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**Easter Sunday**  
**April 08/09, 2023**  
***“On the first day  
of the week,  
Mary of Magdala  
came to the tomb  
early in the morn-  
ing, while it was  
still dark....”***



**The Gospel of John, Chapter 20 records Jesus appeared to his disciples offering them peace, assurance and the knowledge he had truly returned.** He calmed the tears of beloved Mary. He showed himself to the disciples, breathing the Holy Spirit into them. And he empowered them with undeniable knowledge when he allowed them to touch his resurrected body. Thomas, speaking for all, (and us as well) declared in grateful humility, “My Lord and my God” (John 20:28). For those of us not blessed with the opportunity to be in the intimate group of disciples who encountered Jesus after his resurrection, Jesus assures us, through his words to Thomas: “Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed: blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed” (John 20:29). “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples which are not written in this book. These are written so you may believe Jesus is the Messiah.”

After recording these remarkable episodes of Jesus’ post-resurrection interactions with his disciples, John reveals why he wrote his Gospel: “so we too might believe.” If you were writing, what would you write about? Would you write to convince people Jesus is the Christ? That is why John wrote. John wanted his readers to “believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God...” And, he had truly risen from the dead.



**Special Tour to Lourdes, France**  
**75th Anniversary of St. Bernadette Catholic Church**  
**Saturday, October 14th, 2023 - Tuesday, October 24th, 2023**

View Itinerary Here

<http://www.thomastours.com/ItinLourdesFrance.pdf>



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**The Church uses three holy oils: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of the Catechumens and Holy Chrism.** The first two are blessed, and the bishop consecrates the third, during the annual Chrism Mass. Each has a distinctive purpose in the Church. **Oil of the Sick** which is pure olive oil, is used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. While ideally celebrated with the community during the Mass for the anointing of the sick, this sacrament can be administered any time, any where. The priest lays hands on the sick or elderly person, says special prayers and anoints the person by placing oil in the form of a cross on the forehead and hands. Through this sacrament, God gives the sick person grace and strength to bear the illness or infirmity. May also bring spiritual, emotional and even physical healing. **Oil of the Catechumens** Adults and infants are anointed, prior to baptism, with the oil of the catechumens (also pure olive oil.) For adults, this pre-baptismal anointing often takes place during a special initiation ceremony when the person is preparing Baptism. At the beginning of the

process, known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), each person is anointed with the oil of the catechumens. The priest or deacon anoints the catechumens; then prays God will instill them with wisdom for discernment, and the strength necessary to avoid evil during their inquiry into the Catholic faith. In a similar way, an infant is anointed just before receiving the waters of baptism. This anointing helps the child ward off evil, avoid temptation and possess the faith necessary to carry the cross of Christ throughout life. **Holy Chrism Oil** Holy chrism oil, is olive oil mixed with balsam. It symbolizes strength, and the fragrant balsam represents the "aroma of Christ" (2 Cor 2:15). Anointing with chrism oil signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is used to consecrate someone or something to God's service. Each year we witness the use of the holy chrism during Confirmation. The bishop traces the Sign of the Cross with chrism oil on the forehead of the one being confirmed and says, "be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Chrism oil is also part of the baptismal rite. A cross of chrism oil is traced on the crown of the child's head, marking them as a Christian. Holy chrism oil is used during priestly ordination (the Sacrament of Holy Orders) and the consecration of a bishop. It is the anointing used in the consecration of a church and the blessing of an altar and the vessels used at Mass.

**Join us for  
Bible Study**

**1st and 3rd Thursday  
1:00 & 7:00 PM  
Via ZOOM**

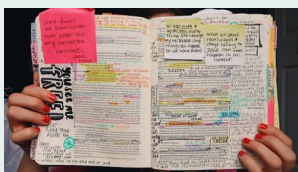
**1:00 pm Meeting  
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Carolyn James  
(323) 394-5441**

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**7:00 pm Meeting  
ID 811 5705 8134  
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**Contact:  
Elsie Dixon  
(310) 410-2962**



**Each year the Archbishop blesses new oils during the Chrism Mass.** The Archbishop is symbolically present at every baptism or confirmation through the holy oils he blesses. After the Liturgy of the Word, the blessing of the oils takes place. The Archbishop prays over and blesses each oil individually. The ritual for creating and consecrating the "holy chrism" is different from the others. The Archbishop mixes oil from the balsam plant with the olive oil, breathes on the mixed oil to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit, and then says a prayer to consecrate it. Once blessed, the oils are a holy gift from God to the Church, signifying strengthening, healing and comfort, and the life-giving grace of the Holy Spirit.



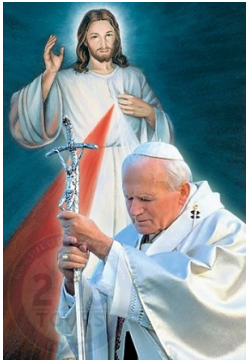
**Is Your Holy Water "Worth Its Salt."** In recent times, the use of blessed salt is found within some Catholic and Anglican liturgies of Holy Baptism, and in the blessing of holy water, sometimes called lustral water. The Roman Rite of the Catholic Church also mentions use of blessed salt. The 1962 "Rituale Romanum" includes salt as a component in three rites: **Baptism:** Before the candidates enter the church or baptistry, salt is blessed with an exorcism, and a pinch can be put in the mouth of the candidates. In modern practice this is skipped. **Reconsecration of an altar:** In one rite for the reconsecration of an altar which has been disturbed, salt is exorcized, blessed, and mixed with ashes, water and wine, the resulting mixture being used to make the mortar with which the altar is resealed. **Blessing holy water:** Salt is added to water in silence after a prayer in which God is asked to bless the salt, recalling the blessed salt "scattered over the water by the prophet Elisha" and invoking the protective powers of salt and water, they may "drive away the power of evil". Salt may also be blessed for use as a sacramental. This salt may be sprinkled in a room, or across a threshold, or in other places as an invocation of divine protection. This will keep demons and possessed persons away from a home and crossing a line made of salt. It may also be consumed.





## Join us for Coffee and Donuts

After 10:00 am Mass  
Every Sunday in the Parish Hall  
If you would like to  
sponsor Coffee and Donuts  
Contact the Parish Office  
(323) 293-4877



### Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023

As the faithful prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday next weekend, it is important to review the meaning and historical significance of the day. On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. According to the vision, those who receive communion and attend confession on the Feast of Mercy receive total forgiveness of sins. **From that Heart [of Christ], Sr. Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that heart and illuminating the world. "The two rays", Jesus Himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water" (Diary, entry 299). Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (see Jn 19:34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (see Jn 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39). St John Paul II**

### Mass Intentions: Divine Mercy Sunday

Is it for an individual? or family? Is the person Living? Or Deceased? Name of the person making the request?  
The Contact person's name? (If different than the requestor)  
Phone? Email address? Requested date of the Mass? Please note if the intention is for a special occasion, such as a birthday, or an anniversary Are prayers for the healing of a specific disease?



**CLEAN OUT THE CUBBIES IN PREPARATION FOR  
RENOVATION AND PAINTING: THE STORAGE CUBBIES AT  
THE BACK OF THE STAGE MUST BE COMPLETELY EMPTIED  
BY MAY 01, 2023  
ANY ITEMS REMAINING AFTER MAY 01 WILL BE DISPOSED  
OF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**



### LITURGY SCHEDULE

APRIL 10, 2023  
MONDAY OF EASTER  
WEEK  
TO APRIL 16, 2023  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Monday, April 10, 2023**  
OFFICE & CHRISTIAN  
SERVICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**  
8:00 am  
Communion Service

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
8:00 am Mass  
Live-Streamed and In-  
Person

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**  
8:00 am Mass  
Live-Streamed and In-  
Person

**Friday, April 14, 2023**  
8:00 am Mass  
Live-Streamed and In-  
Person

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**  
3:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**  
10:00 am Mass  
Coffee & Donuts  
following Mass in the Hall

Other Sacraments  
(as Scheduled)

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(OFFICE VOLUNTEERS)  
TERESA CARPER

### 1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to  
work wholeheartedly for the  
church. Help them to remember  
the work they do in the church is  
not in vain as Your Word  
declares Your work is never  
wasted.*



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\*Key Risk Factors include: High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

**We are coming to your neighborhood.**  
**Where: Los Angeles - St Bernadette Catholic Church**  
**Sponsored By: St. Vincent Medical Center**  
**When: Tuesday, May 16, 2023**  
To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC)

Life Line Screening  
LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

**Tea Time**  
*The Knights of Peter Claver  
Junior Daughters invite  
You and your parent to join us for an  
Informational Tea.*

*On Sunday, April 16th, 2023 after the 10am Mass  
In the Parish Hall*

Girls in our parish & their parents are welcomed to join us to get more information about our National Catholic organization.

This National organization was founded to offer opportunities for young ladies in areas of spirituality, social, educational, physical, civil and cultural growth.

The Junior Daughters, strive to build good character and leadership qualities in our youth.

Membership is open for to All Roman Catholic Girls, who have received their First Holy Communion and are between the ages 7 to 18 years old.

Please Text your RSVP  
to Lady Michelle At (213) 804-3720  
no later than 4/ 10 / 2023

### Did you know? April 8-9

#### The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, <https://lacatholics.org/protect/> that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> for help and support.



**Our Parish Hall is a great place for a variety of events: Repasts, Luncheons, Business Meetings, Clinics, Inoculation Sites, Seminars and a host of other events. It is fully AV Equipped. For Details and Availability contact the Parish Office  
(323)293-4877**

**Please submit Bulletin Articles and Pulpit Announcements  
at least two weeks in advance.**

**If you have questions, pls contact the office at (323) 293-4877**