

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!



**DIVINE
MERCY**

FR. CHRISTOPHER'S CONTEMPLATION

Hello and Happy Easter!!

I pray that everyone has had a blessed Easter. I hope you were all able to pray through the Triduum and celebrate Easter with deeper faith and appreciation for Christ and His passion. This week we have been celebrating the octave of Easter. Like Christmas, we celebrate the eight days after Easter as if it were the day of Easter. We now begin another great spiritual journey. This one is longer, fifty days. This is not a journey of penance and repentance, instead, it is one of celebration. We celebrate the ministry of Christ after the resurrection and journey towards Pentecost where the first disciples received the Holy Spirit.

During this time we celebrate many feasts in the Church. This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. In our Catholic faith, there are many images that become familiar to us: the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the image of the good shepherd and many more. Another familiar image is that of the Divine Mercy.

In this image, Jesus is pointing to His heart and from it come two streams like beams of light, one red and the other white. Under the image reads: "Jesus I trust in you." This image was revealed to St. Faustina on February 22, 1931. If you do not know her story, I encourage you to look it up. This image, again, should be one that is familiar to us.

Jesus is the source of mercy and love and from His heart flows blood and water. We see these symbols in the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, the saving waters and the blood of our redemption. One of the saddest things in the world is a heart that believes they are beyond the mercy and love of Christ. No one, no matter what they have done in their lives, is beyond the mercy of Christ if they repent and turn back to Christ. Jesus is love and full of mercy. He desires nothing more than for us to turn from sin, grief, unforgiveness, hatred and receive His mercy. The first step is to ask for it.

I encourage all of us to make this a regular practice. To ask the Lord for mercy and forgiveness, to trust in Christ. The best way to do this is by frequenting the sacrament of reconciliation. Another great way is to pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy. This chaplet is similar to the rosary. It can be prayed on the rosary beads. If you are unfamiliar with this devotion, please look it up. We have pamphlets in the parish office on how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This chaplet prays for the mercy of God upon us and the whole world. As we continue with our Easter joy, let us strengthen our resolve to be a people of prayer. To root ourselves in Christ and His saving love and mercy.

As Christ's disciples, we have many spiritual weapons (the rosary, prayers, divine mercy chaplet, indulgences, sacramentals) at our disposal. Let us use them often. To make use of all that has been entrusted to us. As we continue the Easter season, I encourage you to post the Divine Mercy image in your homes, offices, etc. Entrust yourselves and your families to the care of Christ and pray often: "Jesus I trust in you."

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Jean's Jottings

Today we celebrate God's mercy but do we even know what that means? In the Old Testament, mercy is one of God's key character traits. After God freed the ancient Jews from slavery in Egypt, the Jews turned from God to worship a golden calf. God could have given up on His unfaithful people, but instead, He appeared to Moses and described Himself as "a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity" (Exodus 34:6) A careful reading of the Old Testament reveals that God calls the people to relationship and covenant in love. When people turn from Him in sin He pursues them, not to punish, but to call them back to the relationship. This is one way He demonstrates His mercy.

We see something similar in today's Gospel. Jesus has died a horrendous death without the support of His closet companions. Now He is risen from the dead and ready for the next stage of salvation history. How will He respond to those who rejected Him in His greatest hour of need? As we learn, He is not angry, and He does not hold the disciples' past actions against them. The disciples are hiding in fear that they could be killed next, and Jesus comes to them, offering peace.

Jesus could have found new followers to continue His mission rather than depend upon those who had proven undependable. But our God is a God of second chances, and of third and fourth if that is what we need. This is a witness to His mercy.

In the Old Testament, the word for mercy is often translated as compassion, an English word that means "suffering with." By coming to us in our brokenness, God is willing to get into the hardship of human life and be right there with us, offering us help and grace in the midst of distress.

The mercy of God is available for us today. In our Gospel, Jesus tells the apostles, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." This illustrates how God's mercy is active in our sacraments. When we go to confession, He does not hold our mistakes, failings, and weaknesses against us. Thus, the mercy of the Father revealed in the Old Testament is continued by Jesus in the New Testament. It lives on today through our priests, who stand in Jesus' place to bring that mercy to us through the sacraments.

Dear Jesus, help us to accept Your mercy so that we can bless others with the blessings we have received. May we meet others in their needs, just as You meet us in ours. Amen. (Catechist Magazine- April/May 2020 – Volume 53, Number 7)

Peace and prayers as we stay safe and centered in Christ,
Jean Hartman, DRE

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

ACTS 4:23-31 JN 3:1-8

†**John Maletich** requested by David & Cathy Robertson

†**Carl Roselli** requested by Don & Annette Kobylarz

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

St. Anselm

ACTS 4:32-37 JN 3:7b-15

†**Daniel Everett** requested by Christina Robak

†**Carl Roselli** requested by Kathy Gibson

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

ACTS 5:17-26 JN 3:16-21

Int. Charles Monte requested by the Cousen's Family

In Thanksgiving requested by Tresanne Smith

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

St. George

ACTS 5:27-33 JN 3:31-36

†**Marie McMulty** requested by her Sister

†**Jean Tinson** requested by OLL Staff & Students

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

ACTS 5:34-42 JN 6:1-15

†**Ignatius Sutherland** requested by his Family

†**Stanley Zenda** requested by the Zednik Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

St. Mark

1 PT 5:5b-14 MK 16:15-20

Int. Norris & Barb Caudill on their 45th Wedding Anniversary

†**Craig Webber** requested by his Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

ACTS 2:14, 22-33 1 PT 1:17-21 LK 24:13-35

†**Deceased Members of the Arabucki Family**

†**Deceased Members of the Connarn & Mazzaro Families**

†**Larry Ettinger** requested by the Caudill Family

†**Jacob Jarman** requested by the Fluegel Family

†**Mary Lackamp** requested by Kathy Lewis

†**Margaret O'Boyle** requested by John & Evelyn Clark

†**Josephine Kahle** requested by Robert Kahle

Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes

Be assured that every intention is being prayed for by Fr. Scott and Fr. Christopher as they celebrate their private daily Mass.

LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

The following are times for the Live Stream of Masses on Facebook. To watch live, go to **Facebook.com/OLLwaterford**. After the Live Stream has finished they will be posted on our website **OLLonline.org**.



SATURDAY, APRIL 25

5:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

10:00am

FREE ACCESS TO MAGNIFICAT AND MAGNIFIKID

In addition to its online edition, MAGNIFICAT is **now offering complimentary access to its iOS and Android Apps** throughout May. To register for **free access in English**, visit www.magnificat.com/free. For **free access in Spanish**, visit and register at www.magnificat.com/gratis.

We are also happy to make available **complimentary access to MagnifiKid**. Visit www.magnifikid.com/free to view and download each weekly booklet of our colorful Sunday missalette for children ages 6 through 12. While so many children are missing formal religious instruction and are unable to attend Mass, *MagnifiKid!* can be their special guide, accompanying them through each week as they prepare to attend Mass or watch it at home.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESOURCES

To watch Sunday, Saturday, or Daily Mass from home, either online or TV visit: **aod.org/livemasses**. The faithful can watch and participate in real time and on the Archdiocese of Detroit's Facebook page.

Many more resources can also be found at the archdiocesan website: **aod.org**

STEWARDSHIP

IRA ROLLOVER

What you need to know about the IRA charitable gift rollover

Congress has extended and the president has signed the favorable IRA charitable rollover tax provisions for 2015 and made them permanent for future years.

What should a donor over age 70½ do in order to get the benefit that IRA distributions will not be included in taxable income? Donors should follow the same general procedures for IRA charitable distributions as in the past —

- Only **direct distributions to charity** up to \$100,000 qualify as tax-free. Distributions in exchange for a charitable gift annuity or to a charitable remainder trust do not qualify.
- It is especially important that the IRA distribution be made payable to the charity, not to you as the IRA owner and beneficiary. Otherwise, the distribution would not qualify for the favorable tax treatment. **Advise your IRA administrator to make the distribution check payable to the Church or other charity, not to you.**
- Only distributions from traditional or certain Roth IRAs are tax-free; the law does not apply to other qualified retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans. However, you should consider consulting with your financial or tax advisor about the possibility of transferring funds from one of these other qualified plans to establish an IRA, with the distribution to charity coming from the newly established IRA.
- Consult with your IRA administrator and tax advisor on the proper procedures for making a direct distribution to your parish, the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundation, the Catholic Services Appeal, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, or another archdiocesan institution or qualified charity.

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Your contributions are used for the day-to-day operations of the parish including payroll, maintenance and cleaning of buildings, as well as utilities. We thank you for your continued giving during this difficult time.

3 Ways to Give Electronically

Option 1: If your bank offers free Bill Pay we recommend that you use that option. Log into your bank and follow instructions to set up auto bill pay. You will need the following information: Our Lady of the Lakes, 5481 Dixie Hwy., Waterford, MI 48329.

or

Option 2: Visit give.aod.org. Choose **Make a Gift to Your Parish** You will be asked to create a profile for your login. Under Gift Information choose **Parish online offertory**, the amount of your gift, and choose **Our Lady of the Lakes**.

or

Option 3: Visit <https://woll.weshareonline.org> and follow the instructions to set up a profile and begin electronically giving.

Mail

Mail your contribution to Our Lady of the Lakes, 5481 Dixie Hwy., Waterford, MI 48329.

Mobile Giving

You can drop off your contribution to the Parish Center. There is a mailbox outside the front door and you can drop your offering off there.

Curbside Service

Call ahead or from your vehicle (248-623-0274) and a staff member will meet you at your car.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

The topic of faith links today's Scripture readings. In St. Peter's First Letter, he encourages the Christians in Asia Minor — modern day Turkey — to be steadfast in their faith, even during difficult trials. In St. John's Gospel, the evangelist tells of Jesus appearing to His disciples on the evening of His Resurrection, but Thomas is not present. This passage also includes the following week's encounter, when Jesus reveals to Thomas the nail marks from His crucifixion. In faith, Thomas now believes and proclaims: *My Lord and my God*. But Jesus admonishes him and professes: *Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed*. God, in unity with His Son and the Holy Spirit, releases this powerful gift of faith by bestowing upon us His abundant grace. While we are granted free will to accept or reject faith, faithful stewards acknowledge and embrace this awesome gift like the early Christians portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles. As stewards, we should open our heart and make Jesus personal in our faith life, then in a spirit of evangelization, share this joy with everyone we meet. Begin to personalize Jesus by learning to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

OUR PARISH LIFE TOGETHER

REST IN PEACE

Remember those who have gone before us

Patty Batwinas

“Happy are those who have died in the Lord; Let them rest from their labors For their good deeds go with them.”



Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Our Lady of the Lakes PRAYER REQUEST LINE

248-623-0274

ollprayerteam@OLLonline.org

Touch “Prayers” in our Parish App

WEDDING BANNS

Trent Drumheller and Hannah Lawassani—II



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers this week the sick members of our Parish:

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| Rob Amos | Kevin Dalley | Frank Pardington |
| Beverly Armstrong | Ben Darmofal | Carol Pawlowski |
| Joe Batwinas | Irene Delasko | Irene Pawlowski |
| Christian Bodenmiller | Joyce Delasko | Tania Price |
| Mikela Bodenmiller | Norma Erdman | Scott Przybylowicz |
| William Bodenmiller | Adam Figurski | Carol Raymond |
| Bill Boeneman | Patty Fincannon | Roxy Ryan |
| Anthony Bogedin | Jennifer Gaffey | Dennis Ritter |
| John Boncella | Gary Garza | Holly Sanders |
| Margo Brown | Katie Geary | Roger Smith |
| Chuck Campbell | Bill Grace | Tress Ann Smith |
| Juliana Clark | Suzanne Grimminger | Joe Sutherland |
| Janet Cobert | Linda Hemphill | Kenneth Turner |
| Dean Coleman | Jeff Hotchkiss | Theresa Villereal |
| Cheryl Coulter | Patrick Hull | Ralph Vogan |
| Sarah Coulter | Sally Kubani | Pat Zurbrigen |
| Brady Cullen | Tim Nepjuk | |

May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God’s care.



We Remember

Sr. Fran Calcaterra

March 20, 1931 - April 13, 2020

Sister Fran, originally from Highland Park, Michigan, entered Maryknoll in 1951. She graduated from Maryknoll Teachers College in 1957. That year she went to Transfiguration School in New York’s Chinatown, where she taught eighth grade for nine years.

Moving to Hawaii in 1966 Sr. Fran taught in Maryknoll High School in Punahou. She earned a Master’s of Arts in educational counseling from the University of Hawaii in 1973 and then became a counselor, guidance director, and theology teacher at the high school. She felt called to share life with the poor and moved to Waimanlo to live with native Hawaiians. For four years she worked in a program focused on traditional Hawaiian culture and its values.

Sister Fran joined Our Lady of the Lakes School as a councilor at age 60 retiring 20 years later. Generations of students were touched by her and held her in high esteem. In 2015 she returned to the Maryknoll Motherhouse in New York where she resided until her death on Monday.

PARISH RESOURCES

Visit www.OLLonline.org and select option **Parish**, to hear or view Our Lady of the Lakes liturgical services such as:

- Saturday and Sunday Masses
- Homilies
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

Weekend Masses are Live-Streamed on our Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/OLLwaterford](https://www.facebook.com/OLLwaterford)

Weekly bulletins can be found at:

www.ollonline.org/parish/bulletin

Our Parish App: Text “app” to 88202

DiscoverMass.com

CHURCH HOURS

Hours the church will be open for private prayer:

Monday - Thursday: 7:00am-8:00pm

Friday - Saturday: 7:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am-3:00pm