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St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community. Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities to all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry. St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.
2nd Sunday of Easter Year A

In the year 2000 St. John Paul II officially declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord revealed secrets of His mercy to St. Faustina, and also told her of His desire for the Second Sunday of Easter to be the Feast of His Mercy. The following is from St. Faustina’s diary:

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, 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 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 all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. (Diary, 699)

This Sunday is really a great opportunity for us to receive the Mercy of Christ that is likened to a second baptism. We all have an opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence today. Plenary indulgences remove even the temporal punishment due to sin, meaning our time in purgatory is lessened. In order to receive this special Divine Mercy plenary indulgence we have to do the following:

- [the] plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!)

Let us all take advantage of the opportunity this weekend and receive Our Lord’s Divine Mercy. Let us become refreshed and renewed by the waters of His Mercy, that we might be a people of mercy. May we place the words on the image of Divine Mercy on our lips and our hearts: Jesus, I trust in You.

Reflection by Fr. Braud

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Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Please support the second collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal the weekend of April 29-30, 2017. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs—such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training—to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

**Reflection by Fr. Braud**
Nominations Sought for the Saint John Paul II Award

The Catholic Foundation is seeking nominations for the Saint John Paul II Award. The award is presented annually to an outstanding Catholic layperson(s) or permanent deacon who resides in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and who exhibits inspirational examples of Christian stewardship. This year’s award will be presented at The Catholic Foundation’s Annual Dinner held at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Award nominees should be a practicing Roman Catholic with an outstanding record of volunteer service in the Catholic Community; high moral character; volunteer board memberships and exemplary values. A nomination form is available on the Catholic Foundation website (http://cf.arch-no.org/saint-john-paul-ii-award/). Nominations should be no longer than three pages in length. All nominations are due to The Catholic Foundation by Friday, May 12, 2017. Please submit nominations to: The Catholic Foundation, 1000 Howard Ave., Suite 800, New Orleans, LA 70113 or fax to (504) 596-3068 or email mwolfe@arch-no.org

*Note: Names of nominees and nominators are treated with confidentiality*

19th Annual Mother’s Day Rosary Crusade for Life with Mass and Eucharistic Adoration

Honoring Our Lady of Fatima on the 100th Anniversary of Her 1st Apparition at Fatima and Honoring All Mothers

Saturday, May 13th, 2017
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Our Lady of Prompt Succor Shrine
2701 State Street, New Orleans, LA

Schedule:
9:00 ~ Mass
9:45 ~ Eucharistic Adoration, 5 Decades of the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:45 ~ Closing Benediction

For more information, please call 504.460.9360 or 985.809.0773

Parish Calendar

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Prayer Intention from Pope Francis for April

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"
~MARK 14:37

The Adoration Ministry offers an invitation to quiet prayer. Faith brings to one’s life a thirst to know the Lord, to know God's will and to know oneself better; and quiet prayer provides a time to listen and to present to the Lord individual cares and hopes for families, friends and oneself. Every Tuesday at St Ann Church, following the 8:45 A.M. Mass, a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins and continues until 6:30 P.M., prior to the 7:00 P.M. Novena Mass. If you are interested in spending an hour with the Blessed Sacrament, please complete the form at https://stannchurchandshrine.org/adoration-society

The Adoration Society ensures that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.

School News

The third graders will have their recorder concert assembly on Friday. We are very proud that at St. Ann School all students learn to read music and play an instrument. All third graders will be invited to join the school band in fourth grade.
Peace Be with You

God our Father,
you sent your Son to give us life,
and to bless us with his peace.
Your Son breathed his Spirit on his disciples
and on us today,
filling us with his mercy and forgiveness,
his peace and his grace.
May we be filled with the Spirit,
and take that Spirit into the world,
filling the world with your peace.
May we be empowered by the Spirit,
so that others may grow in holiness
and love,
and your grace might flow beyond
our grasp.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

April 23, 2017

The Communal Life


On this Second Sunday in the Easter season, our communities of faith should be proclaimed as our sources of life in Christ lived daily. When we suffer, our community prays for us, shares food, and seeks ways to help us. When we share good news, our community proclaims that joy ever more loudly, and promises continued support and prayer as.

Look around your church community today. Here is your faith fan club. Empowered by the Spirit, renewed by the Risen Christ, and graced by the continued presence of the Father, our communities of faith assemble and share what breaking bread together means. Rediscover the sincerity of heart within your parish. You will find that the peace of Christ, which is proclaimed in the Gospel as Christ’s greeting, will rest more deeply when voiced and named clearly and with sincerity. You will find that the faith that is more precious than gold, as St. Peter writes in today’s Second Reading, is more powerful when the assembly proclaims it together by word, in action, and for one another. The joy of the resurrection is palpable in the community of faith.
Monday, April 24

Boldly Speaking God’s Word
In today’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles, those earliest Christians were empowered by the Spirit over and over again. That empowerment was manifested by speaking the Word of God with boldness. In the light of the Resurrection and its meaning affecting all avenues of one’s life, speaking the Word of God boldly can be less daunting. Has Easter helped you to reflect on how boldly you apply the Word of God to your life? Today’s Readings: Acts 4:23–31; Psalm 2:1–3, 4–7a, 7b–9; John 3:1–8.

Tuesday, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist
The writer of the oldest Gospel, St. Mark, was not one of the Twelve. His Gospel is the shortest, and was used as a source for both Matthew and Luke. Take some time today to read from this straightforward account of Jesus, perhaps focusing on his presentation of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Consider the succinct ending to the Gospel and his emphasis on faith. Today’s Readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 15–17; Mark 16:15–20.

Wednesday, April 26

God So Loved the World
The opening lines of today’s Gospel capture both Incarnation and redemption. God so loved the world, so loves us, that he gave his Only Begotten Son that we might have eternal life. How much love do we have within us that we show others? We have many chances to show our love in the world, but do not always accept those opportunities. Today can be the day to accept one of those opportunities and demonstrate our love, which is God’s love, to the world. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.

Thursday, April 27

Easter Joy
After six weeks of Lent, we have this wonderful season of Easter, which stretches even longer. However, it seems almost too much to remain joyful and ready to sing alleluia for that long. Pope Francis has reminded us that, as Christians, we have a calling to be joyful. The joy of the Resurrection is found in rediscovering Christ here and now, in one another and in daily experiences. Don’t let go of that joy. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2, 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.

Friday, April 28

Loaves and Fish and Fragments
The Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves and fish helps us contemplate the many ways that Jesus shares himself with us and feeds us. In this story, Jesus is aware of the crowd’s need for physical as well as spiritual nourishment. What do you do with your leftovers? How do you share your loaves, your food, your mealtimes? Sharing Jesus Christ with others is simpler than you might think. We might be more inclined to participate in that sharing if we take time to realize the many ways Christ has shared himself with us. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.

Saturday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena
One of the great mystics and spiritual writers of the Church, Catherine of Siena suffered from the stigmata, the wounds of Christ. However, her wounds were not visible to the world until her deathbed. Instead, her joy in the Passion of the Lord was paramount. She sought, with great integrity, to unify a divided Church and to draw all peoples to the Cross as the one means of achieving salvation. Today’s Readings: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 8–9, 13–14, 17–18; Matthew 11:25–30.
The April Respect Life focus is on Fertility/Infertility/Assisted Reproductive Technologies

Our spiritual work of mercy-Prayer for those struggling with Infertility:
Mother of Christ, you were graced by God with the privilege of bearing our Divine Savior. You experienced the joys and challenges of being a parent. Your life was blessed with seeing Jesus grow from infancy and childhood, into his adult years of teaching a ministry. With St. Joseph, you created a home for your family to love and share together. Please intercede before the God of all life, that those struggling with infertility may conceive a baby and raise healthy children, with whom they can share the Lord’s good gifts. May their children honor them and You by lives of virtue and caring for others. May their home be holy and their family be blessed with health, happiness and abiding love. And for those for whom conceiving a child is not possible may their love for each other be fruitful. Help them not to become bitter when they encounter others who devalue life. May those who cannot give birth to a child see other ways in which they can give life to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (sources: Nine Day Prayer to St. Gerard & Catholic Prayers)

If you know someone struggling with infertility, assure her (or him) of your prayers. Treatment and education is offered through the resources below.

- Gianna Center of the Gulf South — ProLife well-woman OB/GYN care including medical & surgical infertility treatment - medical & surgical, Creighton Model Natural Family Planning
- Hope Woman's Clinic — Pro-life well-woman GYN care including medical infertility treatment, Creighton Model Natural Family Planning & Family of the Americas Natural Family Planning
- Natural Family Planning — methods in the Archdiocese that teach Fertility/Infertility Awareness

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7 Secrets of Divine Mercy EBook on FORMED.org
Vinny Flynn
In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized the great 20th century visionary of Divine Mercy, Sister Faustina Kowalska, and proclaimed the Sunday after Easter to be celebrated annually as Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2006, Pope Benedict stressed that "Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but an integral dimension of Christian faith and prayer." These three Popes have made it very clear that Divine Mercy is a major part of the Christian faith, and now this powerful new book reveals why.

Best-selling author Vinny Flynn continues his popular "7 Secrets" series with a book that brings him back to his roots. Vinny was one of the original editors of the official English edition of the actual Diary of St. Faustina, and he has written and edited a vast number of the Divine Mercy materials that are used today.

Through his "secrets" of Divine Mercy, Vinny shows how Divine Mercy is not just another worthy "private devotion"; it is the key devotion, the umbrella devotion over everything else. Every other devotion in the Church, every ritual, every activity, every teaching is under that umbrella of Divine Mercy. It's all there to help us understand and enter into Divine Mercy. He shows us how everything in our lives can become more meaningful, more powerful, more life-changing once we really embrace the gift of Divine Mercy — the overflow of love from the Holy Trinity.

In this compelling and timely book, Flynn draws from Scripture, the teachings of the Church, and the Diary of St. Faustina to not only reveal the heart of Divine Mercy, but to offer you an invitation and a road map so that this mercy can transform your life.

If you're not yet convinced of the impact Divine Mercy can have on your life, if you've never heard of this message and devotion, or if you're curious to learn more about it, this book is perfect for you. It shows us all how to respond to the call of Pope Francis "to live lives shaped by mercy", and benefit greatly from the "Year of Mercy".
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