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Satur-  
day.....4:00pm  
Sunday.....7:30am,  
9:00am  
10:45am, 12:30pm,  
5:30pm  
Monday-Friday .  
.....8:00am  
Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in  
the bulletin or website.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....3:00-  
3:45pm  
1st Fridays of the Month....8:30-  
9:00am  
Or by Appointment

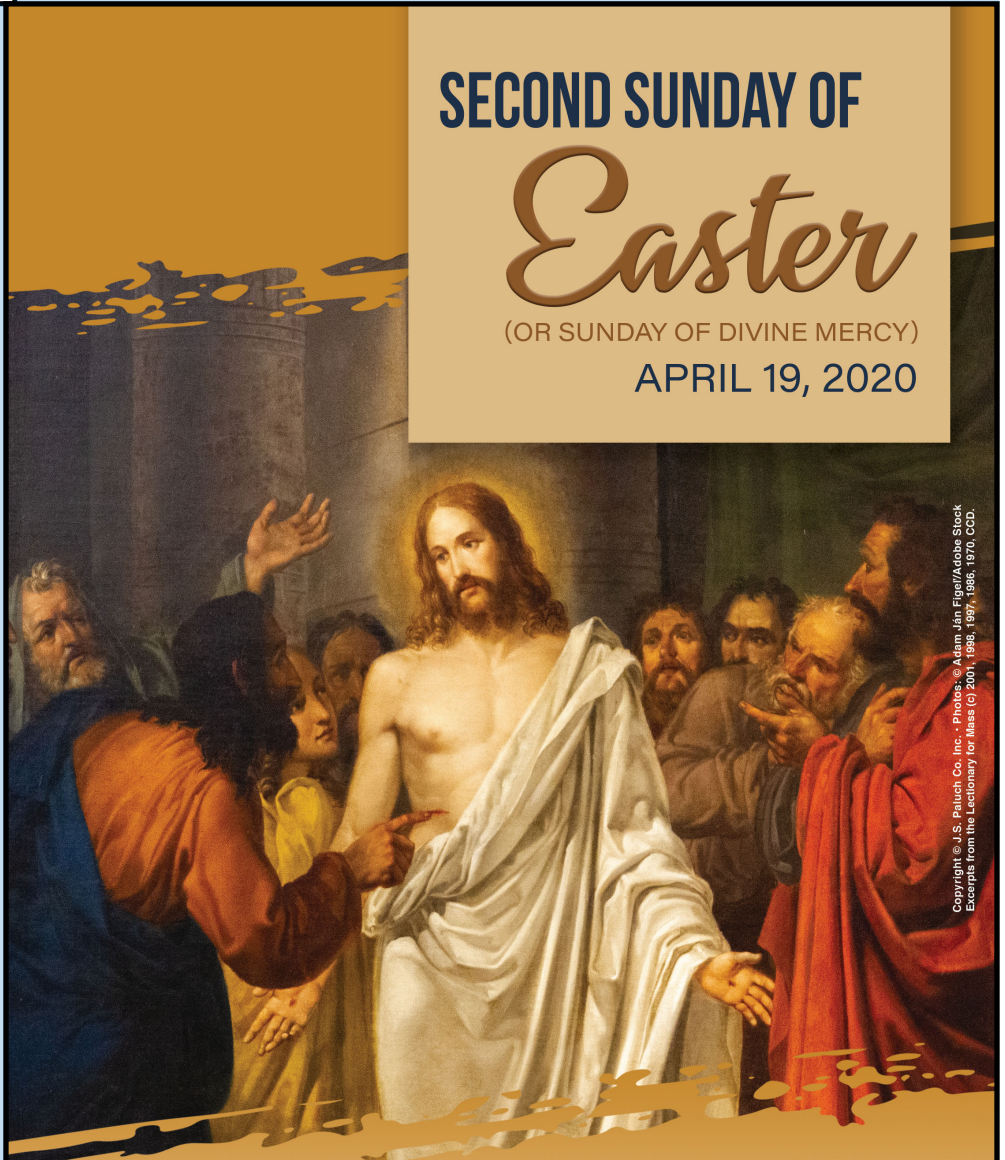
## PRAYER CHAPEL

## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

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Jesus said to Thomas,  
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29



From The Pastor's Desk...  
Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Dear Lord, have mercy on us! Today the church throughout the world celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday and we certainly need it now! Some friends of mine, Marlene & Lothar, who live in West Chicago, but grew up in Germany during World War II e-mailed me on Palm Sunday saying "We are practicing social distancing, a challenge, but for the better. Yes, we are living in trying times. Both Lou and I are children of WWII, even during that trying time we had our House of Worship to go to, we felt safe there, it was a comforting shelter. However, 75 – 80 years later Churches are closed because of this invisible enemy, Covid-19. But we must not lose our Faith, God is there, God listens, God gives us words." I would add that His mercy is always there too! So while we can't come to church to celebrate Divine Mercy this year, I invite you to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at home.

The Divine Mercy celebration developed with the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska. The venerated image under this Christological title refers to what Sr. Faustina's diary describes as "God's loving mercy" towards all people, especially for sinners. Sr. Faustina reported a number of apparitions during religious ecstasy which she wrote in her diary, later published as the book *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*. The two main themes of the devotion are to trust in Christ's endless goodness, and to show mercy to others acting as a conduit for God's love towards them.

Trusting in God's endless goodness and mercy can at times be a challenge. Many of us grew up in a time where we believed that we had to earn God's mercy and never deserved God's mercy. We are right in knowing that we do not deserve God's mercy, but we are wrong in thinking that we can earn it. God's mercy is freely given. God's mercy removes the punishment we deserve for sin. All we have to do is ask for it, and trust that God IS mercy. Receiving his Divine Mercy calls us to extend mercy to others.

For me, the words of Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the United Nations (1953 through 1961), written in his diary *Markings* sums it all up: "Forgiveness is the answer to the child's dream of a miracle by which what is broken is made whole again, what is soiled is again made clean. The dream explains why we need to be forgiven, and why we must forgive. In the presence of God, nothing stands between Him and us – we **are** forgiven. But we **cannot** feel His presence if anything is allowed to stand between ourselves and others."

Let us bless God for His Divine Mercy!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 20 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Cherian & Kitheria Kunjukunja, by Family

### Tuesday, April 21 - St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM † Julie Watson, by Mary Houdek

### Wednesday, April 22 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Mass † Kunjannamma Johnson, by Family

### Thursday, April 23 - St George, Martyr & St Adalbert, Bishop

8:00 AM † Beatrice Koil, by Family

### Friday, - April 24 - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

8:00 AM † Thelma Bregenser, by Kathy Fullen

### Saturday, April 25 - St Mark, Evangelist

4:00 PM **Vigil** - Third Sunday of Easter  
 † Jack Kasper, by Jodi Brisson  
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy

### Sunday, April 26 - Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Patrice Klasinski  
 9:00 AM † Wayne Leckey, by The Children  
 10:45 AM Int Jim & Jenette Lambert, by Willie & Jana Sullivan  
 12:30 PM † Marlene Sands, by Robert & Dawn Pellegrini  
 5:30 PM † Joe Hartnett, by Peggy Hartnett

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Megan Gabaldon        | 9. The Feldman Family         |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. George & Joyce Lange      |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H.    |
| 4. Dave Dougherty        | 12. Medical Personnel         |
| 5. Essential Employees   | 13. Joanna Tayaban's Recovery |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Good Health for Ricky     |
| 7. The Nations Leaders   | 15. The Pluskota Family       |
| 8. The Deceased          | 16. The Homeless              |

*If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.*

## We remember in prayer those in service to our country

TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF  
 Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy  
 Nicholas Laurie, US Marines  
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC  
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army  
 Roberto Ramos, US Army  
 Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy  
 Capt. Keith Harris, USAF  
 SSG Gina Maro, USAF  
 Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF  
 Aaron Godinez, US Marines  
 SPC Mason Webber, US Army  
 LC/Cprl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines  
 Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army  
 Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine  
 Ensign Marion Eunece Bautista, US Navy  
 SSG Karla Venegas, US Army  
 SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army  
 Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army

## We pray for our sick, confined and their families

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

Mark Hoeksema  
 Wayne Draper  
 Ailani Banulos  
 Julia Schremp  
 Billy Walowski  
 Kathy Walowski  
 Flo Paprzycki  
 Helga Manglinong  
 Michael Dandan  
 Charlene Oates  
 Maria Luna  
 William Nimmow

Jill Brisceno  
 Lexi Brisceno  
 Michael Butler  
 Hailey Hartnett  
 Thomas F. Sterling  
 Henrietta Pineda  
 La Moua  
 Valerie Plesha  
 Hedy Sterling  
 Diane Pazos  
 Diane Ramonas  
 Diane Singer  
 Joyce Craig

John Swanston  
 Robert Ciulla  
 Bridget Garry  
 David Bakke

*Please note: Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.*



DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR.....  
¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

¡Querido Señor, ten piedad de nosotros! ¡Hoy la iglesia en todo el mundo celebra el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia y ciertamente lo necesitamos ahora! Algunos amigos míos, Marlene y Lothar, que viven en West Chicago, pero crecieron en Alemania durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, me enviaron un correo electrónico el Domingo de Ramos diciendo: *“Estamos practicando el distanciamiento social, un desafío, pero para mejor. Sí, estamos viviendo en tiempos difíciles. Tanto Lou como yo somos hijos de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, incluso durante ese tiempo difícil tuvimos nuestra Casa de Adoración para ir, nos sentíamos seguros allí, era un refugio reconfortante. Sin embargo, 75 - 80 años después, las Iglesias están cerradas debido a este enemigo invisible, Covid-19. Pero no debemos perder nuestra Fe, Dios está allí, Dios escucha, Dios nos da palabras”*. ¡Yo agregaría que Su misericordia siempre está ahí también! Entonces, aunque no podemos ir a la iglesia para celebrar la Divina Misericordia este año, los invito a rezar la Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia en casa.

La celebración de la Divina Misericordia se desarrolló con las apariciones de Jesús a Santa Faustina Kowalska. La imagen venerada bajo este título Cristológico se refiere a lo que el diario de Sor Faustina describe como "El amor misericordioso de Dios" hacia todas las personas, especialmente para los pecadores. Sor Faustina informó sobre una serie de apariciones durante el éxtasis religioso que escribió en su diario, más tarde publicado como el libro *“Diario: La Divina Misericordia en Mi Alma”*. Los dos temas principales de la devoción son confiar en la infinita bondad de Cristo y mostrar misericordia a los demás actuando como un conducto para el amor de Dios hacia ellos.

Confiar en la infinita bondad y misericordia de Dios a veces puede ser un desafío. Muchos de nosotros crecimos en una época en la que creíamos que teníamos que ganar la misericordia de Dios y nunca merecíamos la misericordia de Dios. Tenemos razón al saber que no merecemos la misericordia de Dios, pero estamos equivocados al pensar que podemos ganarla. La misericordia de Dios se da gratuitamente. La misericordia de Dios elimina el castigo que merecemos por el pecado. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es pedirlo y confiar en que Dios ES misericordia. Recibir su Divina Misericordia nos llama a extender la misericordia a los demás.

Para mí, las palabras de Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretario General de las Naciones Unidas (1953 a 1961), escritas en su diario *Markings* lo resume todo: *“El perdón es la respuesta al sueño del niño de un milagro por el cual lo que se rompe se hace nuevamente, lo que está sucio se limpia nuevamente. El sueño explica por qué necesitamos ser perdonados y por qué debemos perdonar. En la presencia de Dios, nada se interpone entre Él y nosotros: somos perdonados. Pero no podemos sentir Su presencia si se permite que algo se interponga entre nosotros y los demás”*.

¡Bendigamos a Dios por Su Divina Misericordia!

*Padre Lou*

## ¡BÁJENSE DE LAS NUBES!

Los que nos felicitamos por ser “realistas” en este mundo podemos escuchar la primera lectura de hoy y decir, “¡bájense de las nubes!” cuando oímos el relato de Lucas sobre los primeros días ideales del movimiento cristiano. Todo parece color de rosa, se obran muchos prodigios, todos comparten sin egoísmo, comen juntos “con alegría” y el Señor aumentaba el número de creyentes. ¿Cómo no sentirse atraído a un grupo semejante? Desde el viento que llenó el cuarto en la planta alta durante Pentecostés así como el Espíritu de Dios sobre las aguas en Génesis, y el fuego que apareció sobre cada discípulo, como la luz que apareció en el albor de la Creación, la intensión de Lucas en Hechos es mostrar una nueva creación, una restauración de la bondad original de la Creación por la obra del Espíritu Santo. Es el Espíritu quien continúa formándonos en el Cuerpo de Cristo. En ciertas ocasiones, así como Tomás en el Evangelio, decimos ¡bájense de las nubes!” pero la última realidad es que el Espíritu obra continuamente para hacer que nuestra comunidad cristiana sea una nueva creación, una en que los demás encontrarán el gozo y la belleza de Dios.

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 4:23-31; Sal 2:1-9;  
Jn 3:1-8  
Martes: Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
Miércoles: Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
Jueves: Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
Viernes: Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
Sábado: 1 Pe 5:5b-14; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mc 16:15-20  
Domingo: Hch 2:14, 22-33; Sal 16 (15):1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pe 1:17-21; Lc 24:13-35

**GET REAL!**

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

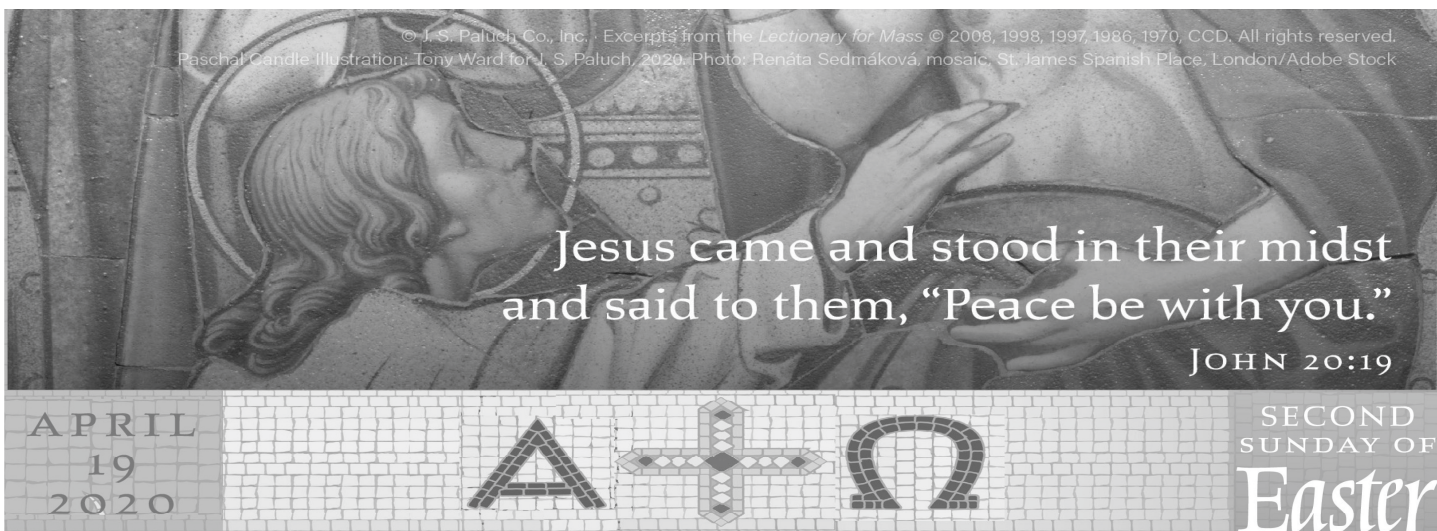
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
 Mk 16:15-20  
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**FIRE**

*Be who God meant you to be and  
 you will set the world on fire.*

—St. Catherine of Siena



Most of us have had the misfortune of missing something important simply by being absent, and then hearing about what happened. In today’s reading, unique to John’s Gospel, Thomas is the only apostle who was not around when Jesus appeared to his friends for the first time after his death and resurrection. They were frightened and grieving, not knowing what would happen to them. Remember, they found themselves to be fugitives, seemingly guilty by association with a criminal executed by government officials. Suddenly, Jesus was with them, beaming peace and mercy to his fragile followers. What joy! What a shock, too!

We will never know why Thomas had left their hiding place. All we know is that he returned to wild stories about Jesus being alive after dying a brutal death. He must have thought that the other apostles in their grief had a shared delusion of what they wished were true. When Thomas finally saw Jesus, he gave what is considered the most profound profession of faith: “My Lord and my God!” In his tender mercy, Jesus ministered to Thomas by helping him to see for himself.

**WE WALK BY FAITH**

But what of us? The early Christian community could only trust the words of these same apostles, the ones Thomas couldn’t believe, when they preached Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Who could believe what they said? The Holy Spirit, breathed upon the disciples in that first encounter, emanated so powerfully from them that they were able to convene seemingly utopian communities of faith. Filled with “divine mercy,” their lives became an evangelization to the world.

And this is how we too are sent out, like the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit and bearing the Lord’s peace and mercy to a troubled, suffering world. The wounds of Jesus are very real today in the needy and broken. May we always work to bind up those wounds wherever we find them.

Today’s Readings: Acts 2:42–47; Ps 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24;  
 1 Pt 1:3–9; Jn 20:19–31



## Living as an Alleluia People



Although we've been in lock-down mode for more than a month, creating time and space to pray at home as a family can feel like a BIG challenge. The pandemic has thrown you into 24/7 parenting. Many of us have been hit with the financial burden of unemployment or a severe cut in pay, while others of us attempt our professional work at home *while* becoming proficient in e-learning/ teaching! Then, there's the scariest stressor of all: protecting our family from a deadly virus. Like Fr. Mark stated in a homily a few weeks ago, "there's no sugarcoating" this.

And yet, the Easter Season calls us to live as the risen Body of Christ. How is this possible during a pandemic? **Our faith brings me to suggest an Alleluia mindset.** What's this? *Alleluia means "praise God." An "Alleluia" is anything that brings joy, hope, or is a positive moment: a smile from a friend, a beautiful sunrise, an answered prayer, learning a new skill, reading a good story, a favorite food to eat, and so on.*

### Create a Family Alleluia Chain.

**Every day, ask the Risen Lord to reveal His Alleluia presence and action to your family.**

Each family member writes or draws his or her "Alleluia" on a piece of paper. Use tape or a stapler to link the paper strips together to form a chain. Hang the chain around the dinner table or some other place where everyone will see it each day. Consider keeping this new Easter tradition until the feast of Pentecost. Each day after everyone has added to the chain, ask family members to tell about their "Alleluia" for that day. End this ritual with the following prayer or one like it: *Christ is risen, He is risen indeed. Alleluia! We give you thanks, O God, for Jesus, who died and rose again to give each of us life with you forever. Thank you for every Alleluia moment you place in our lives. Amen.*



### A Time of Love and Mercy

Blessings to you on Divine Mercy Sunday! May you feel the love and mercy of God in a special way today and in the days ahead as we continue to live with the coronavirus pandemic.

Our parish has many people who would like to reach out to others in need as we continue to stay at home during this time. Please let us know if you could benefit from assistance or support in the following ways: help with groceries; would like a sunshine call for a caring voice to check in on you and if you would like, to pray with you; if you need resources or support as you are concerned about your mental or emotional health (with experiencing isolation, anxiety, stress, loneliness, fear, depression or feeling overwhelmed).

Please contact the parish by going on the OLM website at [olmercy.com](http://olmercy.com) and click on the box “**Let us help, post your need here**” or contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or [jolene@olmercy.com](mailto:jolene@olmercy.com). Let others be the presence of Jesus to you in your time of need and to help you cope with your concerns as they want to reach out in love and mercy.

### Ways to Reduce Stress

Earlier this month a bulletin article addressed coping with stress that we are experiencing today. The month of April is designated as *Stress Awareness Month*. This article will talk more in detail about the ways to decrease stress by Gregory L. Jantz, PhD with Ann McMurray in the book, *Six Steps to Reduce Stress*. Step 1 is to **Live Simply**. Look at the agendas, priorities and responsibilities in your life and determine which ones are truly necessary. Keep the necessary and let go of the other things in your life that are not. Jesus took time to withdraw to a quiet place and take time to pray. Take the lead from Martha in Scripture who stopped and listened to Jesus. How often do distractions and busyness of life keep you from stopping and listening to Jesus? Step 2 is to **Live Organized**. Ways to organize your life are to downsize your stuff; clear clutter; practice the one out, one in rule; plan ahead; and unplug from technology. Being well organized will reduce stress and encourage one to take times of rest and reflect on putting God’s priorities above your own. **Step 3 is to Live Healthy**. Making healthy lifestyle choices in the areas of exercise, nutrition and sleep are key. Treating your body as the temple of the Holy Spirit is a guide for a healthy life. The last three steps will be discussed in the next bulletin article.

*Lord, be with me during the times when I am not able to manage my reaction to stress. The anxiety and worry that overwhelms me may paralyze me. I turn to you and ask you to fill my mind, heart and soul with your peace and calm. I know that you love me unconditionally and it is your love that strengthens me and will help me deal with the stress that I am experiencing at this moment. Amen.*

### Mental and Emotional Health & Wellness Resources

Check out online Support Groups  
 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)  
 NAMI DuPage County [namidupage.org](http://namidupage.org)  
 NAMI Kane-South, Dekalb & Kendall Counties [namikdk.org](http://namikdk.org)

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)  
 Disaster Distress Helpline at 1- 800-985-5990

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
 1-800-273-8255

National Domestic Violence Hotline  
 1-800-799-7233





## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 19, 2020

Jesus said to Thomas,  
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

### BELIEVING IN THE RESURRECTION

The readings today describe how life was lived in communities formed not long after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Their focus is on communal life and the teachings of those who knew Jesus best, his apostles. The readings from First Peter and John both remind us that even among the apostles there is a tension between believing and seeing the reality of the resurrection. John tells of an apostle, Thomas, who refused to believe in the risen Christ until he had seen and touched his wounds. Jesus offers him the chance to do just that. Most of us are not in a position to demand such tangible proof from Jesus. But these stories are written so that we, who cannot see Jesus as his apostles did, can still come to believe and through that belief have life.

### SEEING IS BELIEVING

In today’s passage from Acts we read of an idealized version of what the first communities were like. People are devoted to the community, to teaching, breaking bread, and sacrifice. Many signs and wonders were done. First Peter offers a more realistic picture because time has passed and believers are still waiting. Faith is being tested by the passage of time and the suffering that is a part of life. In the Gospel, the disciples are consumed with recent events. That is all they can talk about. Poor Thomas misses the latest revelation, that is, the visit by the risen Jesus to the disciples in the locked room. He is angry and refuses to share in the excitement or even to believe it happened. So Jesus appears again, this time when Thomas is present. Jesus tells him to touch and feel the wounds so that Thomas can believe. Jesus then reminds Thomas and us that there is something more to believing than just the physical reality.

### OR IS IT?

Too often we are more like Thomas than we might like to think. We are disturbed when we can’t directly see or experience the results of our faith. We want some evidence for all the years of faith and struggle when there seems so little to show for our faith. The mistake that Thomas made and that we make is thinking that if we could just see some evidence that our faith makes a difference, then it would be easier to have faith. But it is not the evidence that makes faith possible. Thomas does not gain his faith because he puts his hands in Jesus’ wounds. Thomas gains faith because Jesus comes back. Jesus comes back again and again and again. Jesus returns every time we ask for his presence in our life because Jesus never really leaves. Thomas had only to ask. We need only ask.

### TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 2:42–47

Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24

1 Peter 1:3–9

John 20:19–31





## PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 4/5/2020)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,238,280
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,280,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget:</b>	\$	<b>(41,720)</b>

4/5/2020 Sunday Collection:	\$	36,137
Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	\$	<b>4,137</b>

### Collections during the Lockdown Period(4 *Sundays*)

<u>3/15-4/5/2020 Sunday Collection:</u>	\$	<u>90,833</u>
Sunday Goal:	\$	128,000
<b>Amount Short of Goal:</b>	\$	<b>(37,167)</b>

**We have received 71% of our Budgeted Collection during this lockdown period.**

**We have had over 150 parishioners sign up for on-line giving during this time, an increase of over 70% since the Lockdown began.**

***OLM is blessed.  
Thank you for your generosity!!***

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center	
April, 2009	\$1,950,000
February, 2020	\$ 852,642
March, 2020	\$ 843,642



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## Divine Mercy Prayer

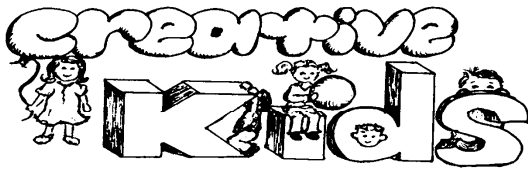
You expired, O Jesus,  
but the source of life  
gushed forth for souls  
and an ocean of mercy  
opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life,  
unfathomable Divine Mercy,  
envelop the whole world  
and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water,  
which gushed forth from the  
Heart of Jesus  
as a fount of mercy for us,  
I trust in You.

Amen.

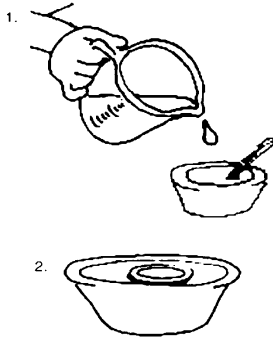
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"I Can't Believe It!"

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, mix ¼ cup water with 1 tablespoon of baking soda.
2. Place the bowl inside a larger bowl.
3. What do you think will happen if you add ¼ cup vinegar to the mixture. Why do you think that?
4. Add the vinegar.
  - \*What happened?
  - \*Were you right?
  - \* Why do you think it happened?



# GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Second Sunday of Easter

*Jesus appeared to His disciples and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

Directions: Put the following words in alphabetical order.

PEACE	DISCIPLES	FATHER
JESUS	HOLY	SPIRIT

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

1. DISCIPLES 2. FATHER  
3. HOLY 4. JESUS  
5. PEACE 6. SPIRIT

## God's Word for Children

Acts 2:42-47 tells us how the believers lived. They took care of each other. Decide which of the letters will complete this sentence about them. Write that letter in the blanks.

**h n r**

They sold what they had, then shared what was made.

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**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

After his resurrection Jesus appeared twice to his disciples in a locked room. Cross out the speech bubbles that do not tell what he said during these visits. You can read the story in your Bible at John 20:19-31.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

Do not be unbelieving, but believe.

You're on your own.

Try to find some peace.

Peace be with you.

See my hands.

It's o.k. if you don't believe.



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Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

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**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second Sundays of the month. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

**WEDDINGS:** The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome you! Please register by attending our "New Parishioner Registration/Welcoming" meeting the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. For more info call: 851-3444, ext. 221.

**HOSPITALITY:** "Hospitality" weekend is held in the Parish Life Center Multi Purpose Room after all Saturday/Sunday Masses on the last full weekend of each month (excluding December).

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