

# Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

## April 11, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
4/11 11:00	Claire Galam	Claire Galam
4/14 12:00	Clara Lewicki +	Claire Galam
Latin		
4/15 12:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
4/16 9:00	Scott Peek, Sr. +	Ted & Nancy McGowan
4/18 11:00	Aldei Lachance +	Pauline Cavanaugh



### Our Lady of the Mountains—Offertory

(Weekend of April 4, 2021)

Offertory—\$3,524      Attendance—97

### Living Faith

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.

Please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website: <https://olmhighlands.com/online-giving> for more details.

### Our Lady of the Mountains

#### Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.

1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
7. Congregational singing is suspended.
8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on  
Wednesday, April 14th at 10:30 am

### Saint of the Week

If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces...never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. That's the beauty of being alive...We can always start all over again. Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed on us. Have faith in Him always.

~Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1979)

Patron against Poverty    Feast Day April 16

## Father's Column

### From a Sermon by St. Augustine

I speak to you who have just been reborn in baptism, by little children in Christ, you who stand fast in the Lord are a holy seed, a new colony of bees, the very flower of our ministry and fruit of our toil, my joy and my crown. It is the words of the Apostle that I address to you: Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh and its desires, so that you may be clothed with the life of him whom you have put on in this sacrament. You have all been clothed with Christ by your baptism in him. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor freeman; there is neither male nor female; you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Such is the power of this sacrament: it is a sacrament of new life which begins here and now with the forgiveness of all past sins, and will be brought to completion in the resurrection of the dead. You have been buried with Christ by baptism into death in order that, as Christ has risen from the dead, you also may walk in newness of life.

You are walking now by faith, still on pilgrimage in a mortal body away from the Lord; but he to whom your steps are directed is himself the sure and certain way for you: Jesus Christ, who for our sake became man. For all who fear him he has stored up abundant happiness, which he will reveal to those who hope in him, bringing it to completion when we have attained the reality which even now we possess in hope.

This is the octave day of your new birth. Today is fulfilled in you and sign of faith that was prefigured in the Old Testament by the circumcision of the flesh on the eighth day after

birth. When the Lord rose from the dead, he put off the mortality of the flesh; his risen body was still the same body, but it was no longer subject to death. By his resurrection he consecrated Sunday, or the Lord's day. Though the third after his passion, this day is the eighth after the Sabbath, and thus also the first day of the week.



**Retreat: The Heart of Mary.** Spend a weekend deepening your understanding and devotion to the Blessed Mother. Find out why so many people today seek out Mary for peace, direction and hope, and how she might be able to give the same to you. From May 7-9, the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory NC is offering a weekend retreat – a perfect gift to share with your mother for Mother's Day. To dovetail with your particular Mother's Day plans, we have options for one night or two, plus some for commuter sessions and even a separate Mother's Day Sunday brunch. In addition to powerful talks, you'll be able to enjoy our beautiful setting in full springtime bloom and delicious full-course meals prepared by our own Executive Chef. Visit [www.catholicconference.org/mary](http://www.catholicconference.org/mary), email [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org), or call 828.327.7441 for more information.

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**Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:**

Nancy McGowan, Carolyn Neupauer, Alsia Sutton & Family, Christine Walker, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, James Urbanski, Griffin Harper

**Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.**

**Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.**

**Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.**

Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, and Ron Simmons, Harry Vaughn