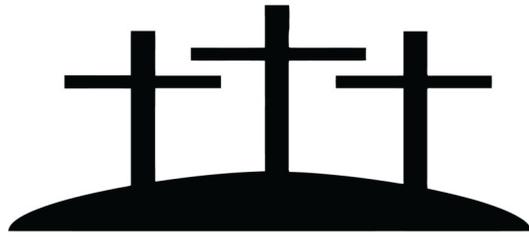




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 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart... He will direct your path."
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At Mass, Pope Prays for Unity, Fidelity in Difficult Time

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ROME - Fidelity and unity can be difficult to maintain in times of trial, Pope Francis said, but he prayed God would give Christians the grace to remain united and faithful.

"May the difficulties of this time make us discover communion among us, the unity that is always superior to every division," the pope prayed April 14 at the start of his morning Mass at the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

In his homily, the pope reflected on the day's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, in which St. Peter preaches to the people on Pentecost and calls on them to "repent and be baptized."

Conversion, the pope explained, implies a return to faithfulness, which is a "human attitude that is not so common in people's lives, in our lives."

"There are always illusions that attract attention and many times we want to follow these illusions," he said. Nevertheless, Christians must hold on to faithfulness "in good time and bad times."

The pope recalled a reading from the Second Book of Chronicles, which said that after King Rehoboam established himself as king and the kingdom of Israel was secured, he and the people "abandoned the law of the Lord."

Too often, he said, feeling secure and making grand plans for the future is the path to forgetting God and falling into idolatry.

"It is so difficult to keep the faith. The whole history of Israel, and then the whole history of the church, is full of infidelity," the pope said. "It is full of selfishness, full of its own certainties that make the people of God turn away from the Lord and lose that faithfulness, the grace of faithfulness."

Pope Francis encouraged Christians to learn from the example of St. Mary Magdalene, who "never forgot all that the Lord had done for her" and remained faithful "in the face of the impossible, in the face of tragedy."

"Today, let us ask the Lord for the grace of faithfulness, to thank him when he gives us security, but to never think that they are "my securities", the pope said. Ask for "the grace of being faithful even in front of the tomb, in front of the collapse of so many illusions."



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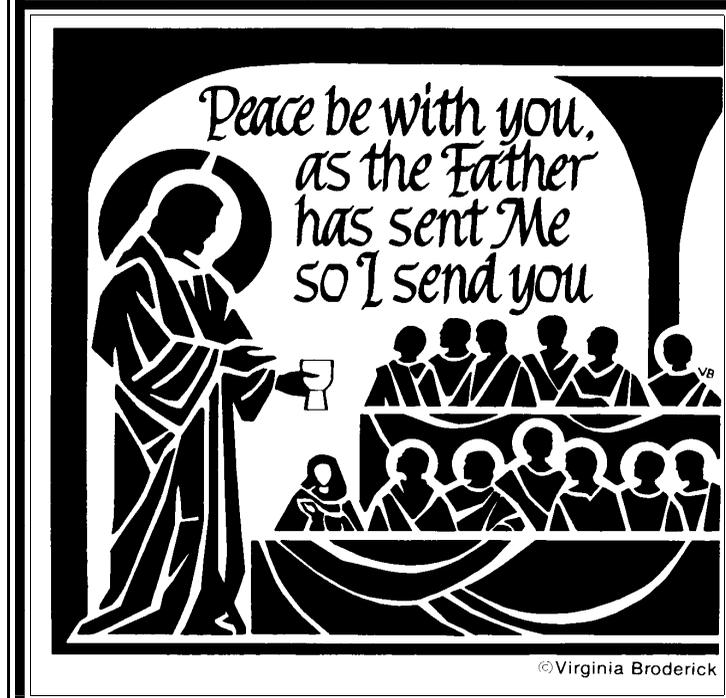
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**SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2020
 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**



"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

Reconciliation

Saturdays:
 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Baptism :

Expectant parents welcome to register, and speak with Fr. Ron after Mass

Matrimony :

Must register at least eight months in advance. Book the Church before the hall.

Communion at Home :

Lay ministers are available to bring Communion to shut-ins. Phone the parish office.

Prayer-Line :

Rose Marie Spina
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 (Italian)

Visiting & Card

Ministry:

If you wish to send cards or have someone visit people who are confined to their homes. Contact the parish office.

REGULAR CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

**Tues - Friday
 9:00-12:00**

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During this time, we invite you to please drop off your donation envelopes at our office by depositing your envelope in the mail slot of the office door.
 Thank you.

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**TELEVISED MASS ON SHAW CABLE
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Third Sunday of Easter
Saturday, April 25 & Sunday, April 26, 2020

Mass Intentions:

**All deceased members of the Coccimiglio family by
Michelina Naccarato.**

**All deceased members of the Naccarato family by Mich-
elina Naccarato.**

Silvio Bozzo by the family.

For the intentions of all parishioners of St. Veronica's.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the
family and friends with the passing of,
Ida Coccimiglio



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is an observance in the Roman Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to all. It is based on visions recorded from St. Faustina Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope John Paul II. Roman Catholics are required to attend worship, go to confession, and take Holy Communion. Divine Mercy Sunday occurs the Sunday after Easter.

Divine Mercy Sunday Facts and Quotes:

- + St. Faustina was a Polish nun who lived in the early 20th century. She devoted her life to spreading the word about God's forgiveness, or divine mercy, for anyone who asks for forgiveness. Although she was a mystic, she also cooked and gardened as part of her convent life.
- + St. Faustina had visions most of her life. One that was the most profound was of Jesus, with one hand raised in blessing and with two fingers of his other hand resting on his heart. She said that Jesus asked her to have the image painted, and to include a prayer that said, "Jesus, I trust in you". This is the prayer that Catholics recite on Divine Mercy Sunday.
- + Most priests preach on the story of Doubting Thomas on Divine Mercy Sunday (John 20:19-31). Thomas, also a saint in the Roman Catholic Church, was one of the Jesus' apostles. When Jesus arose from the dead, he didn't believe it. Jesus directed him to touch his crucifixion wounds to help him believe. Jesus doesn't chastise Thomas for his disbelief, which is considered an act of mercy.
- + "The message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me....which I took with me to the See of Peter and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate." - Pope John Paul II

