

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 11, 2021

Mass Intentions

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Marlin Kuenstler <i>St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	John & Annie Gerdes
	8:15 A.M.	Eugene, Sr., Cecilia & Charles Wenske,
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Margie Schindler
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Amber Bennetsen
<i>Sat.</i>	3:30 P.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
	5 P.M.	Deceased Members of the Alfred & Leona Proschko Family
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Joseph & Annie Bolech
	9 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Sitka & Wenske Families
	11 A.M.	Jose Carmen Melendez Family

Sanctuary Candle Intention

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

St. Ann Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Amber Bennetsen.

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Your Gift to God: April 4th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$5,778
Online Giving Parish Support	\$2,450
Building Fund	\$470
Rice Bowl	\$674
Holy Thursday (<i>Education of Seminarians</i>)	\$4,224
Good Friday (<i>Holy Land</i>)	\$480
Helping Hands	\$779
St. Ann Parish Support	\$815
Online Giving	\$180
Building Fund	\$60
Education of Seminarians	\$40

May God reward your generosity!

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rhonda Hansel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Mark Jemelka
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Theresa Belicek
<i>Sun.</i>	11 A.M.	Graciela Rivas

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Rocki Grubert, Debbie Caka
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Robert Wenzel
	9 A.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Randy & Debbie Randazzo
	11 A.M.	Raquel Gomez, Jose Martinez Salvador & Marisela Rodriguez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Arielle Bennetsen, Gage Harrison
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Zachary Raz, Hunter Mischer
	9 A.M.	Leah Muenich, Trevor Moreno
	11 A.M.	Luis Serrano, Samantha Arredondo

Reminder

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers should wear masks when assigned. **Ushers should also wear gloves.** Masks are available in the Sacristy if needed. If you are one who has helped with these ministries in the past prior to the onset of the pandemic – and are ready to resume being scheduled – please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 5:30 – 6:00 P.M.
Saturday: 10:30 – 11:30 A.M.

“Peace be with you.”

KJZT #37 – St. Ann’s

KJZT Society #37, St. Ann’s will meet Tuesday, April 13th at 2:00 P.M. at the St. Ann’s Pavilion.

KJT Society #13 Meeting

KJT Society #13 will meet next Sunday, April 18th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Family Center Meeting Room. Members are invited to attend.

KC Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet Wednesday, April 14th at the KC building. Officers meet at 6:30 P.M. followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Confirmation

Originally the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th at the 5 p.m. Mass. It will still occur that day but will be celebrated as a separate Mass that evening (Saturday, April 24th) at 6:30 p.m. Each Confirmation student is allowed 4 guests.

St. Joseph Men’s Group – Consecration to St. Joseph

Join other men of the parish in the Pastoral Center Conference room for spiritual exercises through a Consecration to St. Joseph starting on Tuesday March 30th following the 6:30 a.m. Mass and promptly conclude by 7:45 a.m.; then continue to meet for the next five Thursdays at the same time and place. For more information please call Anthony Harper at (361) 772-4093.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be **Saturday, May 8th** at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

First Communion Interviews

With concerns about crowding in the limited space of the Pastoral Center, the First Communion Interviews with Father will occur on Wednesday, **April 21st** (normal CCD class night) in the Family Center (where class is held) beginning at 6 p.m. Interviews will continue through class time and children will be ready for regular pick-up at 7:30 p.m. Parents dropping off children must inform the teacher which of the First Communion Masses the child will attend (9 a.m. English on May 2nd or 11 a.m. Spanish on May 2nd).

A Note from Principal Mooney

March 22nd – April 30

Registration for 2021-2022 School Year

Monday, April 12th & Tuesday, April 13th
Family Life Retreat – 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Students

Wednesday, April 14th
Mass – 8:15 A.M.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Inquire at the School Office for more information.

ARISE: Life in the Holy Spirit

Diocese of Victoria Women’s Gathering

Saturday, April 24th: 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory

1309 E. Mesquite Lane

Victoria, Texas

Featuring:

Fr. Cedric Pisegna, CP:EWTN Personality

Janice Carleton: Speaker, Author, Musician

Mass Celebrated by Bishop Brendan Cahill

This dynamic event for women ages 18 and up will feature inspiring talks, prayer, group discussions, resources and great food. Join other women of the diocese to be emboldened in your faith and prepared to let the Holy Spirit ARISE in your life!

Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church or go online at www.victoriadiocese.org/arise. Registration fee is \$25. (Buy 4 tickets, get 1 free!)

“You believe in me because you have seen me; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!”

St. Joseph School Sets Registration March 22nd – April 30th

St. Joseph School will begin registration for new and returning students for the 2021-2022 school year beginning March 22nd through April 30th.

For new enrollees, parents and students are required to participate in an interview with the principal and their teacher prior to registration. Parents are also required to present the student's complete immunization record and baptismal and/or official birth certificate. No child will be completely registered unless all of these documents are included with registration.

For current SJS students, forms will be sent home in the folders for the parents.

A registration fee of \$150 per student will be required. After the deadline of April 30th, the registration fee will be \$250. We encourage all parents of new and current students to register the students before April 30th.

Visit www.stj Catholicschool.com for more information.

St. Joseph School admits students of any religion, race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Applications are available at the back of the church.

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.

“Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man.”

~Pope Benedict XVI, Regina Caeli address,
March 30, 2008

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Optional Opening Prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat 3 times) *O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!*

On rosary beads pray one:

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed

For each of the five decades (On each “Our Father” bead of the rosary, pray)

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

(On each of the 10 “Hail Mary” beads, pray)

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

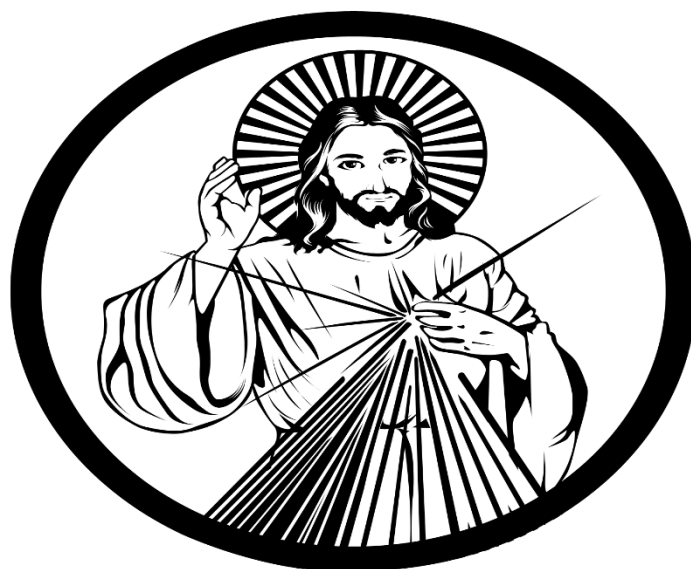
Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Say this Chaplet at 3 o'clock, if possible.



Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, The Divine Mercy Image, The Chaplet, and The Novena

Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. Bl. John Paul explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

~ Bl. Pope John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's *Diary* records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

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. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (*Diary*, no. 48)

and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (*Diary*, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (*Diary*, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (*Diary*, no. 687).

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on Holy Saturday. (www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm)

Notes and Quotes for Reflection on Divine Mercy

In his second encyclical, *Rich in Mercy*, Bl. Pope John Paul II offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (*Dives in Misericordia*, 13). He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate:

As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!

Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.

~Bl. Pope John Paul II, Regina Caeli message prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005

What is mercy if not the boundless love of God, who confronted with human sin, restrains the sentiment of severe justice and, allowing Himself to be moved by the wretchedness of His creatures, spurs Himself to the total gift of self, in the Son's cross ...?

Who can say that he is free from sin and does not need God's mercy? As people of this restless time of ours, wavering between the emptiness of self-exaltation and the humiliation of despair, we have a greater need than ever for a regenerating experience of mercy.

~Bl. Pope John Paul II, Regina Caeli message, April 10, 1994

(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)