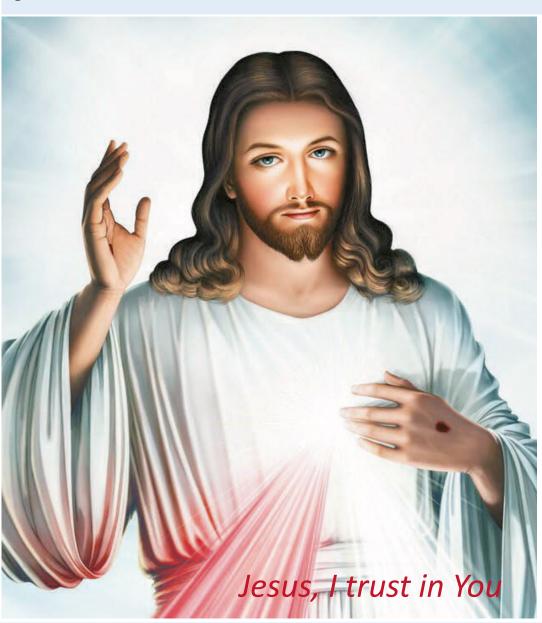




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April 7, 2024

#### Divine Mercy Sunday



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#### Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 PM

& 6:00 PM (Español)

#### **Sunday Masses**

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM

#### **Holy Day of Obligation**

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM

#### **Confessions**

Friday at 4:00 PM Saturday at 11:00AM

#### **Baptisms**

Saturday

at the end of 4 PM Mass

#### Sunday

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# SUNDAY CONNECTION

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

#### Weekday READINGS

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab-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: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

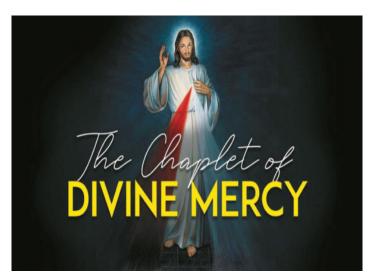
Sunday: Acts 3:13-19/Ps 4:2-9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

#### BIBLE



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.



## **DIVINE MERCY** Devotion

Sunday, April 7th,2024 at 3:00pm

**Holy Hour, Exposition, Benediction** 

The Second Sunday of Easter has been designated as Divine Mercy Sunday by decree of The Congregation of Divine Worship. The decree states that, "throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come." The devotion was begun by St. Faustina, who was canonized on April 30, 2000 by St. John Paul II.

#### **Mass Intentions**

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	y - April 6, 2024	E D 114	
8:00 am	Michael Lucas By Nina Mizzi	Fr. Padit	
4:00 pm	Leo Haskins	Fr. Padit	
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6,00 nm	Miriam Tamayo	Er Edgar	
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Sunday	·		
8:00 am	- April 7, 2024 Legion of Mary Members	Fr. Padit	
0.00 am	By Anonymous	ri. i adit	
9:30 am	Ron Tannariello	Fr. Briese	
	By Your Loving Mother		
11:15 am	Parishioners of OLOL	Fr. Briese	
	By Parish Clergy		
	<u>- April 8, 2024</u>		
8:00 am	Allen Sontag	Fr. Eddie	
5.20 nm	By Nina Mizzi	Fr. Padit	
5:30 pm	Paul Franke By Family	ri. rauit	
Tuesday	•		
	- April 9, 2024 Fabio Alejandro Alba	Fr. Padit	
0.00 am	By Maria E. Suarez	rr. raun	
5:30 pm	Hugo Lledo	Fr. Padit	
r	By Angela & Jessica Watkins		
Wednesday - April 10, 2024			
8:00 am	Joanne Marie Portera	Fr. Padit	
	By Donald & Dale DiPasquale		
5:30 pm		Fr. Padit	
	By Gia Le		
	<u>y - April 11, 2024</u>		
8:00 am	Vicenta Sandiego	Fr. Eddie	
<b>5.20</b>	By Emma Abucay	E. E	
5:30 pm	Peter Brennan By Paige Brennan	Fr. Edgar	
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8:00 am	April 12, 2024 Mike & Joy Mahovich	Fr. Eddie	
o.uu aiii	By Nancy Heise	ri. Eddie	
5:30 pm	Marian Minordi	Fr. Padit	
r	By Cecilia Carroll		
Saturday - April 13, 2024			
8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members	Fr. Padit	
	Of the Nguyen Family		
	By Christina Nguyen		
4:00 pm	Marta Giardina	Fr. Briese	
C.00	By Marta Giardina	E E1	
6:00 pm	Jose Luis Rodriguez  Ry Ginelandia Reynoso	Fr. Edgar	
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	<u>- April 14, 2024</u> Sebastian Earl	Fr. Briese	
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9:30 am	•	Fr. Eddie	
	By The Maisonave Family		
11:15 am	Parishioners of OLOL	Fr. Padit	
	By Parish Clergy		



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Monday through Saturday

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FRIDAY

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#### The Divine Mercy Legacy of Pope John Paul II

Of all the Catholic saints and theologians who have written about the merciful love of God, none has done so with more public and universal impact than Pope John Paul II. Listing all the things that John Paul II did confirms and strengthens the Divine Mercy message and devotion, and leaves one without any doubt that "the mystery of God's merciful love was at the center of the pontificate of my venerated predecessor" (Pope Benedict XVI, Regina Caeli address, April 23, 2006).

- · In 1981 Pope John Paul II wrote an entire encyclical dedicated to The Divine Mercy entitled Dives in Misericordia (Rich in Mercy), illustrating that the heart of the mission of Jesus Christ was to reveal the merciful love of the Father.
- · In 1993 he beatified Sister Faustina, stating in his homily: "Her mission continues and is yielding astonishing fruit. It is truly marvelous how her devotion to the merciful Jesus is spreading in our contemporary world, and gaining so many human hearts!"
- · In 1997 he visited Bl. Faustina's tomb in Lagiewniki, Poland, and proclaimed: "There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy.... From here went out the message of Mercy that Christ Himself chose to pass on to our generation through Bl. Faustina."
- · In 2000 he canonized Sr. Faustina making her the first canonized saint of the new millennium and established "Divine Mercy Sunday" as a special title for the Octave Sunday of Easter for the universal Church.
- · In his homily on Mercy Sunday in 2001, Pope John Paul II called the Mercy message given to St. Faustina "the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies.... Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium."
- · In Lagiewniki, Poland in 2002, at the new Shrine of the Divine Mercy, the Holy Father consecrated the whole world to The Divine Mercy, saying: "I do so with the burning desire that the message of God's merciful love, proclaimed here through St. Faustina, may be made known to all the peoples of the earth, and fill their hearts with hope."
- · Finally, as Pope Benedict XVI pointed out, "Providence decided that he should die right on the eve of that day [Mercy Sunday] in the arms of Divine Mercy." Indeed, just before his death, Pope John Paul II received the Holy Communion of the anticipated Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday.

Pope John Paul II was truly "The Great Mercy Pope," as the title of a recent book so eloquently phrases it (Rev. George Kosicki, CSB, John Paul II: The Great Mercy Pope, Marian Press, Stockbridge, MA, revised edition, 2006). He preached about God's mercy, wrote about it, and most of all lived it - offering forgiveness to the man who shot him in St. Peter's Square, and doing everything in his power to heal the wounds caused by the historic conflicts between Catholics and other Christian churches, and especially with the Jewish people.

What many people do not realize, however, is that Pope John Paul's interest in St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy stretches back to the days of his youth. In his "Foreword" to Fr. Kosicki's book, Fr. Ron Pytel - miraculously healed himself by the prayers of St. Faustina in a miracle investigated and substantiated by the Church - outlines the early history of Karol Wojtyla with the Divine Mercy devotion:

As a young college student in Krakow, he witnessed man's inhumanity to man during World War II in occupied Poland. He saw many people rounded up and sent to concentration camps and slave labor. In his hometown of Wadowice, he had many friends of the Jewish faith who would perish in the Holocaust. Death and danger surrounded the young Wojtyla. He experienced the need for God's mercy and humanity's need to be merciful to one another. It was during this horrible period in human history that the young Karol Wojtyla decided to enter Cardinal Sapieha's clandestine seminary in Krakow. This decision further jeopardized his life, for he could be executed [by the Nazis] if caught. It was also during this time that another seminarian, Andrew Deskur, now a retired Cardinal at the Vatican, introduced Karol to the message of the Divine Mercy, as revealed to the mystic nun, now St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the great suffering soul, who died at the age of 33 in 1938. St. Faustina wrote a diary entitled 'Divine Mercy in My Soul,' in which she recorded the revelations given to her by Jesus about the greatness of God's mercy. The message of God's mercy, as recorded by Sister Faustina, would be a beacon of light and hope for the people of Poland during this dark time in their history.

In his years as a young priest, and later as Bishop and Archbishop of Krakow (then under the oppression of a Communist regime), Karol Wojtyla would reflect and meditate upon the message of God's mercy. He would often visit the convent in Lagiewniki where Sister Faustina was buried for private times of prayer, and to lead the Sisters in reflective retreats.

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The faithful are called parishioners, and they become parishioners by acquiring a domicile or a quasi-domicile within the geographical boundaries or territory of the Parish.

Parishioners could be active parishioners or non active parishioners, and the question of parishioner status is important because parishioners look to their Parish for many services:

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