

## Pastor's Corner

*Easter Thank-Yous, We Made TV! and Divine Mercy Sunday Activities*



**Holy Week and Easter Thank-Yous.** Thanks to everyone who helped make our celebration of Holy Week Services and Easter Masses so special: the palm branch donors and cleaners, the contributors to our Easter flowers and décor, the Food Bank workers, the painters (did you notice the new gray-blue paint in the church sanctuary?), the sacristans, the Sanctuary Society, the Holy Thursday “apostles” and oil carriers, the musicians, the ushers, the Eucharistic Ministers, the altar servers, the RCIA Team, our faithful Deacons and Fr. Thien. A special shout out to Carolyn Diaz, Jack Siciliano, CJ Rowden, Wayne Wetzell, Claudia Todaro and Rachel Griffin for hours spent behind the scenes readying every detail of the services for the past week. God bless all!

**We made TV!** Fox News 8 heard from people who attended our Easter Vigil Mass that our altar was exceptionally beautiful for Easter. Fox sent a film crew to our Church during the 8 am Mass on Easter Sunday. They did a nice story on our community, but unfortunately, it seems like the link has been taken off the Internet. Such is the fast pace of life in the virtual world! Above are photos of our Sanctuary for Easter.

**Divine Mercy Sunday Prayers, Indulgences and Confessions this Sunday:** This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, a special day to receive the grace of God’s mercy and an indulgence (the remission of the punishment for sin after death). The indulgence is gained by attending Mass and receiving communion worthily, by sacramental confession within 20 days of Divine Mercy Sunday, by a prayer for the Pope’s intentions, by detachment from sin, *and* by praying either the Divine Mercy Chaplet or an Our Father or the Creed plus the prayer “Jesus, I Trust in You,” preferably in front of the Divine Mercy Image. We will have a Divine Mercy Image in Church this weekend near the Baptismal Font. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 8 am Sunday Mass. Fr. Thien and I will hear confessions for Divine Mercy graces at 9 am and 11 am this Sunday.

Wishing you Easter Blessings and God’s Divine Mercy in abundance,

Fr. Joe