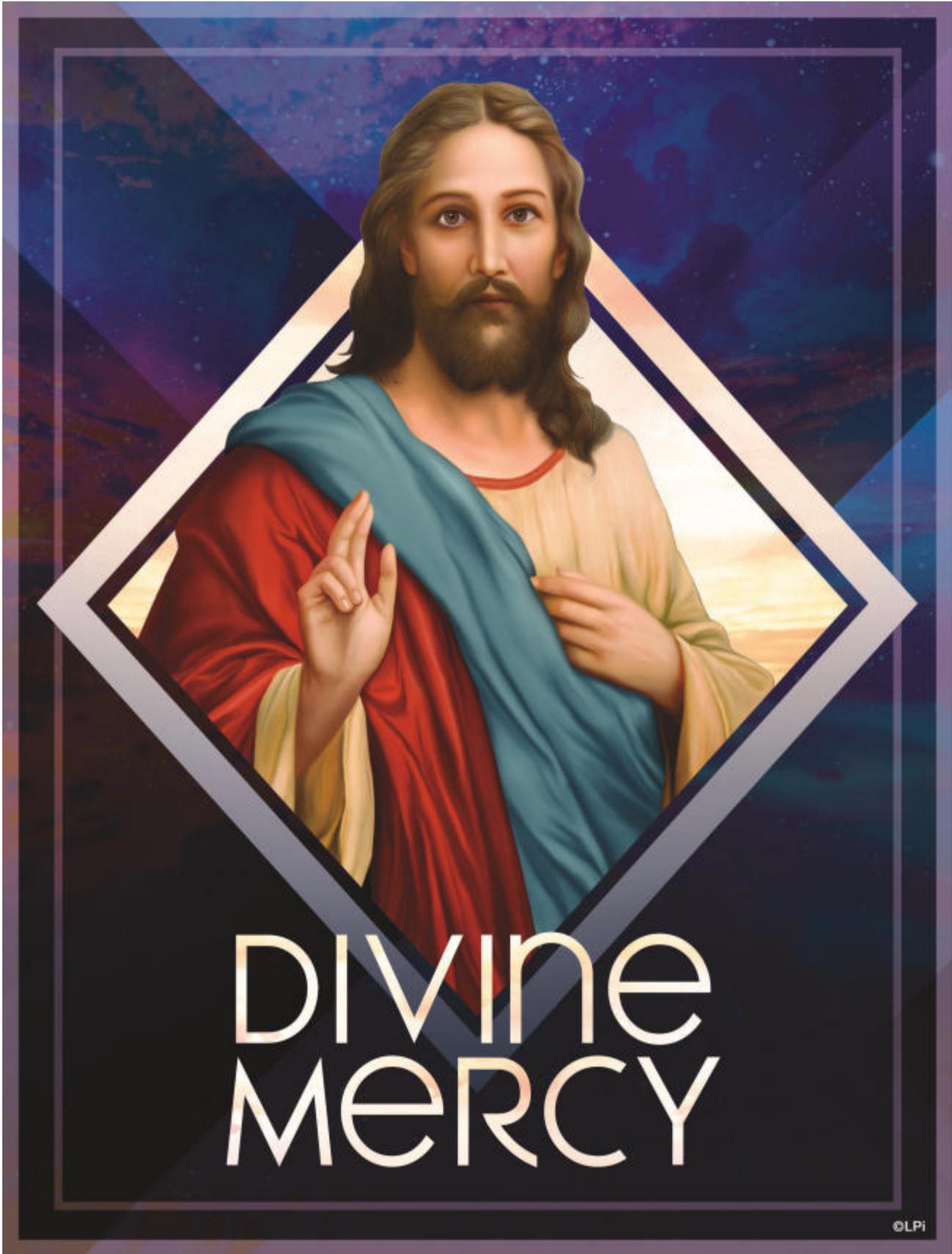


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**APRIL 11, 2021**

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:24, 13-15, 22-24 [1/1] Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3  
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 47a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:18  
 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, 45, 6-7, 89 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 45, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:15a/Lk 24:35-48



## MASS INTENTIONS

### FOR THE WEEK

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Carmen Balizan	C.J.
Loretta Chavez	Celine Miller
Ray Salazar	Santiago Sandoval
Toni Tapia	Lorenzo Vigil
Jacqueline Mascareñas	

If someone in your family is in need of prayers, please contact the parish office and ask for your loved one's name, with their permission, to be included in the "Prayer Requests" section of the weekly bulletin. Prayer requests will be placed in the bulletin for three consecutive weeks, thereupon will be removed.

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Remember the following in your prayers:  
**RICO LANDVAZO**  
 SANTA MARIA DE LA PAZ

**DEACON JORDAN SANCHEZ**  
 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
 as he prepares for his Priestly Ordination  
 and  
**DJ SEGURA**  
 ST. PATRICK'S—ST. JOSEPH'S, RATON  
 as he prepares for his  
 Transitional Diaconate Ordination

Clip and pray.....



### Monday, April 12, 2021

12:15PM †Bea Romero (1<sup>st</sup>) †Rita McDonald (1<sup>st</sup>) & †Edith Gallegos (1<sup>st</sup>)  
 - Margaret Ryan  
 - Health of Marta Perez & Alfonsa Perez - Family

### Tuesday, April 13, 2021

12:15PM †Marina Gurulé - Barbara Anderson-Acosta

### Wednesday, April 14, 2021 (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

9:00AM Special Intention for all Santo Nino students and their families

### Thursday, April 15, 2021

12:15PM †Leroy Valdez, †Richard Dominguez & †Audry Quintana  
 - Elvira Valdez

### Friday, April 16, 2021

12:15PM †Bea Romero - Celeste Padilla  
 †Michelle Ortega, †Delfina Lujan & †Andres Gonzales (1<sup>st</sup>)  
 - Vicki & Lourdes  
 †Margaret Trujillo, †Amalia Samra Ganz, & †Giovanni Maria Ganz - Paula Ganz

### Saturday, April 17, 2021

5:00PM †Secundino & †Susie Quintana & †Jackie Quintana Valencia  
 - Family  
 †Ralph P. Miller, †Camille F. Miller, & †Toni (Antonia) Catanach - Celine Miller  
 †Bea Romero (1<sup>st</sup>) - Family

### Sunday, April 18, 2021

7:30AM †Ysabel Hernandez - Robert & Yolanda Salazar  
 †Ned Burluson & Family - Family  
 †Greg & †Bernadette Ohlemacher - Jessica Vigil  
 9:30AM †Vicenta (BD) †Daniel & †Robert Martinez - Cecilia Martinez  
 †Carmen & †Sal Martinez & †Dolores Ramos  
 - Gil & Margaret Martinez  
 †Joe Tiano (9<sup>th</sup>) - Tiano Family  
 11:30AM †Epifania Jacquez, †Victoria Shinas Jones - Family  
 †Maricella Gutierrez, †Amador Noel Madrid Quintana - Family  
 †Manuel & †Leona Romero (BD) - Belle Olivas  
 5:00PM †Leroy Roybal - Roybal & Vigil Families  
 †Jose G. Lucero, †Rudy Montoya - Martin & Maria Montoya  
 - Health of Joshua Martinez, Gloria Romero & Billie Mae Martinez - Rodgers Family

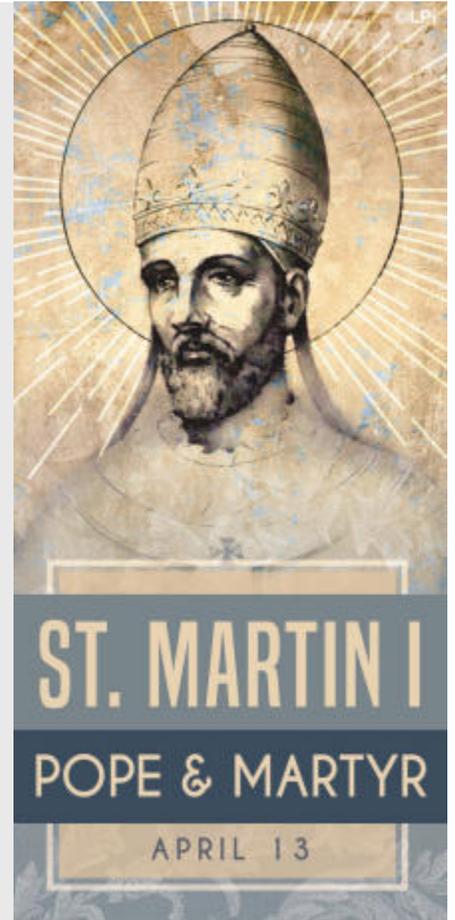
"Trust me."  
 — GOD

# Worship & MEDITATION

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

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## *Gospel Meditation*

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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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

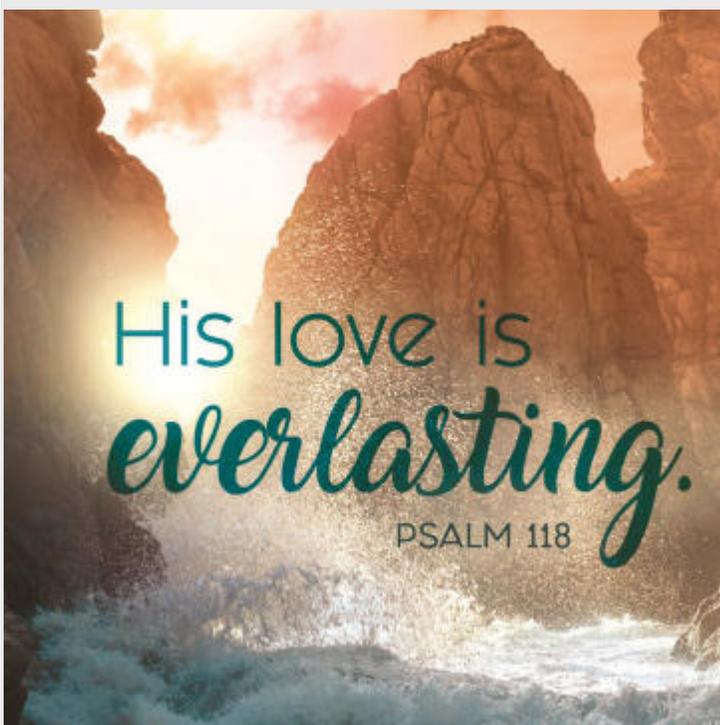
The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss – not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all – Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist – when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes? That is when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### ATTENTION

parents and sponsors of Confirmation and First Holy Communion candidates:

### DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REQUIREMENT!

Per the policy of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in regards to the Sacrament of the Eucharist: "It is the responsibility of parishes to provide programs for all children and parents preparing for the celebration of First Reconciliation and the First Eucharist." To meet these policy requirements, Santa Maria de la Paz offers Adult Religious Education (this year via an on-line platform). Go to our website at <https://www.smdl.org/115> to view more information on the five formation programs offered for adults:

- ◆ **Lectio: Prayer with Dr. Tim Gray**
- ◆ **Who Am I to Judge? Dr. Edward Sri**
- ◆ **The Bible and the Virgin Mary**
- ◆ **Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley**
- ◆ **Pass It On: Program for Parents**

To enroll in any of these programs, please send an email to: [hispanicministries@smdl.org](mailto:hispanicministries@smdl.org). Sr. Magdalena will respond with an invitation to participate in the program via Google classroom. Included in the classwork are the FORMED program videos, a quiz for each video in addition to supplemental YouTube videos designed to enrich your spiritual faith formation. Upon completion of the program, you must submit a request for certification (via Google classroom) to Sr. Magdalena to receive a certificate of completion that should be forwarded to the appropriate program director (Youth or Religious Education).

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### First Reading:

Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

#### Second Reading:

John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

#### Gospel:

The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?



We prayerfully and confidently look forward to the day when we can all worship together again!





### SISTER THERESA GLEESON SCHOLARSHIP

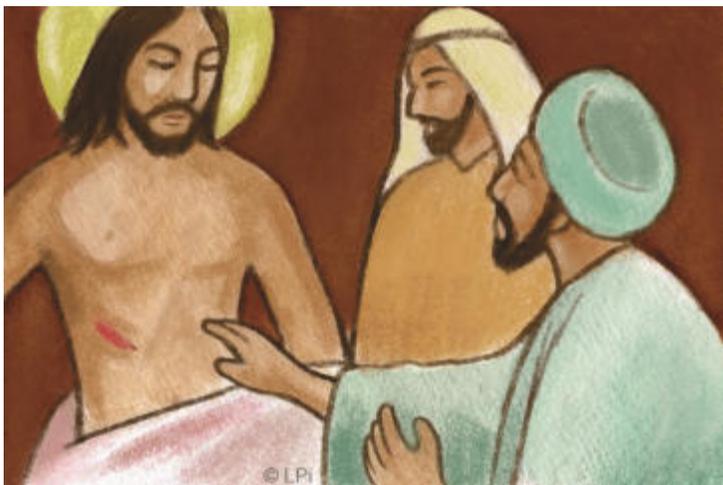
Seniors, have you thought about the Santa Maria de la Paz Youth Scholarship for higher education? Applications are available on our website or from the office. The completed packet is due back in the Parish Office no later than **4:00PM FRIDAY, May 14, 2021**. The packet includes the completed application, essay on volunteerism, listing of church involvement, at least one letter of recommendation, and a photo. Decisions on scholarships will be made shortly thereafter. Scholarship recipients will be invited to the Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament luncheon on Monday, June 28th at the Santa Fe Country Club for official recognition.

SANTA MARIA DE LA PAZ continues to offer tuition assistance for our parishioners attending St. Michael's High School or Santo Niño Regional Catholic School. To view the assistance criteria and download an application form visit our website @ [www.smdlp.org](http://www.smdlp.org). Applications must be received by the church office no later than **4:00PM FRIDAY, May 14, 2021** to be accepted and reviewed for consideration.



*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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## SACRAMENTS \*

### Sacrament of Baptism

Expectant parents must be registered members of this parish for at least six (6) months and should call the parish office at least three (3) months before the baby's birth to make arrangements. For more information contact the parish office at 473-4200.

Un-catechized children, ages seven and above, who need Baptism should contact Sr. Mary Gianna at 629-4212 or [familylife@smdlp.org](mailto:familylife@smdlp.org) for more information.

### Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Eucharist

Candidates for these sacraments are usually received within the 3rd grade and with at least one prior year of Religious Education. Enrollment for Religious Education takes place early in the fall and the Sacraments are received in May. Contact Sr. Mary Gianna at 629-4212 or [familylife@smdlp.org](mailto:familylife@smdlp.org) for more information.

### Sacrament of Confirmation (High School age)

For those considering the Confirmation Formation Process, the candidate must: 1) be a high school aged youth, 2) have at least one year of religious education prior to confirmation class or be concurrently enrolled in high school level religious education (or attend St. Michael's High), and 3) be willing to commit and have the faith readiness to embrace the Roman Catholic Faith Lifestyle. Contact Tommy Baca at 629-1328 or [ym@smdlp.org](mailto:ym@smdlp.org) for more information.

### Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Contact the parish office to make arrangements at least six (6) months before planned date.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Family members of anyone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery are asked to call the parish office to schedule a time for Anointing. Please do not wait until the sick person is near death or has passed away.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a journey of faith for adults who wish to become Catholic or adults who wish to complete their initiation sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. This journey takes place within community because the example of Church members and their prayers are important to the process. Also, the joy exhibited by newcomers can spark renewed faith in other Church members. For more information, contact Bernadette Bach at 629-4211 or [rcia@smdlp.org](mailto:rcia@smdlp.org)

### Adult Sacrament of Confirmation

Adult confirmation is a faith journey process for adults 18 and over who wish to complete their final initiation sacrament in order to more completely live in the image of God and bear out the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. This takes place during the fall of each year. Contact Bernadette Bach at 629-4211 or [rcia@smdlp.org](mailto:rcia@smdlp.org).

\*[Call the Program Director or the Parish Office for the most up-to-date sacrament information and restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)



# Parish SUPPORT

## TITHING & COLLECTION MARCH 22ND—MARCH 28TH

General Fund	\$9,191.00
Building Fund	\$1,240.00
Children's	\$202.66
Santo Niño	\$295.00
Other	\$474.00
ACH	<u>\$560.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,962.66</b>
Last Year's Collection	<b>Not Available</b>

Collections in the general fund and capital improvement fund help us to cover our parish expenses, support our pastoral programs, and pay Santo Niño Regional School \$14,988.51 each month to support its programs and pay our portion of the debt service. SMDLP currently\* has 3,507 ACTIVE registered parishioners (1,361 ACTIVE families) who regularly give of their time, talent or treasure. Thanks to all parishioners who use their envelopes, contribute through the Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) or on-line giving! [\*as of 3/15/21]

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<b>Number of Pledges</b>	<b>229</b>
Total Pledged	\$435,621.94
Percentage pledged of goal	77.10%
Total Paid	\$391,576.86
Percentage collected of goal	69.31%
Percentage collected of pledges	89.89%

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS NOTE:

If you are making capital campaign contributions via ACH or on-line giving, there is not an automatic end-date for your contribution toward your pledge. If you have fulfilled your obligation and wish to discontinue the auto-deduct you must take care of this personally as the church does not have the authority. If you are unsure of the total collected toward your pledge, please contact Tommy Martinez at the Parish Office at 473-4200 or [finance@smdlp.org](mailto:finance@smdlp.org). If you choose not to stop the payments, the additional amount collected will be used to assist us in other capital improvement projects.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity toward our Time to Renew Campaign!

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**"How is God asking you to share the God-given blessings of your life?"**

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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 11, 2021

**WATCH**

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.



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