

April 11, 2021 • Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to

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Saint Denis

*Celebrating God's Love
for All People*

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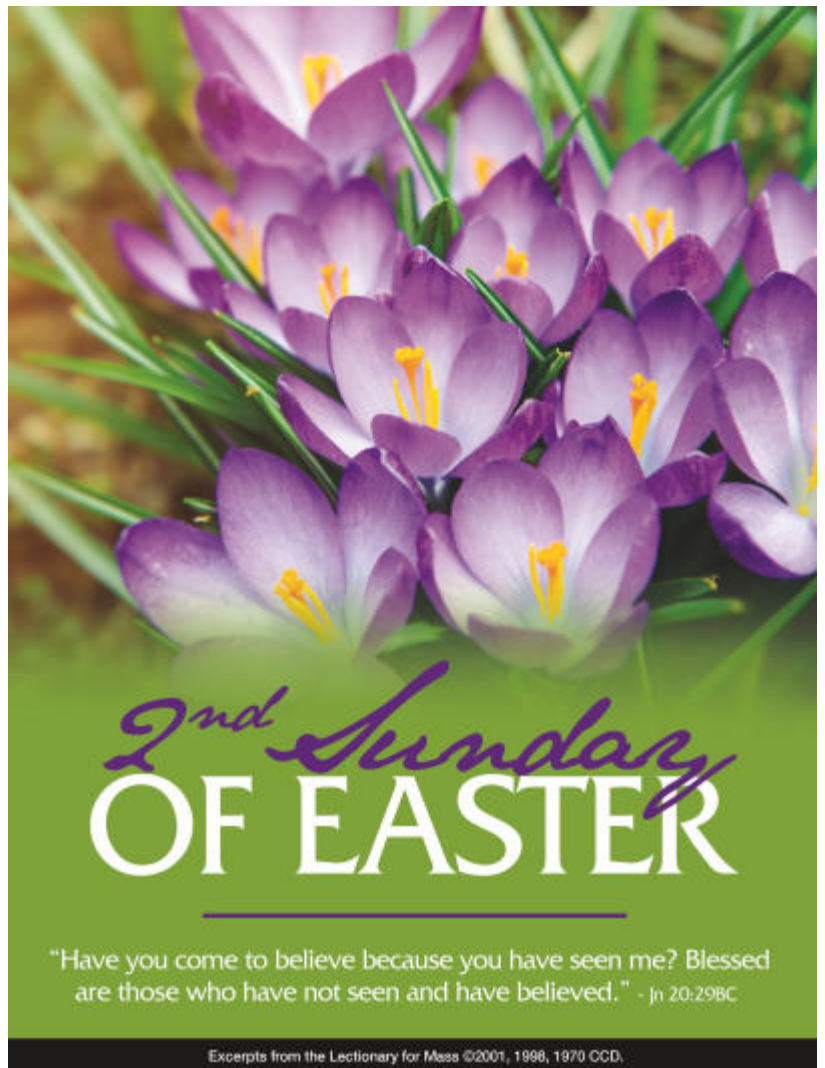
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Our St. Denis Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Christian Community of St. Denis, as followers of Jesus Christ, call ourselves: to create a prayerful environment; to provide for spiritual, educational and social growth; to promote hospitality; to ensure the evangelization of our faith; and to minister to the people of our parish, our Ashburn community and our world.

Declaración de Misión de San Denis

Nosotros, la Comunidad Católica Cristiana de San Denis, como seguidores de Jesucristo, nos llamamos a: Crear un ambiente de oración; prever el crecimiento espiritual, educacional y social; promover la hospitalidad; asegurar la evangelización de nuestra fe; y atender a las personas de nuestra parroquia, de nuestra comunidad de Ashburn, y de nuestro mundo.

THIS AND THAT

When I was young Easter meant getting our basket of food blessed, coloring eggs, quiet Good Fridays, and a week off from school. My most vivid Easter memory of that time is the Easter Sunday it snowed several inches here in Chicago. As a seminarian and young priest, Easter was learning about and experiencing the Three Days of the Sacred Triduum. I still remember how nervous I was the first time I was responsible for the liturgy of Good Friday. A few years later, I was just as anxious as I was the main celebrant for Easter Vigil and Holy Thursday. Later as a young pastor, Easter meant meeting the traditions of people that were not my own and embracing them. Today, I just think that Easter is the best day ever. Easter tells us that the best is yet to come—eternal life for all. What can be better than that?

Jesus walks with us on our journey through the uncertainties of the future and the certainty of our death. That's what Easter, these days we celebrate now are about. We are never alone as we walk home with Him.

Easter is a fifty day celebration because it is the day that brings light to all of our days. The gift of eternal life that we are given is more than we can imagine or hope for. In these Easter days we praise and thank Him that the best is yet to come.

Thanks to all who financially and spiritually support our parish family. If you have not turned your CRS Rice Bowl in yet, please do so. Our brothers and sisters thank you.

May God bless us all.
Fr. Ted

A Prayer for "Renew My Church"

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly, to listen to each other attentively, to imagine our future boldly, to discern your direction wisely, to persevere in your holy will courageously, to stay together in charity, to surrender our own plans readily, to embrace the greater good, to hand on your gifts to future generations.

*May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*



Those who are ill...

Elida Diaz, Al Dilger,
Mary Frazzini, Renee Pletsch

Those who serve our country...

Ryan Danielian,
Patrick Leamy, Antonio Worthy Jr.

The souls of the recently departed...

Karen Evans

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 10, 2021 Int. of Renee Pletsch
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	April 11, 2021 Mary Ann Boras
Monday	April 12, 2021 Kathryn Shaheen
Tuesday	April 13, 2021 Rita Brice
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	April 14, 2021 Rev. Paul Burak
Thursday	April 15, 2021 Dolores Lenard
Friday	April 16, 2021 Earl Boyd



Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

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What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God’s mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God’s mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God’s mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

“Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,” Pope Francis continues. God’s all-forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ’s resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life’s imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn’t matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God’s mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God’s mercy, allow the wind of God’s presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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