

Most merciful Jesus,

I turn to You in my need.
You are worthy of my complete trust.
You are faithful in all things.

When my life is filled with confusion, give me
clarity and faith.

When I am tempted to despair, fill my soul
with hope.

Most merciful Jesus,

I trust You in all things.

I trust in Your perfect plan for my life.

I trust You when I cannot comprehend Your
divine Will.

I trust You when all feels lost.

Jesus, I trust You more than I trust myself.

Most merciful Jesus,

You are all-knowing.

Nothing is beyond Your sight.

You are all-loving.

Nothing in my life is beyond Your concern.

You are all-powerful.

Nothing is beyond Your grace.

Most merciful Jesus,

I trust in You,

I trust in You,

I trust in You.

May I trust You always and in all things.

May I daily surrender to Your Divine Mercy.

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,

Pray for us as we turn to you in our need.

Anointing of the Sick



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Oroasco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.



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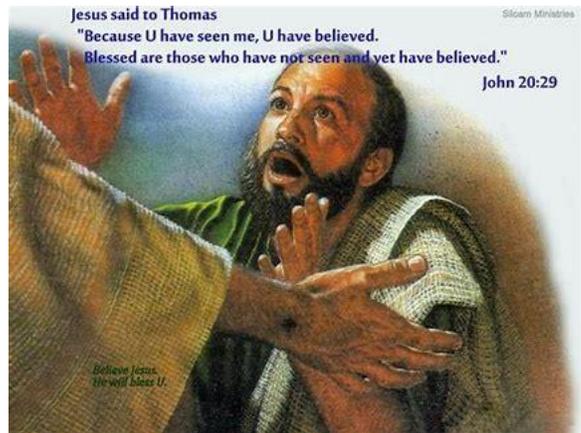
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Reporting Abuse:

If you believe that you, or someone you know, is a victim of past or present abuse or sexual abuse, please notify law enforcement. In the event the abuse involves a minor, please also contact the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services through the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or www.txabusehotline.org). Finally, if the abuse involves a member of the clergy, a parish employee, or diocesan employee, please also notify the Diocese of Dallas Victims Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Landregan, at 214-379-2812 or blandregan@cathdal.org

Second Week of Easter



Scripture Readings for the Week of April 19, 2020

<u>Sunday</u>	Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
<u>Monday</u>	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
<u>Tuesday</u>	Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
<u>Wednesday</u>	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
<u>Thursday</u>	Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
<u>Friday</u>	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
<u>Saturday</u>	Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
<u>Sunday</u>	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

On the **Second Sunday of Easter**, as we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we get a picture of how the early community gathered around as “Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.” **John's Gospel** gives us two post-resurrection stories that feature Thomas, the doubting apostle. “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Saturday is the **Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles**, with its own special readings.

The **Acts of the Apostles** all this week offers us the challenges the apostles faced from the earliest communities and from the Jewish authorities.

For most of the remaining five weeks of the Easter season, our readings will be from the **Acts of the Apostles** and from **John's Gospel**, with stories of Jesus' ministry not heard during the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year.

The weekday readings begin with the frightened Pharisee, Nicodemus, coming at night to speak to Jesus, asking how anyone can be “born again.” Jesus says we must be born of water and Spirit. The gospel offers a poetic look at light and darkness, good and evil: “the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light... But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” John writes, “For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God.” After Jesus' disciples tell him to send 5,000 hungry people away, he shows them how to feed them all. He walks across the sea to meet his apostles in their boat, saying, “It is I. Do not be afraid.”



WHY EASTER IS THE LONGEST LITURGICAL SEASON IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Which religious season is longer, Christmas or Easter? Well, Easter Sunday is just one day, while there are 12 days of Christmas, right? Yes and no. To answer the question, we need to dig a little deeper.

The 12 Days of Christmas and the Christmas Season

The Christmas season actually lasts 40 days, from Christmas Day until Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation, on February 2. The 12 days of Christmas refer to the most festive part of the season, from Christmas Day until Epiphany.

What Is the Octave of Easter?

Similarly, the period from Easter Sunday through Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) is an especially joyful time. The Catholic Church refers to these eight days (counting both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday) as the Octave of Easter. (*Octave* is also sometimes used to indicate the eighth day, that is, Divine Mercy Sunday, rather than the entire eight-day period.)

Every day in the Octave of Easter is so important that it is treated as a continuation of Easter Sunday itself. For that reason, no fasting is allowed during the Octave of Easter (since fasting has always been forbidden on Sundays), and on the Friday after Easter, the normal obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays is waived.

How Many Days Does the Easter Season Last?

But the Easter season doesn't end after the Octave of Easter: Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas, the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the Ascension of Our Lord to Pentecost Sunday, seven full weeks after Easter Sunday! Indeed, for the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty (the requirement to receive Communion at least once during the Easter season), the Easter season extends a bit further, until Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday

after Pentecost. That final week isn't counted in the regular Easter season, though.

How Many Days Are Between Easter and Pentecost?

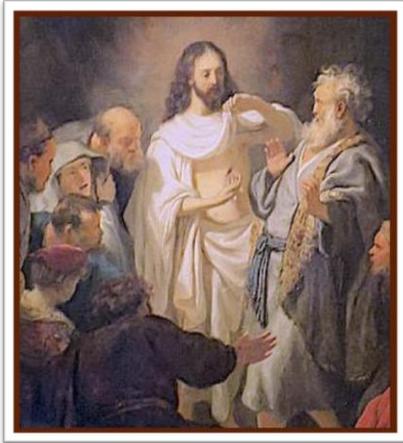
If Pentecost Sunday is the seventh Sunday after Easter Sunday, shouldn't that mean that the Easter season is only 49 days long? After all, seven weeks times seven days is 49 days, right?

There's no problem with your math. But just as we count both Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday in the Octave of Easter, so, too, we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday in the 50 days of the Easter season.

Have a Happy Easter

So even after Easter Sunday has passed, and the Octave of Easter has passed, keep on celebrating and wishing your friends a happy Easter. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us in his famous Easter homily, read in Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches on Easter, Christ has destroyed death, and now is the "feast of faith."





“Si no veo en sus manos la señal de los clavos y si no meto mi dedo en los agujeros de los clavos y no meto mi mano en su costado, no creeré”. (Evangelio)

AVISO:

El Obispo Burns de la Diócesis de Dallas ha suspendido todas las Misas de los domingos y durante la semana por todo el mes de abril.

Para más información favor de llamar la oficina de la Iglesia 972-563-3643.

Unción de los Enfermos



Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.

PARA QUE CREAMOS EN JESÚS Y TENGAMOS VIDA EN ÉL



No hemos visto a Cristo Jesús y, sin embargo, lo amamos. Nos llenamos de alegría porque creemos en él, con la confianza de alcanzar la meta de nuestra fe, que es nuestra salvación.

- ✓ Este domingo seguimos celebrando la Resurrección de nuestro Salvador, con el mismo gozo de hace ocho días. Todo esto fue porque la misericordia del Señor es eterna.
- ✓ Sí, Jesús tuvo misericordia de los apóstoles, porque aun cuando lo habían abandonado en el momento más difícil, él se presentó ante ellos al anochecer del mismo domingo en que resucitó, en el sitio en el que estaban escondidos “por miedo a los judíos”. ¿Qué hubiéramos hecho nosotros en lugar de Jesús?
- ✓ Él les mostró los signos de que había sido crucificado, y les dio el saludo de paz y el Espíritu Santo, junto con el poder de perdonar los pecados.
- ✓ El domingo siguiente, Jesús dijo a Tomás: “Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto”. Así que tenemos que alegrarnos, porque la mayoría de los creyentes no hemos visto a Jesús y, sin embargo, creemos en él, gracias al don de la fe.

Nuestra fe tenemos que traducirla en obras; no nos olvidemos de las obras de misericordia tanto corporales como espirituales, ya que todas son importantes para nuestro Dios.



Las clases de la Doctrina y el Grupo de Jóvenes se han cancelado por el resto del año escolar.

