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APRIL 11, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

SUNDAY 4/11

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 JN 5:1-6/JN 20:19-3

MONDAY 4/12

ACTS 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7A, 7B-9 JN 3:1-8

TUESDAY 4/13

ACTS 4:32-37/Ps 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5/JN 3:7B-15

WEDNESDAY 4/14

ACTS 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/JN 3:16-21

THURSDAY 4/15

ACTS 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 AND 9, 17-18, 19-20/JN 3:31-36

FRIDAY 4/16

ACTS 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/JN 6:1-15

SATURDAY 4/17

ACTS 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/JN 6:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY 4/18

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7A]/1 JN 2:1-5A/Lk 24:35-48

2nd Sunday of Easter

The Resurrection of the Lord brings great blessings to one and all. Its power is never dimmed nor diminished for it is by the grace of God that one and all receive life and through our lives accept his mercy and graciousness to us. Each and every believer is transformed by our belief in the resurrection. Placed deep within us, the power to believe displaces over and over again evil and replaces it with good. It is up to each one of us to consciously remember what God is accomplishing in us through his Son, Christ, our Lord.

Each of the readings point out the change that happens when not one, but an entire community, believe fully and completely in the Word of God. Our first reading from Acts, presents an idyllic picture of life in which all share what they have "in common". With no one being hungry or homeless, no one being left out, no one excluded from God's great grace. It is important to remember this event in the life of the nascent church for at our deepest roots we yearn for a society in which there is no need, no poverty, no exclusion, no violence, just generosity, graciousness and love. It is a worldview based on Gospel goodness rather than the pettiness of human desire. It is what we work and pray for. We are not there yet, but as long as there are individuals and groups and laws which protect people, feed people, help people and end

discrimination and violence, we know we will get there with the help of God.

Our second reading affirms the beauty of Acts by giving us the way to accept God's grace into our lives in order to effect change for the good. First John invites us to be children of God who truly believe in the power of Jesus and live a life according to His will – to love God and obey His commandments. And this is a life-long task for each of us. Loving God is not just a Sunday thing, rather, it is a conscious awareness that we have come from God, we belong to God and all that is belongs to God. When we remember the Resurrection and the great grace that comes through Jesus, we learn slowly but surely to place God at the center of our lives and learn his commands are not burdensome, rather, they are guides that help us choose good over evil, forgiveness over revenge, gratitude and giving over greed, the common good of all people over and above our personal selfish desires. To truly love God, we know there is great power and mercy that needs to be released upon our world in order that its wounds may be healed.

In the familiar Gospel story, we see our role making a new community of grace in our world. We need to be people who act on our beliefs so that others may "see" and know why we do the things we do. People need to see grace in action. People need to see forgiveness played out in real

time. And people need to see our love in God by our life lived in faith, hope and charity. When we act as we believe, others are drawn into the circle of God's life and love and the new community, as witnessed in Acts, starts being formed anew.

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA2021)

The local Church extends beyond our parish. The annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) gives each of us the opportunity to join with our Catholic sisters and brothers throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit to support archdiocesan-wide services and programs. Examples include Sacred Heart Major Seminary, programs for youth and young adults, ministry to hospitals and prisons, parish renewal events and pastoral minister, lay minister, training and certification, to name just a few. In addition, many of our parishioners participate in special and ongoing activities organized and coordinated by archdiocesan staff that are supported by the CSA. Please be a part of this great movement of faith. We need your gift to the CSA in order to reach our parish target of \$98,363. Once again, I thank you advance for helping us to reach our goal. May God bless you for all your work for the good of Christ's church.

REV. RON JOZWIAK
Pastor

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

4:00 pm Mary Dominick

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 am Cletus Nwagwu

8:00 am Tom Zann

10:00 am Fred & Mouna Dally

10:00 am John & Felicidade Santiago

10:00 am Gerald Kopasz

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Lisa Caplin Anderson

John Gernacy

Genevieve Davey



LOVING MEMORY

Our sympathy goes out to the families of...

JACK DRAHOS

Saturday, April 17th 9am

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Second Sunday of Easter

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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YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US!

Youth Group will meet
Tuesday, April 20th

LIVE THE LITURGY

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! ©LPi

Blessing of the Food on Holy Saturday



Easter Vigil



Congratulations to Mia H., Stevie, Erin and Mia C. who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Mia, and Stevie were baptized and received Holy Communion and all were confirmed. *MAY OUR LOVING GOD BLESS THEM!*

PARTICULAR DISPENSATION INFORMATION

The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the anticipatory Mass at 4:00pm or later on the previous day) is to be reinstated in the Archdiocese of Detroit effective Saturday, March 13, 2021.

Considering the grave obligation we have of being physically present with our brothers and sisters at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation for the Eucharist, each of us is asked to make a good and sincere judgement as to whether these circumstances apply or not. Where doubt or confusion persists, consult any priest for clarity.

While the general dispensation is removed, there are specific instances where the dispensation will continue, as well as those circumstances where there is no obligation in the first place. One does not have an obligation to attend Mass on Sunday in the

following circumstances:

1. You are ill or your health condition would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (i.e., you have underlying conditions or are in a high-risk category). Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.
2. You exhibit flu-like symptoms. Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.
3. You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (e.g., you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or influenza). Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.
4. You care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed.
5. You are pregnant.
6. Those 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation of high-risk

individuals).

7. You cannot attend Mass *through no fault of your own* (e.g., no Mass is offered, you are infirmed, or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control (e.g., your ride did not show up, the church was at capacity).
8. If you have *significant* fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass.

For questions about the application of any of these, please contact your pastor. These categories will be reviewed in due course and revised as needed.

Those within categories #1-8 above must still observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; an excellent way to do this is through participating in a broadcast of the Sunday Mass. <https://www.aod.org/emergencyresponse>

A BLUEPRINT FOR THE COMMON GOOD

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: FOCUS WEEK 9

IMMIGRATION & REFUGEES

"YOU SHALL LOVE ... YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF"

LUKE 10:27, NAB

The Catholic Church for decades has called for federal immigration reform and state policies that treat immigrants and refugees with respect. People of faith are called to

welcome the stranger among them, and "to be present to those in need of help, regardless of whether or not they belong to our social group."⁴ Being present includes a willingness to advocate for measures that recognize the worth of immigrants, migrants, and refugees; supporting policies that keep families together; and reviewing legislation that addresses the root causes of migration. In 2021–2022, MCC will support:

- Upholding the human dignity of all persons and working against injustices that

compromise the dignity of immigrants.

- Policies that prevent the separation of families.
- Policies that promote access to state identification.
- Continuing to welcome refugees and asylees to the state who have been admitted by the federal government.
- Recognizing and promoting the values that immigrants and refugees provide to Michigan's culture and economy.

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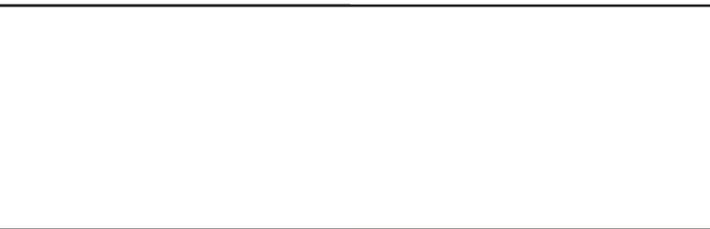
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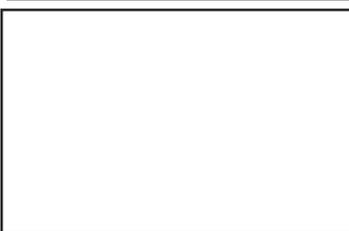
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