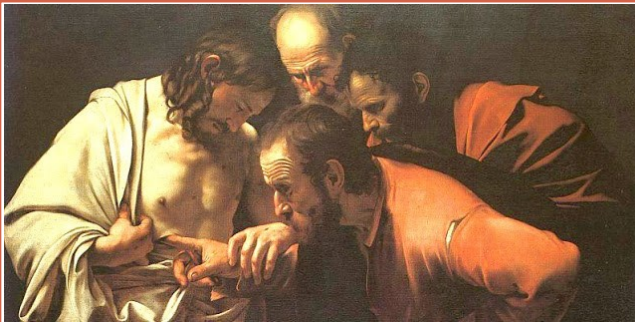


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**Divine Mercy
Sunday—April
15/16.2023**
“Blessed are those
who have not seen
and have believed.”
John 20:29
A doubting Thomas is
a skeptic who refuses
to believe without

direct personal experience — a reference to the Gospel of John's depiction of the Apostle Thomas, who, in John's account, refused to believe the resurrected Jesus had appeared to the ten other apostles until he could see and feel Jesus's crucifixion wounds.

In art, the episode (formally called the Incredulity of Thomas) has been frequently depicted since at least the 15th century, with its depiction reflecting a range of theological interpretations. Commentators have noted that John avoids saying whether Thomas actually did "thrust" his hand in.[2] Before the Protestant Reformation the usual belief, reflected in artistic depictions, was that he had done so, which most Catholic writers continued to believe, while Protestant writers often thought that he had not.[3]

Regardless of the question of whether Thomas had felt as well as "seen" the physical evidence of the Resurrection of Jesus, the Catholic interpretation was that, although Jesus asserts the superiority of those who have faith without physical evidence, he was nonetheless willing to show Thomas his wound, and let him feel it. This was used by theologians as biblical encouragement for the use of physical experiences such as pilgrimages, veneration of relics and ritual in reinforcing Christian beliefs.



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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Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023 What IS “Divine Mercy Sunday” Mankind’s need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the twentieth century, when civilization began to experience an “eclipse of the sense of God,” and therefore, to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In 1931, Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in Poland and expressed his desire for a feast celebrating his mercy. The Feast of Mercy was to be on the Sunday after Easter and was to include a public blessing and liturgical veneration of His image with the inscription “Jesus, I trust in You.”

This promise of mercy has been affirmed by the Church, which has made Divine Mercy Sunday an occasion for receiving a plenary indulgence, “the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven” (CCC, no. 1471). The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (Confession,

Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and complete detachment from sin, even venial sin). The faithful may either take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel or recite the Our Father and Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus.

There are many aspects of the Divine Mercy devotion, including the Chaplet, the Divine Mercy image, and the “hour of great mercy” (3:00 p.m.). The popularity of these devotions, focused on the Lord’s infinite mercy, has grown rapidly in recent decades. Regarding the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus said to her, “At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person “ (Divine Mercy in My Soul, no. 811).

Join us for Bible Study

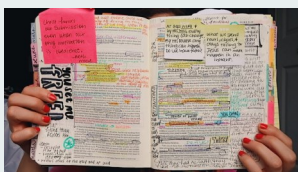
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
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Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441

7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
Passcode: 6FuFf7

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40 Days of Lent/50 Days of Easter The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus’ time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: “If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith.” (1 Cor 15:14)



What is Confirmation? In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit” and strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. The prophets of the Old Testament foretold God’s Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission. Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus on the occasion of his baptism by John. Jesus’ entire mission occurred in communion with the Spirit. Before he died, Jesus promised the Spirit would be given to the Apostles and to the entire Church. After his death, he was raised by the Father in the power of the Spirit. Confirmation deepens our baptismal life



and calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service. The Holy Spirit bestows seven gifts—**wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord**—to assist us in our mission and witness.

**Join us for Coffee and
Divine Mercy 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



A Paschal candle is a large, white candle used in liturgies in Western Christianity A new Paschal candle is blessed and lit every year at Easter, and is used throughout the Paschal season which is during Easter and then throughout the year on special occasions, such as baptisms and funerals. For churches which celebrate the Easter Vigil on the night of Holy Saturday, the ceremonial lighting of the Paschal candle is one of the most solemn moments of the service. At the opening of the Easter Vigil a "new fire" is lit and blessed. The minister traces the symbols on the Paschal candle, saying words similar to: "Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega. To Him belongs all time and all the ages; all glory and dominion is his now and forever. Amen." They then insert five "pins" (reminiscent of the nails used to fasten Christ on the Cross) on the five points of the cross, saying: "By His holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us." The Paschal candle is the first candle to be lit with a flame from this sacred fire, representing the light of Christ

coming into the world. This represents the risen Christ, as a symbol of light (life) dispelling darkness (death). As it is lit, the minister may say words similar to: "The light of Christ, rising in Glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." The worshipping assembly then processes into the church led by the Paschal candle. The candle is raised three times during the procession, accompanied by the chant "The light of Christ" to which the assembly responds "Thanks be to God".

Required Information for Mass Intentions:



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? Is the intention for a special occasion, such as a birthday, or an anniversary Are the prayers for the healing of a specific disease or condition?

THANK YOU! From the KOPC Ladies Auxiliary

On behalf of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, the Junior Daughters of Court #162 and our Confirmation class, we want to Thank all the parishioners who donated items towards the Easter baskets. With your generous donations we were able to assemble 85 baskets which were all given out on Easter Sunday to all the children who attended Mass & our Annual Easter egg hunt. –KOPC Ladies Auxillary



LITURGY SCHEDULE

**APRIL 17, 2023
MONDAY OF THE 2ND
WEEK OF EASTER
TO APRIL 23, 2023
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Monday, April 17, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

8:00 am

Communion Service

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

8:00 am Mass

**Live-Streamed
and In-Person**

Thursday, April 20, 2023

8:00 am Mass

**Live-Streamed and In-
Person**

Friday, April 21, 2023

8:00 am Mass

**Live-Streamed and In-
Person**

Saturday, April 22, 2023

3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 23, 2023

10:00 am Mass

**Coffee & Donuts
following Mass in the Hall**

**Other Sacraments
(as Scheduled)**

Mass Intentions

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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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Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, April 15, 2023

**Chuma Anuluoha
Birthday and Healing**

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Harry Armstrong RIP

Did you know? April 15-16

“United Together in Prayer”

This year marks the 21st Anniversary of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. We, as the People of God, continue our commitment to Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal, we ask you to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.



“A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse”

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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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 10 am 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

Save the Date
St. Bernadette's
KPE Ladies Auxiliary Court #162
Women's Day Luncheon
On Sunday ~ May 21, 2023
In the Parish Hall.

After Mass we invite All to join us for a Delicious Lunch
Raffle Prizes & a Coffee Social hour

Our Dynamic Guest Speaker *Live Entertainment*
Jacquelyn Dupont Walker and Kenna Ramsey
Nominations & Community Developer Broadway Singer, Actor

\$50 Per Person / \$500 for a Table of 10
Tickets & Tables will be available for purchase
After the 10 AM Mass
on Sunday April 16th 2023