

# Second Sunday of Easter

## Divine Mercy Sunday

*We are a rejoicing Church with renewed love in our hearts.*

*Let us spread the Good News that Jesus Christ has died and is risen.*

APRIL 24, 2022		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People of the Parish</li></ul>
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † Charlie Byrne by Barbara and Kelly Byrne</li><li>• † Jackie McKenna by Ron and Linda Gervais</li><li>• † Edith Gallemit by Edwin and Bernadette Facto</li><li>• Thanksgiving and Blessings for Edwin and Bernadette Facto on their Wedding Anniversary by Mon and Chola</li></ul>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † Earl Burnett by Ann and family</li><li>• † Mary Young Lai by her children</li><li>• † Fr. Gordon MacLean by Eileen and Bill Country</li><li>• The Intentions of the Holy Family by Douglas Wijesekera</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † Conrado Cosico by Mon and Chola</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † Parish All Souls Intention</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Intentions of Earl Devine by the family</li></ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † Parish All Souls Intention</li></ul>
MAY 1, 2022		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † George Dodge and † Lucy Kulik by Debbie and Pierre Lanouette</li><li>• † Maurice LaBelle by Scott and Christine Galachiuk</li></ul>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People of the Parish</li></ul>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• † Earl Burnett by Ann and family</li><li>• † Elsie Marshall by Debbie Wilson</li></ul>
<b>Reconciliation</b> (In the Sacristy) Saturday: 4 – 4:45 p.m. or by appointment		

*Happy Easter!*

### PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. –

*Psalms 118*

### READINGS

First Reading – *Acts 5.12 – 16*

Second Reading – *Revelation 1.9 – 11a, 12 – 13, 17 – 19*

Gospel – *John 20.19 – 31*

### THE DECEASED AND THOSE WHO MOURN THEM

Frank PATTERSON, who died on April 8.

Billy HART, who died on April 12.

Cindy STREEFKERK, who died on April 14.

Fr. Peter CODY, who died on April 18. He was ordained by Archbishop Plourde in 1974.

Raymond JORDAN, whose funeral was celebrated here on April 23.



## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**



Last Sunday we celebrated the Lord's resurrection; today we witness the resurrection of his disciple. It has already been a week, a week since the disciples had seen the Risen Lord, but in spite of this, they remained fearful, cringing behind "closed doors" (Jn 20:26), unable even to convince Thomas, the only one absent from the resurrection. What does Jesus do in the face of this timorous lack of belief? He returns and, standing in the same place, "in the midst" of the disciples, he repeats his greeting: "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19, 26). He starts all over. The resurrection of his disciple begins here, from this faithful and patient mercy, from the discovery that God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet...

The apostles had abandoned the Lord at his Passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him. In those wounds, he touches with his hands God's tender closeness. Thomas arrived late, but once he received mercy, he overtook the other disciples: he believed not only in the resurrection, but in the boundless love of God. And he makes the most simple and beautiful profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" (v. 28). Here is the resurrection of the disciple: it is accomplished when his frail and wounded humanity enters into that of Jesus. There, every doubt is resolved; there, God becomes my God; there, we begin to accept ourselves and to love life as it is...

Today the simple and disarming love of Jesus revives the heart of his disciple. Like the apostle Thomas, let us accept mercy, the salvation of the world. And let us show mercy to those who are most vulnerable; for only in this way will we build a new world.

- excerpted from Pope Francis' 2020 Divine Sunday Homily

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS – SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

- *Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Ottawa*, at **2:45 p.m.** For information, please call: 613-728-4935.
- *St. John the Apostle Parish*, at **2:30 p.m.** For information, see: [www.stjohntheapostleparish.com](http://www.stjohntheapostleparish.com).

## **HEART OF WORSHIP**

Join us on **Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.**, either in person or online, to hear Christy Dupuis share her thoughts on "*The Mercy of God*". Christy is a CCO missionary, co-founder of Arise Catholic Movement. Watch at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/HolyRedeemerParishKanata>



## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS**

Next Sunday, **May 1**, approximately 60 children will receive the Eucharist for the first time. Please pray for them and their families, as they take this important step on their faith journey.

## **CATHOLIC PRAYER AT YOUR FINGERTIPS**



Try *AMEN*, a new free *Catholic Prayer App* from The Augustine Institute which brings you the daily readings, prayers, meditations and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God. There is no need to be a FORMED subscriber to use this App. Download *Amen: Catholic Meditation* on your phone or tablet or go to <https://amenapp.org>. If you wish to have access to FORMED's vast library of Catholic resources, go to <https://formed.org> and *sign up as a parishioner*. Please contact Sandy Duff at [apduffngb@gmail.com](mailto:apduffngb@gmail.com) for more information or if you are having problems signing up.

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION TO SUPPORT UKRAINIANS**



We continue to collect items to assist Ukrainians. There is a need for men's lightweight running shoes, all sizes. As well as general toiletries, socks and underwear. There are donation bins located by both church entrances.

## **CWL LADIES PAINT NIGHT**

Unleash your inner artistic skills! Join the CWL for Paint Night on **Wednesday, May 4, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** \$40 enables you to create a masterpiece, have some fun, and support a worthy cause. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish office, and via e-transfer to [stpatrickcwl728@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickcwl728@gmail.com), with the e-transfer, place your name and paint in the message box and your tickets will be waiting for you at the door!



## **PROJECT RACHEL**

Are you suffering in silence and shame? Are you alone in the pain of an earlier abortion? Please know that there is healing available. Project Rachel at the Refuge offers retreats twice-yearly for post-abortive women. The next Project Rachel retreat is taking place on **April 29 – May 1**. For more information, please call 289-691-6840 or see [stmarysrefuge.org/rachel](http://stmarysrefuge.org/rachel).

## **MARYVALE GALA 2022 – PLANTED BY THE WATER**



Please join us for a fun evening on **April 30**, in person at the St. Elias Centre OR online (free). This is the major fundraiser for this private, Catholic elementary school. Ticket sales are at cost (\$65.00) and cover the cost of the dinner. Donation, in addition to the ticket price, are appreciated and you will receive a tax receipt. Donations of \$100 or more above the ticket price are entered into a draw to win one of two \$500 airline gift cards. Donate early for a chance to win and help Maryvale reach our \$35,000 goal before the gala. Learn more, register, and donate at [MaryvaleGala2022.ca](http://MaryvaleGala2022.ca).

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM BY COUPLES FOR CHRIST**

Couples for Christ Ottawa invites all parishioners, both single adults and those already married, to the "Christian Life Program," an eight-week retreat that will take place in the Monsignor Baxter Hall every **Friday night at 7:30pm from May 6 to June 24**. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our faith and to strengthen our relationship with God. Each session will include a teaching, group discussion and a time for fellowship. Please go to: <https://cutt.ly/clp> to register. For more information, call Ricardo Domino at 613-298-6025 or [cfcottawa@coupleforchrist.ca](mailto:cfcottawa@coupleforchrist.ca)



## **ROASTED CHICKEN TAKEOUT DINNER**

From Our Lady of the Visitation's kitchen enjoy a generous portion of roasted chicken and potato dinner with coleslaw, stir fry veggies and delicious homemade dessert. Prepaid orders (\$25) from 613-822-2007. Curb side pickup **4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 1**.

## **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL**

We pray for health-care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities. To watch the accompanying video, visit: <http://popesprayerusa.net/2022/04/06/health-care-workers-april-pope-video/>

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*“As for me, my Lord, I bless Divine Providence a thousand times  
for the maternal care she shows me in making me walk the way of tribulations and crosses.”*

*Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin (Canada 1809-1890)  
Religious and Foundress of the Sisters of Saint Anne*

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