

REFLECTION: 1ST READING

Does this reading sound like it is describing a dream world? Can we even imagine a world in which everyone shared what they had and no one was in need? The first Christian communities as described in the first reading today, did indeed live in harmony and hold all of their property and possessions in common. They believed that the end of the world was coming soon. And they wanted to be ready for Jesus' second coming. We do not know exactly when Jesus will come again. But we do know that he wants to find us providing for others' needs and living together in harmony.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

Choose one statement from this reading that you think shows the greatest contrast with today's world. Why do you think it is so difficult even for Christians to "be of one heart and one mind"? Why is it sometimes hard for us to share what we have with those who have less? Who are some of the people or groups you know of who do share generously so that others are not in need?

Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy image, the Chaplet, and the Novena

Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th 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 the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. Bl. John Paul explains:

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and

Pray for our parishioners:

Winston Burns, Jacquelyn Cathcart, Lillie Celestine, Eldora Dixon, Theresa Ezeokoye, Frances Johnson, Michele Johnson, daughter of Michael & Dorothy Johnson, Arlene Miller, Rita Palacio, Michael & Mark Smith, sons of Mary Hudson, James Spann, Barbara St. Julien, Travis Lewis Sr.

THIS WEEK AT ST. EUGENE

Today: Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)
10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

Fri: No Mass

Sat: No Mass

Sun: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)
10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

All Masses are in the Parking Lot

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Easter Sunday Collection - \$3545.40

Holy Thursday: \$266.00

Good Friday: \$445.00

Easter Vigil: \$652.00

For online offering: please visit parish website:
stegeneparish.org

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for

April

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

Read more: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/notes-and-quotes-for-reflection-on-divine-mercy.cfm>

UKA NKE ABUO N'OGHE NCHETA MBILITE N'ONWU KRISTI, AFO NKE ABUO SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

EKPERE MMEGHE:

Chineke Onye ebere di ebighi ebi, I ji emume ncheta onwu na mbilite n'onwu nke Nwa Gi, na-amunyere ndi nke Gi di nso oku nke Okwukwe. Biko, mubaa amara nke I nyere anyi. Mee ka anyi nile ghotu nke oma ihe bu na a sachapuru anyi njo, biakwa mugharịa anyi ozo na mmuo; meekwa ka anyi ghotu udi obara e jiri gbaputa anyi. Site n'Onyenweanyi, Jesu Kristi.



IHE OGUGU NKE MBU:

Oru Ndi Ozi 4:32-35

Ihe ogugu e wtara n'Oru Ndi Ozi

N'oge ahu, oha ndi kwere na Kristi ji otu obi na otu uche n'ibi obi inweko ihe ha. O dighi onye o bula n'ime ha na-asi na ihe o bula ya nwere bu nke nani ya. Kama ha nwekorọ ihe nile onu. Ndi ozi jikwa ike ha nile, na-agba akaebe banyere mailite n'onwu nke Onyenweanyi Jesu. Amara nke Chineke putakwara ihe n'ahu ha nile n'uba, n'uzo puru iche. O dighi onye o bula n'etiti ha, onye umunna n'ime Kristi hapuru ka o nodu n'uko. Ndi nwere ala ubi, ma o bu ulo rere ha, weta ego nile ha retara, togbo ha n'ukwu ndi ozi. Ha na-ekesakwa ego ahu nile, nye onye o bula n'otu n'otu, dika mkpa ya si di.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa Ekene diri Chukwu

ABUOMA NA AZIZA YA: Ps.117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. *Az.1*

Aziza: *Nyenu Onyenweanyi ekele n'ihina O di mma. N'ihina ihunanya Ya enweghi ngwucha.*

1. Ka umu Izrel kwuo si: "Ihunanya Ya enweghi ngwucha." Ka umu Eron kwuo si: "Ihunanya Ya enweghi ngwucha". Ka ndi nile na-aturu Onyenweanyi egwu kwuo si: "Ihunanya Ya enweghi ngwucha". *Aziza.*
2. A kpagidesiri m ike ka m daa, ma Onyenweanyi nyeere m aka gbaputa m. Onyenwenyi bu ike m na ukwe m, O bu Onye nzoputa m. Uda mkpu onu na mmeri di n'ebe obibi nke ndi ezi omume. *Aziza.*
3. Nkume nke ndi na-ewu ulo juru aju aghoola ide ji ulo. Ihe a bu oru ebube nke Onyenweanyi,

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY Cycle: 2 YEAR: B. SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

OPENING PRAYER:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.....AMEN.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

THE community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

The word of the Lord. —R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps.118:2-4,13-15,22-24

R/. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting. or: R. Alleluia.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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. —R.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John:

BELOVED: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the

ma o bukwa ihe itunanya n’ebe anyi no. Taa bu ubochi nke Onyenweanyi mere. Ka anyi nurianu onu biakwa nwee obi anuri. *Aziza.*

IHE OGUGU NKE ABUO: 1 Jon 5:1-6

The ogugu e wetara n’Akukwo Mbu nke Jon di aso dere

Onye o bula kwere na Jesu bu Kristi ahu, bu onye a muru ozo site na Chineke. Onye o bula huru Nna n’anya, hukwara nwa ahu nna muru n’anya. Otu a ka anyi si ama na anyi na-ahu umu Chineke n’anya. Otu a ka anyi si ama na anyi na-ahu umu Chineke n’anya: Anyi na-amata site n’ihu Chineke n’anya na site n’idebe Iwu Ya. N’ihi na ihu Chineke n’anya bu idebezu Iwu Ya. Iwu Ya adighikwa aro karia ka mmadu ga-ebuli. N’ihi na onye o bula a muru site na Chineke na-emei uwa. Ma ike ahu anyi ji emeri uwa bu okwukwe anyi. Ma, onye bu onye na-emei uwa? Nani onye kwere na Jesu bu Nwa Chineke. Jesu Kristi bu onye ahu biaranu. O jiri mmiri nke mmirichukwu na obara nke onwu Ya bia. O jighi nani mmiri nke mmirichukwu bia, kama O jiri mmiri na obara bia. Mmuo Nso n’onwe Ya na-agba akebe na nke a bu ezi okwu, n’ihi na Mmuo Nso ahu bu Onye ezi okwu.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa Ekene diri Chukwu

ALELUYA:

Aleluya, aleluya! Jesu kwuru si: “Ikwere n’ihi na ihula M.Ngozi diri ndi na-ahughi n’anya ma kwere”. *Aleluya.*

OZIOMA: Jon 20:19-31

The ogugu nke a si n’Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere Na mgbede nke ubochii Uka ahu, bu ubochi mbu n’izu, ndi Umuazu Jesu zukoro, kpochie uzo n’ihi egwu ndi Juu. Mgbe ahu, Jesu biara, guzo n’etiti ha, si ha: “Udo diri unu!” Mgbe O kwusiri nke a, O gosiri ha aka Ya abuo na akuku Ya. Ya mere, ndi Umuazu Ya nurlrl onu mgbe ha huru Onyenweanyi. Jesu wee si ha ozo: “Udo diri unu! Dika Nna M zitere M, otu a kwa ka M si eziga unu”. Mgbe O kwusiri nke a, O kusara ha ume, si ha: “Naranu Mmuo Nso. Ndi nile unu gbaghara mmehie ha, a gbagharala ha. Ndi nile unu juru igbaghara mmehieha, a gaghie agbaghara ha.” Otu onye n’ime ndi ozi iri na abuo ahu, Tomos, nke a na-akpo Ejima, esoghi ha noro mgbe Jesu biara. Ya mere, ndi ozi ibe ya ndi ozo, wee si ya: ‘Anyi ahula Onyenweanyi!’ Tomos wee si ha: “O bu nani mgbe m jiri anya m hu ebe ntu kpopuru ya aka. O bu nani mgbe m tinyere aka m n’apa ntu ndi a, o bukwa nani mgbe m tinyere

Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

The word of the Lord. —R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: John 20:29 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.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

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, 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 nail marks 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

aka m n’akuku ya ebe a mara ya ube, ka m ga-ekwere na O sitela n’onwu bilie.”

Mgbe ubochi asato gasiri, ndi Umuazu Ya zukokwara ozo n’ime otu ulo. Tomos nokwa n’etiti ha. A kpochiri uzo akpochi. Ma Jesu batara, guzo n’etiti ha, si ha: “Udo diri unu!” O wee si Tomos, “Weta mkpisi aka gi tinye n’ebe a. Lelee aka M abuo. Setipukwa aka gi, tinye ya n’akuku M. A bula onye na-esi agugo. Kama buru onye kwere ekwe”. Tomos wee tie, si Ya: “Onyenwe m na Chineke m!” Jesu wee si ya: “I kweere ugbu a n’ihi na I ji anya gi hu. Ma ngozi diiri ndi na-ahughi m ma kwere.” Otu tu oru ebube ndi ozo ka Jesu ruru n’ihu ndi Umuazu Ya, ndi a na-edeghi n’ akukwo nke a. Ma e dere ndi a ka unu wee kwere na Jesu bu Kristi ahu, Nwa Chineke; ka unu wee site n’okwukwe unu nweta ndu n’aha Ya.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa Otito diri Gi, Kristi

EKPERE NHUNYE:

Onyenweanyi, anyi nile bu ndi nke Gi. Biko nara onyinye anyi (na nke ndi a mughariri ozo n’oge ugbu a). Mee ka anyi site n’ikuputa aha Gi, ya na omumu ohuru a muru anyi, nweta anuri nke ndu ebighi ebi. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.....AMEN.

EKPERE A NATACHAA ORIRI NSO:

Chineke ji ike nile, anyi anatala ihe ogbugba ndu nke onwu na mbalite n’onwu Kristi. Biko, anyi nario Gi, mee ka o nonyere anyi oge nile. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.....AMEN.

Safeguard The Children 4/11/21

DID YOU KNOW?

2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure
The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the 2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online at: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

Parish Community Night Prayer:

Join our parish Community night prayer at 9:00 pm (P.T.) every night.

To join: Dial: 339-207-6234

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,

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people and of those you have brought to new birth, that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.....AMEN.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.AMEN.

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 am Mass

1. Thanksgiving & petition for birthday intentions for Chiderah Nwafor- By Nwafor Family
2. For the Happy repose of Elizabeth Efobi, Sunday Efobi, Grace Obidike -By Chris Nwafor & Family.

12:00 noon Mass.

1. Thanksgiving and petition for God’s Blessings on their members on the feast of Divine Mercy – by Divine Mercy Prayer Group.
2. Petition for God’s blessings and Protection on our Parish Community — By Divine Mercy Prayer Group.
3. Thanksgiving & petition for blessings/protection -By Fidel/Ekene Onwubuya & Family.
4. For the happy repose of soul of Njoku Lazarus Iwuoma 1yr memorial. -By Martha Iwuoma &Children.
5. For the Happy repose of soul of Ngozi Obika – By Callista Ezeokoye.
6. For the Happy repose of soul of Agnes Offili – by Ndi Grandma at St. Eugene.
7. For the Happy repose of soul of Veronica Mere -By Okey Mere & Family.
8. For the repose of soul of Caroline Ezeoba– by Ndi Grandma at St. Eugene.
9. For the repose of Theresa Ogalue, 1st memorial – by Emma and Ngozi Ofiabulu and family.

Everyday, as long as this “today” lasts, keep encouraging one another.

— Heb. 3:13