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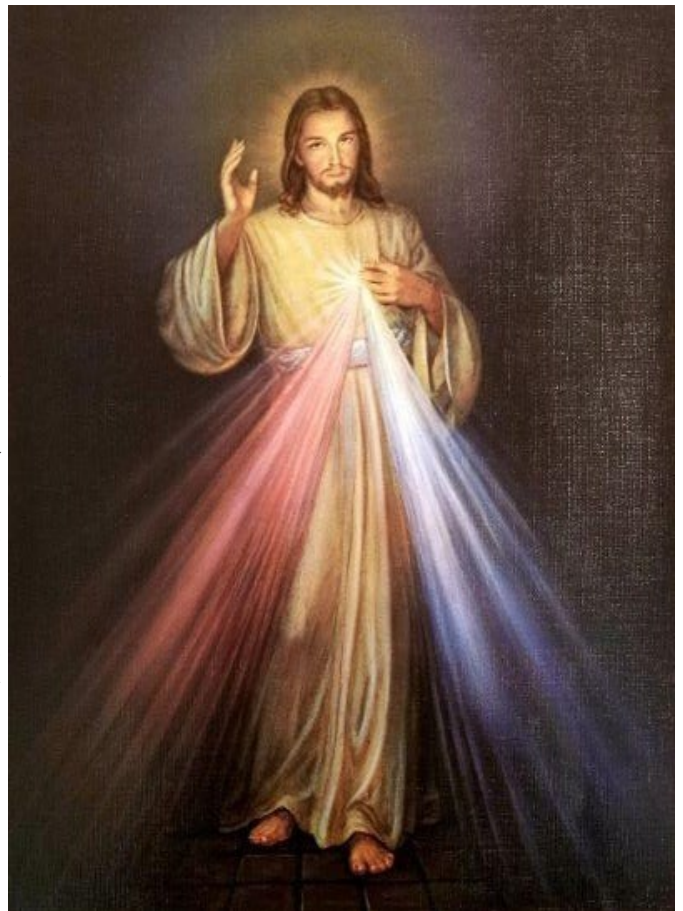
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER- DIVINE MERCY. APRIL 7TH 2024 BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN ME, BUT STILL BELIEVE!

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. 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 is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He 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.



II DOMINGO DE PASCUA – DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA DICHOSOS LOS QUE CREEN SIN HABERME VISTO, DICE EL SEÑOR.

Hoy comenzamos el Tiempo Pascual, nuestra meditación de 50 días sobre el misterio de la Resurrección de Cristo. Nuestro evangelio de hoy nos habla del descubrimiento de la tumba vacía por parte de los discípulos. Concluye diciéndonos que todavía no entendían que Jesús había resucitado de entre los muertos. Por lo tanto, los detalles proporcionados no necesariamente pretenden ofrecer prueba de la Resurrección. Los detalles nos invitan a reflexionar sobre un regalo asombroso: la fe en Jesús y su Resurrección.

Cada uno de los cuatro evangelios nos dice que la tumba vacía de Jesús fue descubierta por primera vez por mujeres. Esto es notable porque en la sociedad judía del siglo I las mujeres no podían servir como testigos legales. En el caso del Evangelio de Juan, la única mujer que asiste al sepulcro es María de Magdala. A diferencia de los relatos sinópticos, el Evangelio de Juan no describe la aparición de ángeles en la tumba. En cambio, se dice simplemente que María observó que la piedra que había sellado la tumba había sido movida y corre para alertar a Simón Pedro y al discípulo amado. Su declaración es reveladora. Ella supone que el cuerpo de Jesús ha sido retirado, tal vez robado. Ella no considera que Jesús haya resucitado de entre los muertos.

Simón Pedro y el discípulo amado corren hacia la tumba, presumiblemente para verificar el informe de María. El discípulo amado llega primero pero no entra al sepulcro hasta después de Simón Pedro. Este detalle ofrece una imagen vívida, al igual que los detalles proporcionados sobre los lienzos funerarios. Algunos estudiosos creen que la presencia de los lienzos en la tumba ofrece evidencia al oyente de que el cuerpo de Jesús no había sido robado (se entiende que los ladrones de tumbas se habrían llevado los lienzos junto con el cuerpo).

El pasaje del Evangelio concluye, sin embargo, que incluso después de haber visto el sepulcro vacío y los lienzos, los discípulos aún no comprenden la resurrección. En el pasaje que sigue, María de Magdala se encuentra con Jesús pero lo confunde con el jardinero. En las próximas semanas, las lecturas del Evangelio de nuestra liturgia nos mostrarán cómo los discípulos llegaron a creer en la resurrección de Jesús a través de sus apariciones. Nuestra fe pascual se basa en su testimonio tanto de la tumba vacía como de su relación continua con Jesús, en sus apariciones y en su don del Espíritu Santo.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the twentieth century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God," and therefore, to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In 1931, Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina in Poland and expressed his desire for a feast celebrating his mercy. The Feast of Mercy was to be on the Sunday after Easter and was to include a public blessing and liturgical veneration of His image with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in You."

This promise of mercy has been affirmed by the Church, which has made Divine Mercy Sunday an occasion for receiving a plenary indulgence, "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven" (CCC, no. 1471). The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (Confession, Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the pope, and complete detachment from sin, even venial sin). The faithful may either take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy in any church or chapel or recite the Our Father and Creed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus.

There are many aspects of the Divine Mercy devotion, including the Chaplet, the Divine Mercy image, and the "hour of great mercy" (3:00 p.m.). The popularity of these devotions, focused on the Lord's infinite mercy, has grown rapidly in recent decades. Regarding the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus said to her, "At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person" (Divine Mercy in My Soul, no. 811).



SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the
month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:
10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

PARISH STAFF

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: Kim Hartford—Kathy Nathan

9:00 am Sun. Mass: Stefania Ortiz

11:15 am Sun. Mass Parish Choir

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions April 6th—14th 2024

Sat. Vigil Apr. 6th 4:30: + Leo Berta

Sun. April 7th 9:00: + Fr. Bob Schwartz

11:15: + Lance Builta

Wed. April 10th 12:00: + Nancy Dice

Thurs. April 11th 12:00: + Fausta Rubio

Fri. April 12th 12:00: + Members Ramos/Olivera Family

Saturday Vigil April 13th 4:30: + People of the Parish

Sunday April 14th 9:00: + Evelyn & Charles Morrill

11:15: - + 4 Members Ramos/Olivera Family

Misa en Espanol 5:00 pm

+ Rosa Ramirez & + Graciela Salinas

*MAY THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN
PEACE. AMEN.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 30 & 31, 2024:

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AMA 2024:

\$

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

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- **Confirmation:** Tess Arthur (2nd year). Supply teacher: Alondra Klemek.
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MEET & GREET

*Wine and Cheese Reception
for New Parishioners*

Sat. April 13th at 5:30p Parish Hall

RSVP Parish Office



EVENT CALENDAR

2nd Sunday of the month **Spanish Mass.**
April 14th 5:00 pm.

Confirmation Mass Sun. April 21st at
11:15 am. Main Celebrant: Bishop Danny.

Parish Survey, April 27th & 28st 2024

First Communion Mass. Sun. May 5th
at 11:15am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, **Our
Patronnes Feast Day.** Sun. July 14th
Bilingual at 10:00 am. Main Celebrant:
Bishop Danny.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: APRIL 11TH SAINT STANISLAUS.

Loyola Press

In 1072, the people of Krakow, Poland, begged Pope Alexander II to give them Stanislaus as their bishop, which he did. As bishop, Stanislaus was generous to those who were poor. His courage proved itself when he opposed King Boleslaus II for unjust wars, violence, cheating those who were poor, and abducting a nobleman's wife. King Boleslaus pretended repentance but soon returned to his old ways. Stanislaus tirelessly preached the ways of God to the king. Enraged by Stanislaus's reprimands, Boleslaus accused the bishop of crimes.



One story reports that a man named Knight Peter had given an estate to the bishop. After Peter died, Boleslaus accused Stanislaus of not paying for it. Stanislaus fasted for three days, ordered the grave of Peter opened, raised him to life, and brought him to court. Peter upheld the good name of the bishop. Still Boleslaus behaved like a tyrant, and Stanislaus had to excommunicate him. Boleslaus entered the cathedral where Stanislaus was officiating, and services were suspended. Stanislaus, pursued by the king, fled to a chapel outside of town. The king ordered his guards to enter the church and kill the bishop. When they refused, the king marched into the chapel and slew Stanislaus with his own sword. Stanislaus is the patron of Poland.