

Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 11, 2021

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes
that Jesus is the Son of God?
— 1 John 5:5

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., April 10, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Nick Sita, Marylou Widmer, Frank Minyard, Jimmy Matherne, Ken Bopp, Yvonne Morel, Elaine Muro, Joseph Serpas, **and for the living**; In Thanksgiving, Karge Family and David Cooper

Sun. April 11, 7:30 a.m. Paul and Kay Veith

Sun. April 11, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., April 11, 11:00 a.m. Joseph Legnon, Carol Pieri, Doris Letsch, Richard Letsch, Fred Kopfler, Gary Joseph Treuil, Audry Barras Fresh, Melinda Ball, **and for the living**: David Cooper, Andrew Danenhowe and Nicole Boroughs

Mon., April 12, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule’

Tues., April 13 NO MASS

Wed., April 14, 8:00 a.m. Leonard Wilfert

Thurs., April 15, 8:00 a.m. James “Mac” Lachlan IV

Fri., April 16, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

PRAYER LIST

Rosalind Baham	Chuck Armstrong
Deacon Frank Minor	Louise Cashmere
Kenneth Vicari	Yolanda Bourgeois
Tuck Tucker	LeLe Kopfler
Catherine Atkins	Roxanne Troxclair
Robert Till	Curt Stansbury
Cindy Hebert	Clarence Inniss

Weekly Collections

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Easter Collection	\$ 1,185.00
Holy Land Collection	\$ 1,470.00

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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary:	Nicole Boroughs
Blessed Mother:	Marylou Widmer
St. Joseph:	Matthew and Michelle LeBlanc
St. Anne:	Josephina Martinez

We have some dates open for candles. If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF

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POPE FRANCIS'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

RICE BOWL-HAPPY EASTER!

Our Parish changed lives this Lent, and Catholic Relief Services wants to say THANK YOU! Please do not forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to Church this weekend at all Masses.

EASTER OUTREACH

St. John's Outreach Ministry would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Easter outreach. We appreciate all who made donations and helped fill, wrap, and deliver baskets. Thank you to the PSR students and teachers for making Easter cards to include in the baskets. God bless you!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the Church Sanctuary to memorialize or honor your loved ones, stop by or call the Church office to purchase a flower arrangement. Dates available for purchase during the next three months are: April 17, May 22, May 29 and June 26.

100th ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT AND MUG FUNDRAISER!

St. John the Baptist Parish will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding on June 13, 2021. On this date we will commemorate our history, renew our Catholic faith and strengthen us as a Catholic Church parish. We want every parishioner to have a remembrance of this milestone in our church life. A t-shirt and a mug have been designed to commemorate our 100th Anniversary. We encourage every parishioner to get the t-shirt and mug. Also, we want all parishioners to wear the t-shirt during our 100th Anniversary celebration on June 13th! St. John's Altar Society volunteered to manage the sale and distribution of t-shirts for the 100th Anniversary Committee. All the funds raised by the sale of the t-shirts and mugs will be used to pay for the celebration of our 100th anniversary. Pre-orders for the 100th Anniversary t-shirts and mugs will be taken in front of Jonathan Hall entrances the weekends of April 17th & 18th and April 24th and 25th before and after each weekend mass. T-shirts will be distributed before and after masses in Jonathan Hall the week ends of May 22nd and 23rd and May 29th and May 30th! Please refer to the pre-order form for information on design, color, sizes, and cost. There will be only one t-shirt printing run so please make sure you order all the t-shirts you want to purchase at pre-reorder time. Payment, for mugs and t-shirts, is expected at time of pre-order! Thank you for your attention and participation in this important and faith filled date.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

REMINDERS

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, April 8th at 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On Monday, April 12th at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will continue our study of the time period, Revolutions and Modernism, by looking at the rise of modern philosophy and the outbreak of the French Revolution. These events proved to be a grave threat to the Church. We will also continue our look at the suppression of the Jesuit order by the secular realm with the aid of a weak pope. The great theme of Church history is God's response amidst turmoil and trials: He raises up great Saints as an antidote, Saints like Bernadette and Therese, John Henry Newman and Pius X.