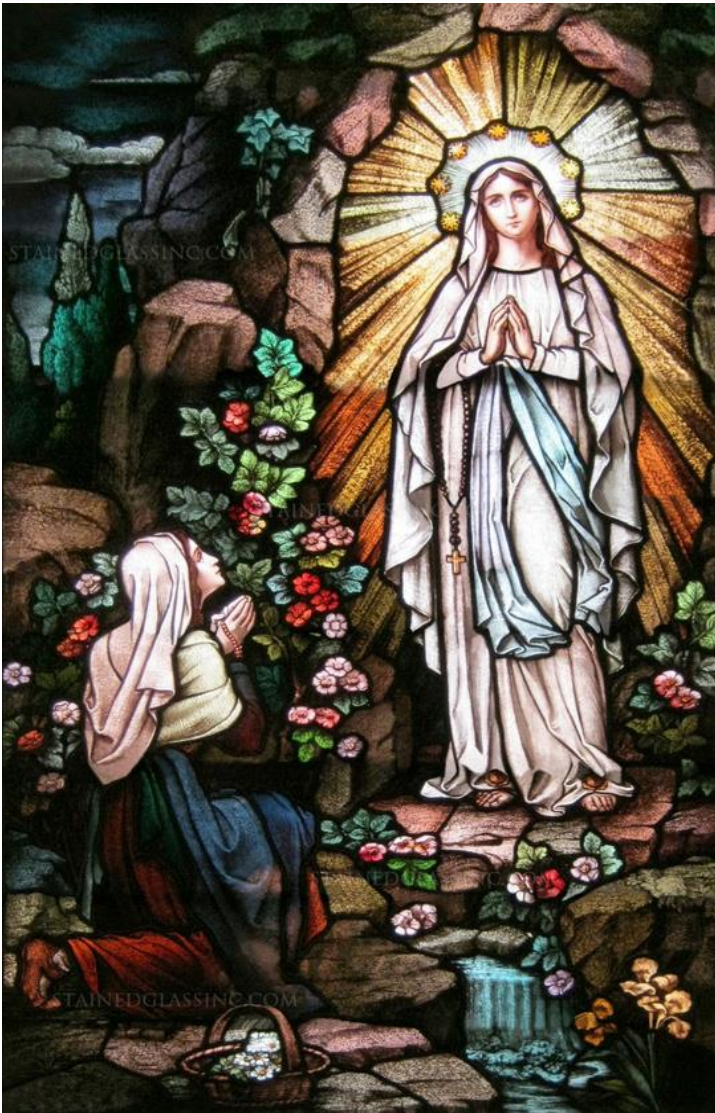


SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 24, 2022



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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)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

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

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm



**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**

Donation	\$6,055.00
Donation Online	\$1,880.00
Maintenance Fund	\$40.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
<b>Total Donation</b>	<b>\$7,975.00</b>

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**Pontifical Good Friday (Holy Land) Collection**

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**COMING SOON!**



**Annual Catholic Appeal**

**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.

**EPISCOPAL ORDINATION**  
of Bishop-elect  
Frank Schuster

May 3 | 2pm

St. James Cathedral



***HE IS RISEN!***

# Second Sunday of Easter

Homily by Father Peter Doan

Today is the second Sunday of Easter. The Church and her faithful continue to worship the risen Christ, who is now alive forever. Christ is now present in our midst, bringing healing and Peace. Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. So, we celebrate the mercy that God shows to the world by sending his Son to die for our salvation.

In today's first reading, we see the power of the risen Christ at work in the life and actions of His disciples. Through this power, many came to believe. Jesus manifested his living and glorious presence through his apostles. Hence in the second reading, He assures us: "I am the Living One. I was dead, and now I am to live forever and ever...."

In today's gospel, Jesus visited his fearful disciples. It is most likely that the disciples continued to meet in the upper room where the Last Supper had been held. But they met in something very like terror. They knew the intense bitterness of the Jews who had brought about the death of Jesus, and they were afraid that their turn would come next. So, they were meeting in terror, listening fearfully for every step on the stair and for every knock at the door. As they sat there, Jesus was suddenly in their midst. He gave them the normal everyday middle-eastern greeting: "Peace be with you". It means far more than: 'May you be saved from trouble'. It means: 'May God give you every good thing.' Then Jesus gave the disciples the commission which the Church must never forget. He said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." What does this mean?

1. It means that Jesus Christ needs the Church, which is exactly what St. Paul meant when he called the Church 'the body of Christ' (Ep 1:23). Jesus had come with a message for all people, and now he was going back to the Father. His message could never be taken to all men and women, unless the Church took it. The Church is to be a mouth to speak for Jesus, feet to run his errands, hands to do his work.
2. It means that the Church needs Jesus. People who are to be sent out need someone to send them; they need a message to take; they need a power and an authority to back the message; they need someone to whom they may turn when they are in doubt and in difficulty. Without Jesus, the Church has no message; without him it has no power; without him it has no one to turn when up against it; without him it has nothing to enlighten its mind, to strengthen its arm and to encourage its heart.

And it happened that, when Jesus was appearing to the disciples, Thomas was not there. He said that he would never believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he had seen the mark of the nails of Jesus' hands and put his finger into the nailmarks and put his hand into Jesus' side. A week later, Jesus came back again and this time Thomas was there. Jesus repeated Thomas' own words and invited him to make the test that he had demanded. And Thomas' heart ran out in love and devotion, and all he could say was: "My Lord and My God!"

Thomas made one mistake. He withdrew from the Christian fellowship. He sought loneliness rather than togetherness. And because he was not there with his fellow brothers, he missed the first coming of Jesus. We too miss a great deal when we separate ourselves from the Christian fellowship and try to be alone. Good things can happen to us within the gathering of Christ's body, namely the Church, which will not happen when we are alone. When sorrow comes and sadness envelops us, we often tend to shut ourselves up and refuse to meet people.

To sum up, doubt and fear limit the greatest effort and power in us. They make it difficult for us to believe the wonders that God has worked by resurrecting Christ. Therefore, we must expel the spirit of doubt and fear from our lives in order to experience the power of the resurrected Christ. Let us be Jesus' mouth, feet and hands to bring his good news to everyone we meet. Also, let us embrace the peace that Christ brings us this Easter through togetherness not loneliness, through seeking comfort in Christ's Church when in need rather than separating ourselves from the Christ's body, the faith community.





**The Easter Season is 50 days, from April 17 to June 5, Pentecost Sunday. This Easter Season, we invite you to be intentional about proclaiming and celebrating the Risen Christ throughout this joyous season.**



Easter proclaims the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection. Let's take this opportunity to remind our families of this most important moment in history, when Jesus conquered death for us.

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