display on **Mother's Day, May 8th. Donation: \$3.00.** Envelopes on info table or call or simply email Barbara with your names at: bbrown@saintambrose.com. Or call 410-367-9918

Weekly Mass Intentions

April 17th, For all the living and deceased members of the parish.
 April 24th, Mr. Devon Jones, deceased grandson of our Mrs. Paula Cullings.
 May 1st, Mr. Harry Braxton, on the first anniversary of his passing and Mr. James Lyles, on his birthday, requested by Archie and Augustine Stith.
 May 8th, Mr. Richard Spears, on the 34th anniversary of his passing, requested by his beloved mother, Mrs. Veronica Spears. Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them, may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen

Youth Ministry "Welcome Home"

On Sunday, May 15 "Welcome Home" The youth AND their parents/guardians are invited to learn about YM and meet the team. They will be fed lunch and participate in a service project together. We also talked about encouraging the youth to invite friends. Every teen who brings a guest to a meeting is entered into a raffle. The raffle will be drawn at our last meeting on June 19. Winner receives a gift card to Dunkin'. We also talked about having the youth speak during Mass about what they are doing in Youth Group.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Amen!



Mary Adderly, Helen Augins, Karen Brown-Berkley, Wanda Brewton, Renee Bruce, Kathy Burundi, Al Butler, Anita Cole, Patricia Cullings-Dix, Linda Davis, Dale Dyson, William Ford III, Phyllis Ford, Sarah Gamble, JoAnn Glenn, Cornell

(Nelson) Johnson, Joseph Jones, Sheila Leary-Smith, Charles Manns, III, Kimberly Merrill, Allan Noble, Deacon Seigfried Presberry, Melissa Ringgold-Benson, Rhonda Rumbra, Carl & Bernice Shrieves, Daniel Smith Sr., Sr. Helene Therese Stanislaus, OSP., Dorothy Spriggs, Augustine & Archie Stith, Rosalita Stone, Gloria Tate, Ernest Thames, Jean Thomas, Sherria Waters, William young, Sr. and Alice Zaborowski.



Next Sunday, April 24th is Divine Mercy Sunday

Copies of the novena pray are on the information table in the back of church and the closing prayer will be used next Sunday.

Welcome our Capuchin Postulants

Fr. Kevin Thompson and Brother Alex Hostoffer, directors of our Capuchin Postulancy House in Philadelphia, PA, along with our seven postulants will visit St. Ambrose next Sunday for Mass. A postulant is a man in the very first stages of entrance into the Capuchin Order. We welcome them and pray for their perseverance.



First Holy Communion

On Sunday, May 15th at the 10am mass

T.J. Hardy & Joanna Herrera

Will receive the Lord for the First Time in Holy Communion. May God Bless them!



Congratulations Father Paul

Tuesday, June 7th, 2022, will be the 25th anniversary of Father Paul's Ordination to the Priesthood.

We will celebrate the weekend of July 2nd and 3rd with a lunch and a festive mass so please mark your calendars. So much to be thankful for!

