



## Divine Mercy Sunday April 24, 2022

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### Parish Office

645 Main Street  
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### New Members

If you are new to our parish, please take a moment to register through our parish website or by phone. Welcome!

### Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday at 8am  
Saturday at 4pm  
Sunday at 8am & 10:30am  
Sabbath@Sundown Sunday evening  
Mass at 6pm

### Confessions

Confessions are heard in the Reconciliation Chapel at the rear of the church on Saturdays at 3pm or anytime by appointment. Please note that the chapel accommodates both anonymous and face-to-face confessions.

### Baptisms

Baptisms are typically celebrated at one Sunday Mass per month. Please contact Deacon John Pryor at 401.245.7000, extension 14, for more information. Private baptisms may also be arranged.

### Weddings

Please call the parish office to discuss wedding preparations at least one year in advance of the intended date.

### SMB Mountain Movers

Milly Grieve, *Coordinator of Children's Ministries*  
Email: [smbmountainmovers@gmail.com](mailto:smbmountainmovers@gmail.com)

### SMB Food Pantry

The Food Pantry operates out of the lower church hall and is open on Tuesdays from 3pm to 5pm and on Wednesdays from 9am to 11am.  
Wendy Baker, *Director*  
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 19  
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### Parish Outreach

Parishioners and members of the local community in need should contact the rectory for assistance.  
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 13

### St. Gabriel's Call

St. Gabriel's Call provides emotional and practical support to families in need, including diapers, baby clothing and much more.  
Barbara Fisher, *Coordinator*  
Phone: 401.245.7000, ext. 20

## Welcome to Saint Mary of the Bay

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church, no matter your current family or marital status, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, no matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue, you are welcome here! You are invited, accepted and respected at Saint Mary of the Bay. We hope to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!



# Mass Intentions

Second Week of Easter

**Saturday, April 23**

4pm: Bill DeStefano  
*Requested by his family*

**Sunday, April 24**

8am: Vivian Lombardi, 1st Anniversary  
*Requested by Louis Lombardi*  
10:30am: Billy Johnson  
*Requested by the Fortin Family*  
6pm: Evelyn Wilson  
*Requested by Raymond Wilson*

**Monday, April 25**

8am: For all parishioners

**Tuesday, April 26**

8am: Fr. Joseph Santos  
*Requested by Nancy Edler*

Third Sunday of Easter

**Saturday, April 30**

4pm: Maureen Sherry Castriotta, Fifth Anniversary  
*Requested by her daughter, Mary Ellen McShane*

**Sunday, May 1**

8am: For all parishioners  
10:30am: Mary Gifford  
*Requested by the SMB Outreach Committee*  
6pm: Guilhermina Toti  
*Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Hawkins*

**Sabbath@Sundown**  
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# Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

Because of publication deadlines due to the Easter celebrations, we've had to submit our bulletin materials in advance. Next weekend, expect a full Stewardship report and some more information about upcoming events.

Today, we observe Divine Mercy Sunday. Extended to the Church Universal by Pope Saint John Paul the Great, this devotion finds its roots in the private revelations of Jesus to a young polish nun in the early 20th century, Saint Faustina Kowalska. Jesus encouraged her to propagate the image you see replicated on the following page, and he insisted that the words, "Jesus, I trust in you" always accompany the image. Jesus revealed to Sr. Faustina:

*"My child, know that the greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and an exaggerated anxiety. These will deprive you of the ability to practice virtue. All temptations united together ought not disturb your interior peace, not even momentarily. Sensitiveness and discouragement are the fruits of self-love. Have confidence, My child. Do not lose heart in coming for pardon, for I am always ready to forgive you. As often as you beg for it, you glorify My mercy."*

Let us never fail to turn to Jesus, invoking his mercy. He is ever-ready to offer it, so long as we present ourselves to him in humble honesty through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Any worry, shame or guilt we carry can be laid at the feet of Jesus as we renew our trust in him and in his power to heal and forgive us. Jesus, I trust in you!

Until next week,

*Fr. Joe*



# Please Take Note

## George P. Flynn & Anna M. Flynn Designated Scholarship

This four-year scholarship is open to all students in good standing who are active parishioners of St. Mary of the Bay Church and have received their Catholic confirmation, entering (as freshmen) a four-year college/university. The application form is available on our website: [www.stmaryofthebay.org](http://www.stmaryofthebay.org). Please complete the application, along with the required essay and return it to the Parish Office by July 1 with a copy of your high school GPA report.

Historically, the annual award has been approximately \$1000 for each year of college.

If you have any questions, please call 401-245-7000 x14 and leave a message.

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord,  
great numbers of men and women, were added to  
them. (Acts 5:14)

## PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is  
everlasting. (Ps 118)  
Or Alleluia.

## SECOND READING:

"I am the first and the last, the one who lives.  
Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever."  
(Rev 1:17-18)

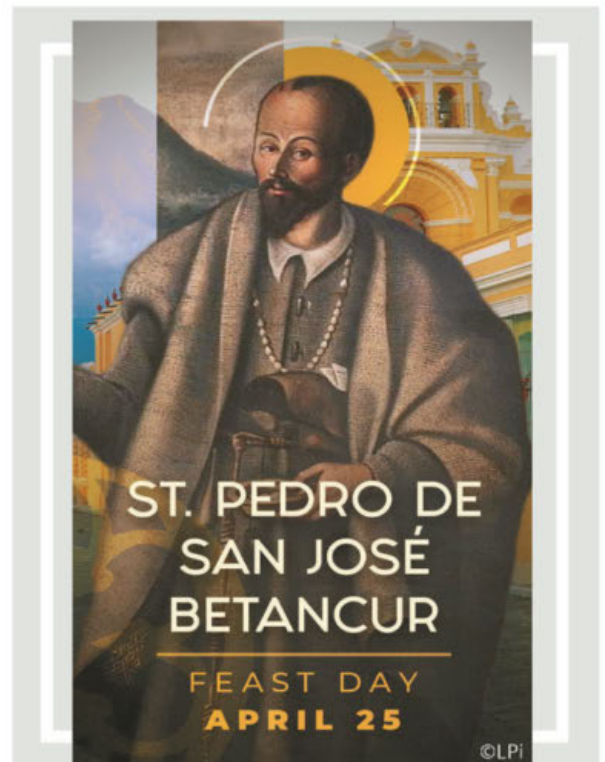
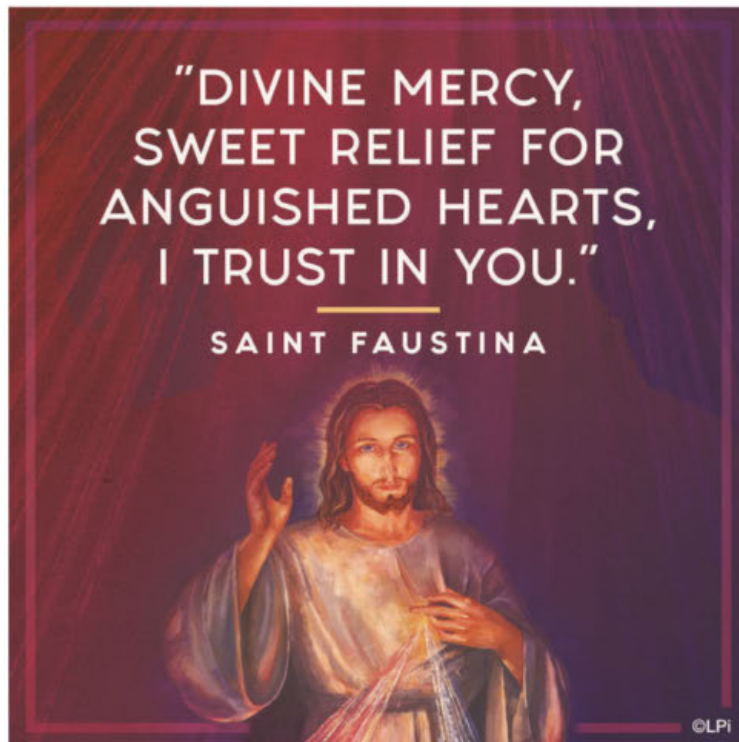
## GOSPEL:

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood in their midst. (Jn 20:19)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy);  
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- Monday: St. Mark, Evangelist
- Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Friday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church;  
Arbor Day
- Saturday: St. Pius V, Pope
- Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker



## Saint of the Week

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of *posadas*, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of



our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who

cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

*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."*  
- Jn 20:28-29

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