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SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)



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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2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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!"

Readings for the Week of April 24, 2022

- 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: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24

- 8:00am Pro Populo
- 9:30am +James Jimmo
- 11:30am +Grace Rock
- 8:00pm Mercedarian Benefactors

Monday, April 25 St. Mark

- 8:30am James O'Reilly

Tuesday, April 26

- 8:30am Fr. Matthew H. Phelan, O. de M.

Wednesday, April 27

- 8:30am Fr. Eugene Costa, O. de M.

Thursday, April 28 St. Peter Chanel

- 8:30am +Buccino/Talarico/Mollinedo Family

Friday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

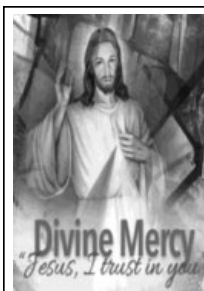
- 8:30am +Vance Stith

Saturday, April 30 St. Pius V

- 8:30am +All Souls in Purgatory
- 4:00pm +Thomas J. Glynn

Sunday, May 1

- 8:00am +Monica Fernando
- 9:30am +John S. Kenneh, Sr.
- 11:30am +Elizabeth Quinn
- 8:00pm Pro Populo



Fr. Matthew will lead a Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday from 3pm to 4pm with EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION, CHANTING OF THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY, AND EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION. Confessions will continue during the Holy Hour and after if needed.

PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET


Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below.

On the "Our Father" beads, pray: *"Eternal Father, I offer you the body, 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 the "Hail Mary" beads, pray: *"For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

At the end, pray the following three times: *"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: ***"Jesus, I trust in you."***



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Listening Session for Synod
Wednesday, May 11th - 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Before the session, please do your part by completing the Disciple Maker Index Survey (specifically for our parish) linked at the parish website.

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.



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Dorothy Hardy, Kurt Mohammed, Patricia Nicholson, Colin Ramberan, Avery Lofton, Eugene Colombaro, Monica Ramberan, Yosan Gabriel, Jenell Sifontis, Cathy Norman, Sabrina Freeman, Leslie Wade, Esmond Family, Scott Stierbeim, Sr. Mary Charles, A.S.S.P., Mecca Taylor, Melissa Becker, Christian Lafty, Lisa Becker, Debbie Everett, Nigel Simon, Donald Graham, Jean Hargraves, Marci Wade, Mary Frances Doran, Maureen Doran Hendrix, Melissa Potts, Cayla Wade, Theresa Gilliam, Suzanne Dupre, Indramattie Somwaru, John Bricker, Alina Simon, Carmelina Desiderio, Graham Family, Samantha Johnson, Charles Epps, Ramona Wade, David and Gay Cooper, Jack Weber, Miguel Pulido, Matthew Pulido, Alex Julius Wade, Bernadette Sanchez, Kaela Marie Davis, Domenick Pulcinello, Catherine Joseph

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The Fathers of St. Joseph are hosting a **MEN'S RETREAT** Men's Retreat, LEAD: The Four Marks of Fatherly Greatness, on May 6 & 7, 2022 at Regina Angelorum Academy, 105 Argyle Rd, Ardmore, PA. For more info, please contact John Boring at 808-551-5939 or E-mail: jaboring@gmail.com. Registration Link: [gttps://bit.ly/RAA_LEAD](https://bit.ly/RAA_LEAD)



Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 4, 2022, for the 9th Annual IHM Nun Run, 5K run / 3K walk. Start time is 8:30 am. Register by May 21. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the convent home and health care center for the IHM Sisters. For more information on how to participate visit: www.ihmnunrun.org





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