

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 19, 2020

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Tyler Pate.

## Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or  
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## This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

## Your Gift to God: April 12<sup>th</sup>

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| St. Joseph Parish Support                     | \$3,939 |
| Online Giving Parish Support                  | \$1,883 |
| Building Fund                                 | \$120   |
| Rice Bowl                                     | \$7     |
| Special Collection ( <i>Seminarian Fund</i> ) | \$1,510 |
| St. Ann Parish Support                        | \$425   |
| Online Giving                                 | \$193   |
| Special Collection ( <i>Seminarian Fund</i> ) | \$120   |

*May God reward your generosity!*

## Weekly Contributions

Your weekly contribution envelope may be dropped off at the parish office during regular business hours, placed in the drop box (left of the office front door), mailed to P. O. Box 734, or you may simply wait until Masses resume and drop them in the collection.

**Ever consider online giving?** Visit the parish website, click on the Online Giving icon and follow the instructions to setup your online giving account.

## Office Schedule

Office hours are 8:00 A.M. to noon until further notice.

*"You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!"*

## If in need...

Just to let it be known that if someone is in need during this experience of pandemic precautions, simply call the parish office. There are limited resources in these times--but we will do what we can in the moment.

## Parish Facebook

Take a look at the parish Facebook page as there are brief devotionals posted daily during this time as well as our Sunday Mass is live-streamed each week.

## Maintaining Routine

In the midst of the Coronavirus precautions we are living, it is easy to lose the regular course we navigate with our responsibilities and duties when limitations are imposed. One recommendation many are offering is that we seek to maintain our normal routine as much as we can.

Regarding our faith expression this has been extremely difficult especially during Holy Week and Easter. The abbreviated rituals, live-streaming, and stay-at-home realities we are experiencing push this to the limits.

It is one reason for the live-streamed liturgy. It is certainly not the same as being present--yet--it offers us a simple way to stay connected with the Eucharist through following the prayers of the Mass and the act of spiritual communion. Take advantage of spending time with our Lord daily--don't sacrifice the opportunities that are available to pray, reflect and engage our faith--even in limited ways. To rely on the promises of Sacred Scripture: "he that shall persevere to the end shall be saved!"

*"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."*

## Looking Ahead....

Acknowledging just what uncharted a course we are living...it's quite natural to look ahead in the coming weeks at things that have been scheduled (sometimes over a year in advance to occur) and have questions as to when or if they occur as scheduled. Such certainly would apply to many special parish moments in particular--such as Baptisms, First Communion Interviews, First Reconciliation and Eucharist, Confirmation (RCIA and CCD students) etc.--just to name a few upcoming events. At this point it is impossible to verify the dates/times as set will occur with certainty on the expected date and time. One thing for sure is that once we return to Masses with a congregation that those who have been preparing for these precious sacramental experiences will be advised as soon as possible as to when we will celebrate with them. The delay--as well as CCD/Faith Formation being cancelled--will not serve as a reason that those who have been enrolled will not be able to celebrate these important advances in the faith. Once our "routine" is re-established, dates will either be verified (if the originally planned has not already passed) or rescheduled with a bit of time for informing loved ones to plan (sponsors as an example). We're not going to withhold from those who had been preparing--or delay their celebrations--resulting in their not being able to have these special sacramental moments when it is safe to gather again as the people of God around His holy Altar.

## A Prayer for Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.**

*"Peace be with you."*

## Little White Easter Books

The Little White Easter Books are available at the main entrance of the church. This is a great resource for prayer and reflection during the Easter season.

## A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being.

We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.

We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.

We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.

We pray: may love, not fear, go viral.

Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.

Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,  
You, the God who does not abandon.

## Trust in God

May nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass; God does not leave. Patient endurance attains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing: God alone is enough.

*St. Theresa of Avila (1515-1582)*

