

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 7th, 2024

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Cycle B- Year II

From
The
Pastor

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the eighth day of Easter; that is, the Sunday after Easter Sunday). Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. Christ's Divine Mercy is the love that He has for mankind, despite our sins that separate us from Him.

Quick Facts About Divine Mercy Sunday

Date: The Sunday after Easter Sunday

Type of Feast: Solemnity

Prayers: Divine Mercy Novena; Divine Mercy Chaplet

Other Names for the Feast: The Octave of Easter, Second Sunday of Easter, Low Sunday, Thomas Sunday, the Feast of Divine Mercy

The History of Divine Mercy Sunday

The Octave, or eighth day, of Easter has always been considered special by Christians. Christ, after His Resurrection, revealed Himself to His disciples, but Saint Thomas wasn't with them. He declared that he would never believe that Christ had risen from the dead until he could see Him in the flesh and probe Christ's wounds with his own hands. This earned him the name "Doubting Thomas."

A week after Christ rose from the dead, He appeared once again to His disciples, and this time Thomas was there. His doubt was vanquished, and he professed His belief in Christ. Nineteen centuries later, Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the Divine Mercy Novena, which He asked Sister Faustina to pray for nine days, beginning on Good Friday. That meant that the novena ended on the Saturday after Easter — the eve of the Octave of Easter. Thus, since novenas are commonly prayed in advance of a feast, the Feast of Divine Mercy — Divine Mercy Sunday — was born.

Indulgences for Divine Mercy Sunday

A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy if to all the faithful who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the

presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!')." A partial indulgence (the remission of some temporal punishment from sin) is granted to the faithful "who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation."

From Learn Religions

Here at Saint Michael...

Easter Flowers: Thank you very much to all who donated Easter Flowers, money and who gave their time. It was great to see all the participation! Our church looks beautiful!

Food Sale: The Charismatic Group will be selling Mexican food Sunday April 7th, after all the Masses, please come and support them. All the profits will be for the Charismatic Retreat in June and the Charismatic Congress in August.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Come and join us on Saturday April 13th at 12:00pm to our First Annual Devil Egg Competition. Enter your best recipe with great flavor and "beauty". We'll see you in Father Wright Hall. Come and have fun! Hosted by the Marthas & Marys

Attention High School Seniors & Their Parents: The Marthas & Marys are offering two scholarships of \$500 each for graduating High School Seniors who will be attending a college, a trade/tech school or apprenticeship. Applications can be picked up from the Marthas & Marys folder which is located on the wall outside of the church office. Please return the applications to the same folder by May 5, 2024.

The annual Knights of Columbus: Coats for Kids drive is back. Donations can be made at the back of the Church, in the office, or with any Knight. If donating by check, make payable to Knights of Columbus Council 10577. Each case we can purchase will be matched. Thank you for your continued generosity to this worthy cause.

Around the Diocese...

Project Rachel: During the month of April, we celebrate the Easter Season and Divine Mercy Sunday. God desires all those who have been impacted by abortion in any way to experience His eternal love, compassion, and everlasting mercy. Please find out more about us at <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/>. Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, non-judgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org to take advantage of valuable resources.



It is time to turn in your Lenten Rice Bowl almsgiving donation. The filled Rice Bowls can be dropped off at the parish office in person or cash or checks can be labeled "Rice Bowl" and placed in the Sunday collection basket.

TODAY'S READINGS

April 7th, 2024

**Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy**

READING:

Acts 4:32-35 The community was of one mind and heart, with no needy person among them because they shared all.

Psalms 118 Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love is everlasting.

1 John 5:1-6 Those who believe in Christ are begotten of God, keep His commandments, and conquer the world.

John 20:19-31 The risen Lord meets with the disciples shares the Holy Spirit. Thomas is absent and will not believe until he sees.

CATECHISM REFERENCE:

210-211, 478 God's Son has been lifted up and reveals that God's mercy endures forever. The heart of Christ: loving us to the end.

1461-14, 1468-1470 Sacramental reconciliation: restoring intimate friendship with God, a "spiritual resurrection". Christ entrusts the forgiveness of sins to His ministers.

644-646 the disciples' doubts. The condition of Christ's resurrected humanity.

728-730 In the hour of His glorification, Christ breathes forth the Holy Spirit to share His mission with His Church.

820-822 Maintaining the unity of the Church.

949-953, 2043 Church: a communion in spiritual and temporal goods. Precept to provide for needs of the Church.

1097-1098 In the liturgy, the faithful – drawn in the Spirit beyond differences of race and culture – encounter Christ.

1846-1848 God's mercy to sinners.

Pray for the Sick

Please Pray For:

Denise Johnson, Familia Martinez, Jack Selin, Dulce Llaguno, Luis Limón, Consuelo Lopez, Daneen Isenberg, Ron Miller, Gregory Jenness, Susana Valdez, Eduardo Aviles, Gus Ryan, Chris Ruffo Bak, Dennis Schuster, Terry Tully, Dennis Cunningham, Bill & Angela Dobson, Kathy Tejcek, Ma. Rosario de la Cruz, Godon Mayer, Joan Zeigler, Joseph Mancha, Jean Stewart, Susan Bailey, Sosamma Babu, Dave Keys, Carolyn Krug, Shakira Jones, Francisco Ibarra Aguilar, Manuel A. Hernandez, Mirna & José Pérez, Domingo De Guzmán, Darrell Brown, Sharon Garcia, Jean LeMoine, Consuelo Ramírez, Bruce & Georgia Hedrick, Fr. Tom Fransiscus, Fr. Jim Shae, Rusty Joyce, Gustavo Moya, Dorothy Dobson, Perl Dryer, Jesús Alejo, Gustavo Garcia, Mike North, Bryan Montenegro, Valery & Eva Franco, Juliette Sánchez, Florie Mina, Barbara Green.

This Week Readings

Monday, April 08

THE

ANNUNCIATION OF

THE LORD

Solemnity

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 09

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 11

Saint Stanislaus,

Bishop and Martyr

Memorial

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 13

Easter Weekday

Saint Martin I, Pope and

Martyr

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, April 14

THIRD SUNDAY OF

EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

Family Connection

Within normal family life, there are many opportunities for conflict. Jesus did not promise us the absence of conflict in our lives. Instead, he gave us the gifts of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation so that we could reduce conflict. The measure of Christian family life is not the absence of conflict, but the manner in which conflict is resolved. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to help us to bring peace and forgiveness to situations of conflict in our families.

As your family gathers, take this opportunity to examine how your family resolves conflict. Recall a recent argument or disagreement and discuss how the conflict was resolved. Consider whether the conflict was resolved peacefully, in the spirit of Jesus. If not, discuss alternatives that might be tried in the future. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps us to be people who forgive others and seek peace. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit or the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

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Collections for March 30/31, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	4,580.10
Building Fund	\$	1,306.01
Easter Flowers	\$	175.00
Easter Envelopes	\$	571.00
Religious Education/RCIA	\$	675.00
Sacraments (Bapt. 15th, Mass)	\$	150.00
Total	\$	7,457.11

MASS ATTENDANCE

March 30/31, 2024

7:00p.m. 435	8:00a.m. 82	9:30a.m. 217
11:00a.m 270	12:00p.m.	2:00p.m.

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April 13/14	Communion Minister	Dave Guidotti	Mark McDonnell	Veronica Tarquinio	Gloria Martinez	Araceli Cruz	María Varela
	Lector	Eileen Hammons	Katy Scull	Lou Donnelly Barbara Elder	Ernesto Gómez Felix Rangel	José Ibarra Susana Nava	Maria Ponce Rita Garcia
	Altar Servers	Jasmine Arevalo	Lili Navarrete			Valery Vivas Leo Rodriguez	Richelle Diaz José Ramírez Jr.

