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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER—  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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.



Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

March 28, 2021

Envelope Total: \$ 8,240

Electronic Giving: \$ 2,834

Week Total: \$11,074

2020—March 29 Masses suspended-pandemic

Thank you for your continued generosity.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

When the disciples see Jesus for the first time after his crucifixion, they rejoice! You can imagine their surprise—their beloved teacher who was horrifically killed is alive again. The return of a loved one from the dead seems like one of those things you have to see to believe. Jesus comes back with another important teaching, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Without an experience of "forgiveness, can you believe it is really true? Without seeing the risen Christ, can you know that he really is alive?

Thomas gets a bad reputation for his doubts. Imagine the grief he felt. His friend died, and it seemed like a cruel joke that the other disciples saw him alive. Thomas probably felt anger, sadness, maybe even hatred toward those who killed Jesus. All those feelings became more acute after he missed Jesus' visit with the other disciples.

For Thomas, seeing the wounds would mean more than knowing for certain that Jesus had died and rose from the dead. It would confirm what was done to Jesus. It would justify the magnitude of Thomas' feelings—of everything from despair and sadness to jealousy and hatred.

Upon exhaling the Holy Spirit onto the disciples, Jesus tells them that they have control over who they forgive or from who they withhold forgiveness.

Retaining sin is something like holding your breath. If you hold it long enough it will just build inside you until you are forced to let it go. You could let it go bit by bit with every exhalation. If you gain control over how and when you forgive, then like gaining control over your breath, you will have more control over how you live your life.

The resurrected Christ offers us a way out of those labyrinthian feelings. Simply exhale. Whatever you retain will be retained. Whatever you loosen your grip on will go. What would it take for you to exhale and let go of the magnitude of your feelings? What would take your breath away?

I want to thank everyone again for participating in our Holy Week and Easter Masses. My first Easter Season with you was one of great joy. It was wonderful to see the large number of people attending our Masses and being able to live-stream to those who could not attend. Fr. Gabriel and I look forward to seeing all of you every Sunday to worship together as a community.

My mother is so happy and excited for me as I begin this new journey with all of you. As a gift to the Parish, she purchased and sent a Mass Linen set which includes a Pall cover, insert, Corporal, Purificator and Finger Towel. I thank her on behalf of the Parish for her generosity. Hoping one day soon, she will be able to visit to meet my new family in faith.

All are welcome to join us for our Divine Mercy Service this Sunday at 3pm in the Church for prayers and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

We are still celebrating our Easter Season. Give thanks and praise to our Risen Lord for all the blessings he has bestowed on us.

God Bless,  
Fr. Kaj

## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER—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."

### How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### Opening Prayer:

You expired. Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the 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.

*(Repeat 3 times)* O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us. I trust in You!

**Pray:** Our Father, Hail Mary and Apostle Creed

For each of the five decades (On each "Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray...

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

**On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads pray...**

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**Concluding Prayer** (Repeat 3 times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**Closing Prayer:**

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



**Adoration has resumed. Please note the following:**

- ◆ Adoration will be held in the Church
- ◆ Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ◆ Face coverings **MUST** be worn, and social distancing seating is to be maintained.
- ◆ **Adorers are needed for the following times: Mondays at 5pm; Tuesdays 4pm, 6pm; Thursdays 3pm**

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.



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Parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Appeal. Your donation helps so many within the Archdiocese as well as right here in our parish of Corpus Christi. Rebate monies after attaining our goal will help our parish and school with repairs/upgrades or any needs that arise.

Envelopes are still available or you are encouraged to donate online at [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Designate Corpus Christi as your parish. Your gift may be restricted for any ministry listed. Thanking you in advance for your generous support.

# MASS INTENTIONS



May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata,, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Jack Coneys, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, Gail Abbate, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz

### ANTICIPATED MASS, APRIL 10

5:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Martins & Andrade Families

### SUNDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 AM +Mary Rose Borelli  
10:30 AM +Brendan Keaveny  
12:00 NN +Giulianna Moore  
6:00 PM +George Kral

### MONDAY, APRIL 12

6:30 AM Leonard Gjonaj (Living)  
8:00 AM Stuart Hangac (Living)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 13

6:30 AM All Parishioners  
8:00 AM Joseph DeAngelis (Living)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 AM All Parishioners  
8:00 AM +Simeona Cuenco

### THURSDAY, APRIL 15

6:30 AM All Parishioners  
8:00 AM +Sotera Marcelo

### FRIDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 AM +John Vogt  
8:00 AM +Rev. Raymond Holmes 1st Anniv

### SATURDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 AM Rev. Patrick Mulewski (Living)

### ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM +David DeFedele

### SUNDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 AM +James Patrick Casey, Jr.  
10:00 AM +Rosemarie Allotta  
12:00 NN +Maria Deptula  
6:00 PM +Nicholas Delgiodice

### CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Maria Deptula** from the Family.

### HOSTS & WINE FOR THE WEEK

The hosts and wine to be consecrated at all the Masses were donated in loving memory of **Saverio Parisi** from Phyllis Calabrese & Family.

### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Joan Pellegrino, Cornelius "Neil" Reyngoudt, Dorothy George

### 2021 MASS BOOK

The 2021 Mass Book is open. There are open weekday Masses in the upcoming months. Stop by the Parish Center during business hours to remember your loved ones.

### Morning Prayers

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary take place prior to weekday Mass beginning at 7:30am. Come join fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

#### Sharing the Gospel

After Jesus died, his disciples were afraid the Jewish leaders would kill them too. They hid together in one room. They locked the doors and windows. Then Jesus appeared in front of them. They were not afraid any more. When you are afraid, Jesus will help you too. Tell him why you are afraid. Believe in Jesus, and he will give you everything you need.

#### Prayer

Jesus, I believe in you. Lead me to your heavenly home.

#### Something to Draw

Draw your family standing in a circle. Draw Jesus in the middle.

#### Mission for the Week

I will ask Jesus to help me and my family when we are afraid.



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