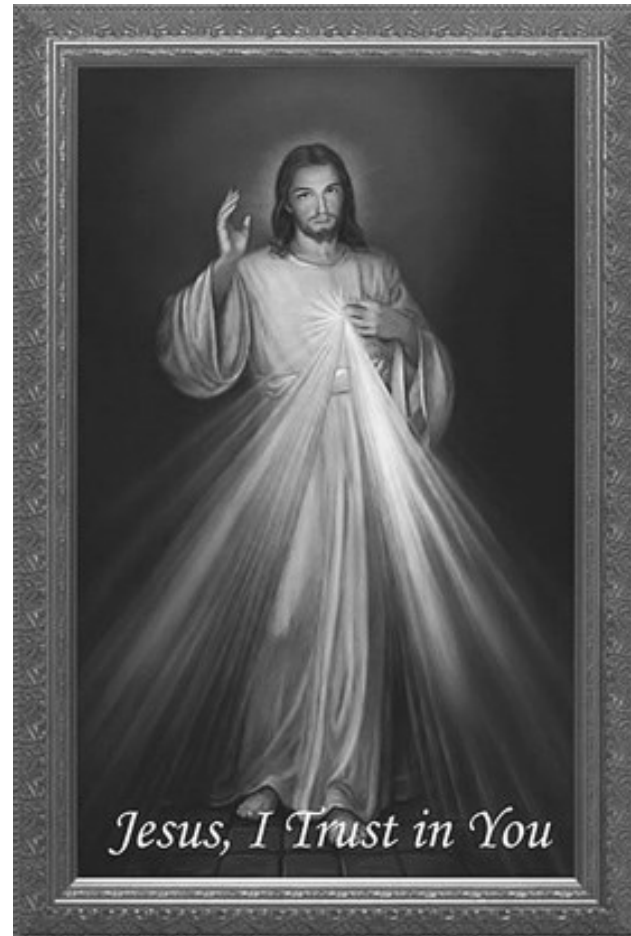


Divine Mercy Sunday

Introduction: The readings for this Sunday are about God's Divine Mercy given to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our need for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." In first section of the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat three times, "His mercy endures forever!" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, which were instituted to sanctify us. Scripture lessons: The first reading (Acts 2:42-47) tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy -- sharing, sacrificial agápe love -- practiced by the early Christians. In the second reading (1 Peter 1:3-9), St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting His Son, Jesus Resurrection from the dead and a glorious Ascension into Heaven, thus giving us the assurance of our own resurrection. Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith for everyone.

Life messages: 1) We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service. The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and communal prayer. c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."



Welcome to

April 18 & 19, 2020

St. Joseph Catholic Church- Zwolle

St. Ann Chapel- Noble

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MASSES are suspended until further notice.

Anticipated Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM (St. Joseph)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (St. Joseph)
11:00 AM (St. Joseph)
5:00 PM (St. Ann)
Tuesday-Friday: 7:30 AM (St. Joseph)
3rd Thursday: 10:00 AM at Toledo Nursing Center

Baptism: Children should be baptized within the first few months after birth. Baptism should take place in one's proper parish. Registered parishioners should contact the Office for information about scheduling a baptism class, regarding the selection of Godparents, any required preparations, and the date and time of Baptism.

Reconciliation: Confessions are normally heard on Saturdays before the mass from 3:15-3:40 PM. Other opportunities are possible by appointment by calling Father Ampatt.

Eucharistic Adoration: Spend a refreshing hour before the Lord in prayer in our daily chapel, from the conclusion of morning Mass until 3:00 PM on Thursdays.

Marriages: Either the bride or the groom must be a registered parishioner of St. Joseph/ St. Ann Parish. At least six months of preparation time is required in our Diocese. Weddings are never booked by phone or by third-parties; a **personal interview is required**. Call the office for an appointment.

Funerals: Contact the office to make necessary arrangements for the funeral liturgy.

New Parishioners: Welcome! To register, fill out one of the blue forms located at the church office or in the church foyer and return it to the church office or drop it in the weekly collection basket. Change of address or phone number? Please provide your updated information to the church office as soon as possible.

Parish Office Information

Hours: Monday 1:00 – 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM,
Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM

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****During the mandatory suspension of masses, Fr. Ampatt is continuing to say the mass intentions.**

Mass Intentions:

April 18, Saturday

St. Joseph
 Roger "Moose" Leone †
 Albert and Francis K. Ebarb †
 Solan Procell †
 Elaine Martinez †

April 19, Sunday

St. Joseph
 Mary Faye Ferguson †
 St. Joseph
 For the Parishioners
 St. Ann
 Dena Fletcher and Bert Sepulvado †

April 20, Monday

April 21, Tuesday

Matt Murray †

April 22, Wednesday

Souls in Purgatory
 Donald Henderson †
 Euell Martinez †
 Debbie Nimmo †

April 23, Thursday

Jack Parrie †

April 24, Friday

Connie Jordan †

April 25, Saturday

St. Joseph
 For the Parishioners

April 26, Sunday

St. Joseph
 President Trump and family

St. Joseph
 Fr. Danny Walsh †

St. Ann
 Sam and Pollie Procell family

Readings for this week:

- † **Monday:** Easter Weekday
 Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 3:1-8
- † **Tuesday:** Easter Weekday
 Acts 4:32-37/ Jn 3:7b-15
- † **Wednesday:** Easter Weekday
 Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21
- † **Thursday:** Easter Weekday
 Acts 5:27-33/ Jn 3:31-36
- † **Friday:** Easter Weekday
 Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15
- † **Saturday:** St. Mark, Evangelist
 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Mk 16:15-20
- † **Sunday:** Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14, 22-33/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35



Please take a moment each day to read and reflect on these passages from Sacred Scripture. It is a wonderful way to join our personal prayer to the public prayer of the church.

We pray for:



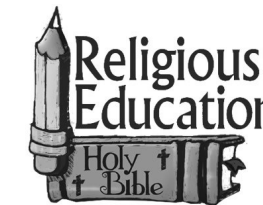
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(The names on the prayer list go through a cycle. Once they make it to the top they are removed as new names are added, to keep the prayer list current. Contact the office to add, re-add, or remove names from the list. Thank you.)

Sunday of Divine Mercy

- In the near future there will be ad space on the back of the bulletin. If you are interested in advertising your business please leave a name and contact number with the office. Ray from the company has been making calls to some of the local businesses and leaving messages to those he was not able to speak to.

All classes are suspended until further notice.



Baptism class for parents and Godparents will be **rescheduled for a later date**. Please call 508-0203 to have your name added to the list and you will be informed at a later time of the date and time. Baptism class must be completed before you can schedule your child's baptism date. Any questions please call or text 508-0203.

- We will post information as we receive it on our Facebook page and website.
- Although we can not have an actual mass we are leaving the church open from 7 AM until 5 PM at St. Joseph for those to have private Adoration and prayer.
- Thank you to those who have continued to respond with contribution envelopes.
- Anyone in need of spiritual help during this time, Fr. Ampatt can be reached at 318-426-0142.**

Week of: April 19

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of
 Ruth Loupe

St. Joseph Candle

Health of
 Fr. Ampatt

Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of
 Erma Lea "Loupe"
 Melancon

St. Ann's Candle

In Memory of
 Jack Parrie and
 Dorothy Boudreaux

Collections:

St. Joseph Church Support:	\$ 3,973.00
2nd collections	\$ 683.00
St. Ann Support: combined	\$ 1,110.00

Please remember as you pray...
 The families of:
**Blanch Procell &
 Ary Swindoll**

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal 2020 (4/16/2020)	Fam.	Donors	% Fam. Pledged	Goal	Pledged	% Goal Pledged	Pledge Paid	% Pledge Paid
St. Joseph, Zwolle	750	133	18%	\$62,500	\$48,955	78.33%	\$27,201	55.56%
St. Ann, Ebarb	125	31	25%	\$17,000	\$10,710	63%	\$4,695	43.84%