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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

~ CELEBRATE THE JOY OF EASTER SEASON! ~
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Donation	\$7,763.00
Donation Online	\$1,372.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Children's Donation	\$0
Total Donation	\$9,140.00



The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Holy Land Collection \$5,447

Thank you for your generous gifts for your support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

Pope Francis established the Year of the Family to help strengthen faith and Live God's joy more fruitfully in family life.

**CELEBRATE WITH
YOUR FAMILY**



March 19, 2021 - June 26, 2022

THANK YOU!

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl offering to Mass or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

COLLECTED: \$623

Sunday Readings 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

Acts 4: 32-35, 44; 1 John 5: 1-6
John 20: 19-31



**The disciples rejoiced
when they saw the Lord.**

John 20: 20

The Tough Side of God's Mercy (the Reality of Sin) (linked to Divine Mercy Sunday)

Eight days ago we and all the rest of the 1.3 billion Catholics throughout the world gazed with wonder and gratitude on the Resurrection of our Lord.

Today, we turn our eyes back to the little group of Apostles who, eight days after Easter Sunday, were gathered once again in the upper room.

And Jesus appears to them, once again, in the glory of his resurrected body, effortlessly passing through their locked doors and their hidden fears.

- The first thing he does is go after the one lost sheep whose heart is astray: he lets doubting St Thomas touch his glorious wounds, mercifully removing all doubts that had separated him from the rest of the tiny church.
- And then he looks into the eyes of his Apostles, breathes on them, and gives them the power and task to forgive sins in his name.
- This was the start of the sacrament of confession, which ever since then has been bringing other stray sheep back into the Good Shepherd's merciful care.

Almost 20 centuries after that encounter between Christ and his Apostles, in the year 2000, Pope John Paul II established this first Sunday after Easter as a universal Feast of the Church in honor of that Divine Mercy.

In so doing, he was fulfilling a request our Lord himself made in his appearances to the Polish nun, St Faustina Kowalska.

Just the thought of Christ's mercy fills us with confidence and hope.

But it should also fill us with humility.

If Christ is so eager to spread the news about his boundless mercy, it's because we need that mercy.

It's because sin is a reality in our lives and in our world, and sin causes real damage that only Christ can repair.

This is the tough side of God's mercy - the reality of sin.

The ABC's of Divine Mercy

We all need to be reminded of these difficult truths, because life in this world can get distracting.

And the reminder he is giving us today will bear fruit in our lives if we follow the ABC's of the Divine Mercy.

A. Ask for mercy.

The best way to ask for his mercy for ourselves is through the sacrament of confession, entrusted to the Church on this very day 2000 years ago.

Here is what Jesus told St Faustina about confession:

- When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you.
- I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul.
- Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. (Diary, 1602)

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But we can also ask for mercy for others, especially by praying for those who don't trust or believe in Christ's mercy.

B. Be merciful.

- Jesus told St Faustina, "I demand from you deeds of mercy... You are to show deeds of mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere."
- This means doing good things for others not because they deserve it or to get a reward, but simply in order to follow in the footsteps of our merciful Lord.

But where can we find the strength to do that?

C. Completely trust in Jesus.

- Jesus himself will give us his grace, if we let him. He will make us into ambassadors of his mercy, just as he did with the first Apostles.
- Whenever we are afraid to Ask for mercy, when we feel too weak to Be merciful, we should simply pray the prayer that Jesus told St Faustina to write underneath the image of his Divine Mercy: "Jesus, I trust in you."

And let's start right now, during this Mass, when we receive the fountain of mercy himself in Holy Communion.

Nothing would please him more.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

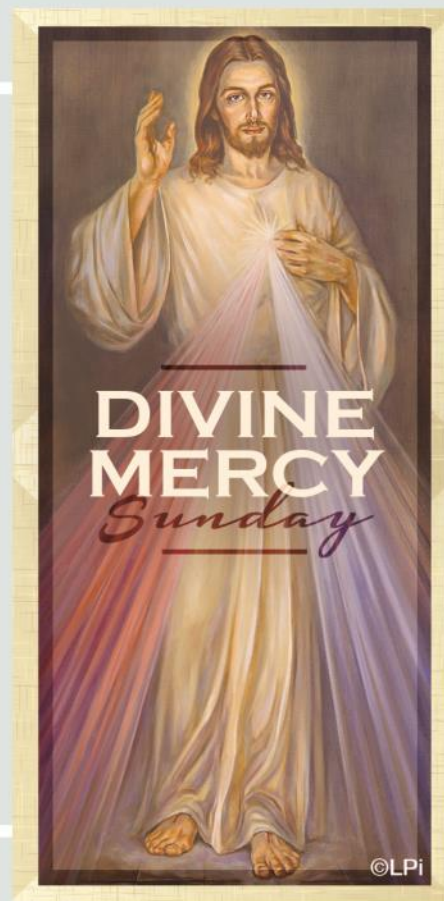
GOSPEL:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Thursday: Tax Day
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

SECOND READING

John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

GOSPEL READING

The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?

**How good &
how pleasant it is,
when brothers dwell
together as one!**

PSALM 133:1

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