



Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143
April 11, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish
Second Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Divine Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday, throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that "**The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**" (Diary 699) He went on to say "**I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.**" (Diary 1109) We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday". We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith!



About the feast day "Divine Mercy Sunday", Jesus said "...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy". (Diary 699) Our Lord said "When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul..." and Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional know this, that I, Myself, am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy." (1602) Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is... only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light." (1725)

It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation, then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day. Those who have already confessed their sins should make room for others. The Church allows for one to go to Confession for up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. (Excerpts taken from the Diary of St. Faustina, copyright 1987 Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge MA., USA)

Lots of great things coming up in the April and May. We look forward to all the wonderful things that will allow us to continue to move forward and out of the pandemic.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John

Divine Mercy Sunday

Ss. Robert & William Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, after the 11:30 am Mass
until 2:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:30 pm - 1:45pm

Closing Prayer Service and Benediction 2:00 pm

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

The Great Outdoors is Calling You

The Parish Garden

Ministry is in urgent need of volunteers. Would you or your family like to "Adopt-a-Garden"?



We currently have 33

gardens but only 13 families participating. Typical garden tasks include: planting, weeding, and watering. Come show your creativity and devotion. You can breathe fresh air and soak up the sunshine as you contemplate the miracle of God's world. To join the team, contact Bernie Solpa (216) 261-6866 or call the parish office at 216-289-0700 x.100, and leave your name and contact information (name, phone, e-mail).



NOTE CHANGE IN DATE

Mourning to Morning

SRW/SJC Bereavement Support

.is an informative and prayerful program to help people move through the grieving process

and forward in faith.

New six-week session begins
Saturday, April 17, 2021

10:30AM – 12:00PM

Sacred Heart Room

Ss. Robert and William Parish Office Bldg.
There is no fee but registration requested.

Contact Renée Barber
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LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday which makes it a great day to reflect on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we know, sin cuts us off from God's sanctifying grace. Although our sin may cut us off temporarily from sanctifying grace, it can always be regained through an honest and authentic reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

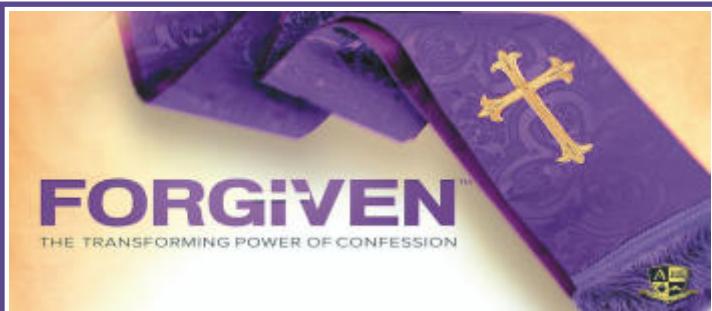


Often, I hear people say that they are not deserving of God's love because of their sinfulness. While none of us deserve God's love, it is granted to all of us as a gift. I often meet people who believe that their sin is "different" and "worse" than the sins of their neighbor and thus feel worthless, inferior, and despairing. While there are different levels of sin and some are worse than others, we cannot get trapped in the mindset that our sins cannot be forgiven or that we are somehow special or unique in our sinfulness. If we do this, we are really doubting the amount of God's love, which we know to be infinite and without limit. This is simply pride in a different form since we are implying that our sins are so grand and severe that even God cannot forgive us. Sins of any kind are a drop in the ocean compared to God's love, mercy, and grace.

If you believe you are a sinner, you are correct. However, take heart in God's love and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation whenever you feel as if you have sinned. After you do, commit to trying harder, praying more, and move on. If you do this regularly, I will wager that your mental health will improve!



CONCERT OF HOPE
St. John of the Cross
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
7 p.m.
Livestreamed or in the Church



Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of

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Thea Bowman Center

During this season of Resurrection and rebirth, Thea Bowman Center is especially grateful to the members of St. John of the Cross Church for your support. If this last year has taught us anything, it's that the things we've always taken for granted can bring us to our knees in an instant. Because of your support, we have been able to provide food support for an average of 800 residents each month, including home delivery services to 100 seniors, and to secure computer devices and access to online learning for adults and children.

The Center listens and learns from the people of Mount Pleasant in order to meet their needs. Right now, that need is to take the focus away from surviving and be able to aim it towards thriving. Thanks for being there for us and for them! For more information or to make a donation, please visit www.theabowmancenter.org.



Cemetery Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the gathering space at St. John the Cross Parish, 140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, OH 44143. Learn about Catholic burial traditions and cremation. Ensure your family is fully informed to make educated decisions before the need arises.

Attendees will receive a personal reference guide. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event so we can prepare for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the seminar.

RSVP to Bob DeJohn 216/539-7943



Monday, April 12

8:30 AM (JB/TS)† Tom O'Toole

Tuesday, April 13

6:30 PM (JB) † Tom O'Toole

Wednesday, April 14

8:30 AM (JL) † Ryan & Brian Malvorah

Thursday, April 15

6:30 (JL/TS) † Annie Kaluza

Friday, April 16

No Mass (8:30am Morning Prayer; 9am-2pm Adoration)

Saturday, April 17

4 PM (JL/TS) † Tom O'Toole

Sunday, April 18

7:45 AM (JB/TS) † Adolph Rot

10:15 AM (JL/TS) † Vincent D'Agostino

Liturgical Tribute Fund

All money that is donated to this fund in memory of a loved one or friend, or a special occasion will be used to purchase items utilized in our worship and help us to do all that we can to assure that we have what we need to worship reverently and well.

Sincere thank you for your donations to our Liturgical Tribute Fund...

In Memory of

Vi Franko.....Patricia Wilkomm



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Thanks for your generous support toward our mission to serve God!

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Parish Office Hours:

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SJC Prayer Hotline: 216-289-0770, Ext. 120

Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and Their Caregivers

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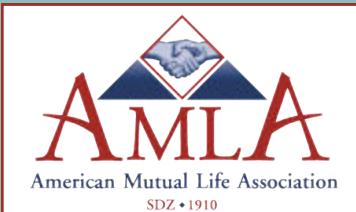
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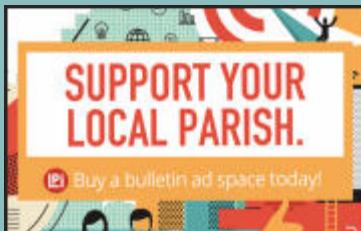
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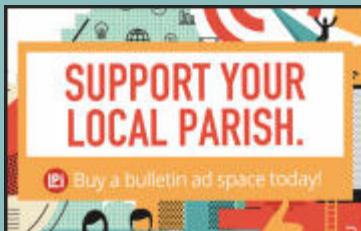
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