

# EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

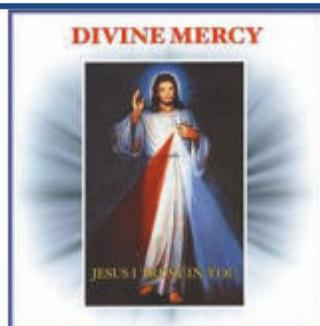
Happy Easter! I pray and hope this Easter Day fills you with peace, hope and joy. We have journeyed together through Lent looking forward to this Easter Day and we continue to hope to come to know the Lord more fully during this Easter Season.

This week we celebrate the “Octave of Easter” (this eight-day period that begins on Easter and ends with the following Sunday). In our journey of life, I continue to hear many use words to describe hope for a “new normal” or getting back to normal. My prayer for us all is that we experience a “newness of life” that the Resurrection of the Lord offers each of us.

On the final day of the Octave of Easter, next Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have a special Holy Hour of Adoration and prayer at 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Please join us in praise and adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and intercede for His Divine Mercy for us and for our whole world!

May the Risen Lord bless you. You remain in my prayers always!

*Deacon Frank*



**Divine Mercy Holy Hour - Sunday April 11 @ 2:30 p.m.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Readings  
Divine Mercy Chaplet, closing with Benediction.

**WEEKEND OF: April 3-4, 2021**

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| <b>Period variance</b>       | <b>(-\$ 942.00)</b> |
| <b>YTD variance</b>          | <b>(-\$ 14,191)</b> |

### **A Happy Ending Isn’t the Whole Story**

“Is there a happy ending?” When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, “Is there a happy ending?”

I can’t say I blame them. Don’t we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it’s not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It’s a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It’s the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It’s the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it’s that we can’t press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it’s crucial, isn’t it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn’t happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn’t all that matters. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPI

## WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE      Easter Sunday - April 4, 2021

### SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS TO PLACE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS

#### **First Reading:**

“To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” (Acts 10:43)

#### **Psalm:**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Or Alleluia.

#### **Second Reading:**

Think of what is above, not what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

#### **Gospel:**

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

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### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

#### **Readings for the week of April 4, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/  
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

#### **Observances for the week of April 4, 2021**

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Next

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Christ  
is  
Risen!

## EASTER WEEK 2021

### Easter Schedule

April 3 Easter Vigil—5:00 PM

April 4 Easter Sunday Masses— 8:30 & 11 AM

### DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

April 11 @ 2:30 PM

#### **What is Divine Mercy Sunday?**

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, Jesus asked for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, which was named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Diary of St. Faustina, in entry 699: “**My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.**”

But Divine Mercy Sunday is not solely based on St. Faustina's revelations, — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

#### **REMEMBER**

The COVID 19 pandemic is still with us. Please be vigilant in wearing your masks and staying physically distant.

# Mass Intentions

#### **Saturday, April 3—Holy Saturday**

5:00 pm The People of St. Marks Church

#### **Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday**

8:30 am Josephine Carvill by Connie Schmeer

11:00 am Carmela Chirido by Husband Giuseppe Chirido

#### **Monday, April 5**

8:00 am *Joseph Mazzeo by Grace Tantalò*

#### **Tuesday, April 6**

8:00 am Special Intention by Jim & Bev Gelormini

#### **Wednesday April 7**

8:00 am Special Intention

#### **Thursday, April 8**

8:00 am *Michael Seminatore by Michele De Ninnis-Smith*

#### **Friday, April 9**

8:00 am *The People of St. Mark's Parish*

#### **Saturday, April 10**

5:00 pm *Joseph Mazzeo by Mariann Hooper, Carmella O'Keefe, Kathy Meier*

#### **Sunday, April 11 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:30 am *For the Special Intentions Bea Trabold  
By Connie Schmeer*

11:00 am *Andrew DiMaria, Jr. by Elaine Giancursio*

*There are many open Masses and weeks available to light the Sanctuary Lamp for 2021*

*This Week  
Sanctuary Lamp:*

*For all those struggling with depression*



#### **Prayer Requests**

The following members and extended members of our Parish Family have had prayer requests made for them:

*Donna Sindon, Marie Pettrone,  
Sister Jody Kearney, Jane Gunzelmann,  
Jeff Biss, Gloria Minardo,  
Amy Brewer, Shirley Mulliger, Jane Camiolo,  
Michael Mele, Janet Ciaccia, Ken & Nathan Schultz,  
Dawn Lamendola, Knycos, Timothy Glasow,  
Evelyn Tisa, Skyler, Lynne Mikel, Mya Colon,  
Emma Webster, Ann Gifford*

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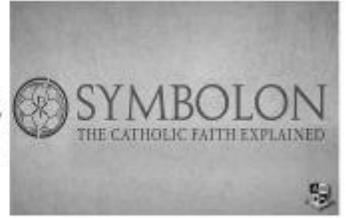
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April 4, 2021

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**SYMBOLON - SESSION 6  
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THE MYSTERY OF JESUS'  
DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is Love. In this episode of the Symbolon series, see how Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness.



**FORMED NOW:  
EVANGELIZING MILLENNIALS**

After his Resurrection, Christ told his disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). To continue this evangelical work today, we have to adapt to diverse audiences. In this series, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss how to reach one of those audiences—millennials.

**LEARN**

**LISTEN**

**PINTS WITH AQUINAS:  
WHAT IS GRACE?  
WITH MICHAEL GORMLEY**

As Catholics we believe that grace allows us to participate in the life of God. In this episode of Pints with Aquinas, Matt Fradd sits down with Michael Gormley to discuss what this means in our daily lives.



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**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

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 women, 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.”

***Class of 2021  
Hands of Christ Recipients***

On March 24, 2021 seven seniors from St. Mark were recognized with the Hands of Christ. Thank you for your service to your Church, Family, Community and School. You have all been a light in our world for many years and we know how challenging the past year has been for you.

Please join me in congratulating:

- Brooke Burgio***
- Robert Chaffee***
- Abigail Keenan***
- Ethan Kryger***
- Ashley Nicolosi***
- Nadia Pentolino***
- Benjamin Tantalò***

We will recognize the Class of 2021 Hands of Christ recipients at a Mass later in the Spring.

Questions on Faith Formation and Youth Ministry? Contact Kris Burgio at: 227-6824 x 203 or via email

## **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

### **First Reading:**

We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile-believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

### **Second Reading:**

Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return — to “seek what is above.” What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

### **Gospel:**

Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection focuses on the women's discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION—April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

## **LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: “And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here.” Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.

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