

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>April 18th</u> Saturday	+Robert & Lenny Diaz
<u>April 19th</u> Sun	Special Intention
<u>April 20th</u> Monday	
<u>April 21st</u> Tuesday	Special Intention
<u>April 22nd</u> Wed.	Special Intention
<u>April 23rd</u> Thursday	Special Intention
<u>April 24th</u> Friday	Special Intention
<u>April 25th</u> Saturday	+Carolina & +Jose Ponce, +Ramiro Ponce
<u>April 26th</u> Sunday	+Joe Solis

The Resurrections transforming power is apparent in today's readings. In the Gospel, the frightened disciples are changed as Jesus enters the room in which they are hiding. With the greeting Shalom, Jesus offers them blessings on every dimension of their being.

This blessing, translated as "Peace be to you," communicates God's mercy. Jesus goes further by extending the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." The Spirit's power transforms their lives, enabling them to extend God's mercy and forgiveness to those who seek it.

The Risen Lord still bears the marks of his crucifixion. He is always the wounded Christ, as the Book of Revelation relates (5:6). The Apostle Thomas is not present on this occasion and refuses to believe the witness of the other disciples. A week later Thomas is present when the Risen Lord appears again. There, Thomas makes a confession of faith as he says, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus responds by blessing those who have not seen and yet believed. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles offers an insight into the life of that first Christian community transformed by the Risen Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. United in Spirit, they shared their possessions, and no one was in need. They present the ideal Christian community open to God's grace.

Peter, in the Second Reading, uses the form of a Jewish blessing to praise God. These words remind people today of the Risen Christ's new life received in Baptism. "Although you have not seen him you love him" are the most reassuring words addressed to us today.

What characteristics define that first Christian community?

The Second Sunday of Easter is also called the "Sunday of Divine Mercy." What insights do each of the readings reveal about God's mercy?

Have you, like Thomas, ever struggled to believe? How were your doubts resolved?



Jesus, I Trust in You!

Amount needed each week for expenses 5500.00

Easter Sunday 3818.00
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 Easter Flowers 431.00
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PRACTICE OF CHARITY

On the Second Sunday of Easter, during the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis said in his homily that the Gospels are filled with God’s mercy. He noted that “everything that Jesus said and did is an expression of the Father’s mercy.” He continued, “ the Gospel of mercy remains an open book in which the signs of Christ’s disciples-concrete acts of love and the best witness to mercy—continue to be written. We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel, heralds of the Good News to all men and women of today.” Reread today’s Gospel and savor the account of Jesus wishing peace to the frightened Apostles as he appears to them (through locked doors) and shows them his wounds, sign of his radical love. Prayerfully reflect on this statement from Pope Francis’ homily on the Sunday of Divine Mercy in 2016: “The path that the Risen Master shows us is a one way street, it goes in only one direction: this means that we must move beyond ourselves to witness to the healing power of love that has conquered us. Consider how you can become a living example of mercy.

St. Vincent’s Church

OFFICE HOURS 10-12 & 1-3p.m. CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

Church unlocked

The church will be opened for the public at the South Entrance, for personal prayer, from Tuesday to Friday 9-6

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 8 am to 11 am.

At the entrance of the church, you will find hand sanitizer, please use before entering and when leaving the church.

Kneelers are available for prayer

Prayer material is available at the entrance of the church. It is yours to keep.

Confessions: Offered only at the church at 4 p.m. through the screen. Hand sanitizer is also available to use entering and exiting the confessional.

Offerings: Your weekend contribution can be brought to the office and put in a special box at the entrance. You can pick up a bulletin also at the entrance of the office and church. You may also, mail, or sign up for Automatic bank draft. Please call Delma to pick up form.

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PARA QUE CREAMOS EN JESUS Y TENGAMOS VIDA EN EL

No hemos visto a Cristo Jesús y, sin embargo, lo amamos. Nos llenamos de alegría porque creemos en el, con la confianza de alcanzar la meta de nuestra fe, que es nuestra salvación.

Este domingo seguimos celebrando la Resurrección de nuestro Salvador, con el mismo gozo de hace ocho días. Todo esto fue porque la Misericordia del Señor es eternal.

Si, Jesús tuvo Misericordia de los apóstoles, porque aun cuando lo habían abandonado en el momento mas difícil, el se presento ante ellos al anochecer del mismo domingo en que resucito, en el sitio en el que estaban escondidos “por miedo a los judíos”. ¿Que hubiéramos hecho nosotros en lugar de Jesús?

El les mostro los signos de que había sido crucificado, y les dio el saludo de paz y el Espíritu Santo, junto con el poder de perdonar los pecados.

El domingo siguiente, Jesús dijo a Tomas: “Tu crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto.” Así que tenemos que alegrarnos, porque la mayoría de los creyentes no hemos visto a Jesús y, sin embargo, creemos en el, gracias al don de la fe.

Nuestra fe tenemos que traducirla en obras; no nos olvidemos de las obras de misericordia tanto corporales como espirituales, ya que todas son importantes para nuestro Dios.

Peace be with you!!!

John 20:19



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