

April 28, 2019 • *Second Sunday in Easter*

# THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, a day of great graces. Come celebrate with us after the 10:30am Mass. Fill your heart with Our Lord's Mercy and bring it to all those around you. Bring it to the world!

### Mass Schedule:

**Weekend:** Saturday 4:30 pm;  
Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am

**Weekdays:** Mon. - Fri. 12:00 pm  
Saturday 8:15 am

**Holy Days:** 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm

### Reconciliation:

Mon. - Fri. 11:30 am - 11:50 am  
Sat. 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm and by appointment

### Baptism & Marriage:

Call Pastor for arrangements.

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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 12:00 pm

### F.O.C.U.S. GROUP

Would you like to get more understanding of the Mass readings? Why not join the FOCUS group at St. Mary's? They are a quick 50-60 minutes of sharing thoughts about the upcoming weekend's readings with your fellow parishioners in an informal and trusted environment. The FOCUS group meets Saturday mornings at 7:30am in the Blessed Monti Community Room. For more information contact Jack or Mary Makowski at 651-222-7447.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, 27th,

4:30 pm Mike Boerjan†  
Ken Weingartner†

### Sunday, 28th

7:30 am John and Ann Mercado†  
10:30 am Bill, Bev and Colleen  
McDonough†

### Monday, 29th

12:00 pm For the Needs of the Poor

### Tuesday, 30th

12:00 pm Gerald Leonard†

### Wednesday, May 1st

12:00 pm Mary Marlene Tousignant†

### Thursday, May 2nd

12:00 pm Intentions of Lawrence and  
Barbara Bettinger

### Friday, May 3rd

12:00 pm Edward Sypniewski†

### Next Saturday, May 4th

8:15 am Ida Rose Jeyarajan†  
4:30 pm James & Beverly McIlhargey†

### Next Sunday, May 5th

7:30 am Edward Makowski†  
10:30 am Lynn Stackpole†

† Denotes deceased

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### Lectors

4:30 pm Alice Oneal  
7:30 am Tom Koller  
10:30 am Marie Warren

### Servers

4:30 pm Sue Ryan  
7:30 am Joe O'Connell  
10:30 am Chris Engelmann/Sue Gores

### Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 pm Rosemary Yeager  
7:30 am Jean Jannetto  
Joe O'Connell & Tom Koller  
10:30 am Jeanine Lynch,  
Kelly Hall & Michael Hall

## DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before all  
Masses except on Fridays  
Fatima Prayer Group: Mondays 4:30pm  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Weds 12:30p  
Adoration every Thursday 12:30-6pm  
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays 11:45am  
Sacred Heart Novena-Fridays 12:30pm  
FOCUS Scripture Group-Sat.7:15-8:15am



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

At Easter we see the risen Lord; his promises being made true. Today we witness the unconditional love and Mercy of our Heavenly Father revealed to us through our Lord Jesus Christ. It is appropriate on this Second Sunday of Easter that our readings focus on the earliest days of the Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. In the 1930's Our Lord Jesus requested through St. Faustina that a Feast of Divine Mercy be established and solemnly celebrated in His Church on the First Sunday after Easter every year. St. John Paul II fulfilled the will of Christ and officially established that Feast of Divine Mercy and named it Divine Mercy Sunday.

The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting faith and our need for the forgiveness of sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." In the responsorial psalm we repeat several times, "His mercy endures forever!" (Ps 118). God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only-begotten Son, to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, instituted to sanctify us.

The first reading stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community before the Jews and the Romans started persecuting them. After focusing on the spiritual works of mercy such as: convert the sinner, counsel the doubtful and bear wrongs patiently, John reminds us that everyone who claims to love God has to love the others whom God has begotten, especially those who believe that Jesus is the Christ. Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20: 19-23).

We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment. Let us share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. Blessed Mother Teresa presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

Please join us for a special time of Prayer this Sunday, April 28, 2019 beginning at 11:30 am to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This special time of prayer will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Praises of the Divine Mercy and Benediction. A plenary indulgence is promised to those who participate in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet today and receive the sacrament of reconciliation either 20 days before or 20 days after, if you are unable to make it on the exact day.

**"Be Merciful, just as your Father is Merciful." Luke 6:36**

*From your Pastor Fr. Benny Mekkatt CFIC*

## HEALING/ANOINTING MASS FOR MAY 2019

As part of the expansion of our healing ministry to the sick, elderly and broken, **Next Saturday, May 4th, the 8:15 morning mass will be celebrated as a healing/anoointing mass.** At the end of the mass, the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be given to those who would like to be anointed with the holy oil. If you know of someone who would benefit from this sacrament, please encourage them or help them to come for this special anointing.

## ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS FUND COLLECTION

**Next Weekend!** We will be taking a Second Collection for the Additional Operations Fund (AOF) for the month of May. Envelopes are available in the pews for those who do not already receive them with their collection envelope packet. Your continued support and generosity to this fund is very much appreciated. Thanks in advance.

*Fr. Benny Mekkatt CFIC*

## GARDENING AT ST. MARY'S

Spring is here and we are in need of some volunteers that would be interested in taking on the role of gardeners. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help tend the flowers on the front of the church and rectory or around the monument on 8th St.

## 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

We offer our prayers and congratulations to Lawrence and Barbara Bettinger on their 60th Wedding Anniversary this month. Please keep them in your prayers.

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF) is a independent non-profit solely focused on supporting designated outreach ministries. Partnering with the CSAF helps those in need: the hungry, orphan, sick, suffering, dying and grieving. You assist in ministering to the imprisoned, evangelizing Catholic youth, college students and strengthening families. You enable the sacraments to be provided to Catholics both young and old.

**Please remember that our parish also benefits. We receive 25% of the contributions made by our parishioners, if we reach our goal of \$12,003. Currently we have reached 50% of our goal.** Visit [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org) to learn more, and please prayerfully consider how you might give back via the CSAF.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:  
Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15,  
22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17  
-19/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday:  
Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b  
-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday:  
Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2,  
5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday:  
Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-  
7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26-  
2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/  
Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16  
[cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58  
Thursday:  
Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17  
-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
Friday:  
1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/  
Jn 14:6-14  
Saturday:  
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
[22]/Jn 6:16-21 ©LPi

## Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy, April 28th, 11:30 am  
1st Communion, May 5th, 10:30 am  
KC Rosary, May 12th, 2:00 pm  
**Taste of St. Mary's, June 2nd**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS  
CLASSES ENDED FOR THE SEASON**  
Practice for 1st Communion St. Mary's,  
Saturday, May 3rd at 9:30am



Roland Bedard 27th, Mary Elizabeth  
McKenzie 29th, Catherine Hanson 30th,  
Mary Sherman-Hill 30th, Kristin Evans  
30th, Oliver Mailand 5/1, Aidan Boyd 5/2,  
Dennis Smith 5/3 & Michael Heelan 5/3



Joyce Berg, John Betancourt,  
Renee Kasel, Mary Kay Peterson,  
John Stackpole,  
Irene and Jack Stackpole



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

**MASS ATTENDANCE** APRIL 20TH & 21ST: 474  
**HOLY THURSDAY:** 73 / **GOOD FRIDAY:** 76  
**INDIA MISSIONS COLLECTION:** \$720  
**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** \$411  
**COLLECTION**

Envelopes..... \$2,290  
Plate..... \$3,783  
Auto Withdrawal..... \$205  
Sunday, April 21, 2019 ..... \$6,278

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