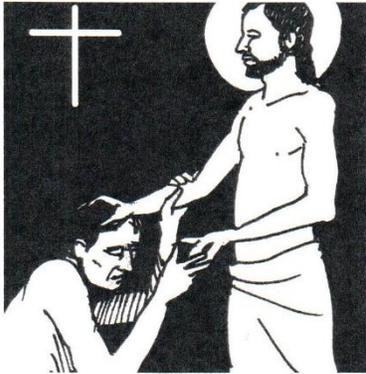


April 11, 2021

## Second Sunday of Easter (Of Divine Mercy)



### *My Lord And My God*

**The early Christians' question: How can one believe in the risen Lord without having seen him is answered by Thomas in his confession, "My Lord and My God." Seeing Jesus does not guarantee believing in him. Even after the disciples saw Jesus, they still had to come to faith in the resurrection. Jesus therefore calls Blessed those who have not seen and have believed. Are you numbered among them?**

### MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, April 15

4:30 p.m. Eugene Schaefer

Saturday, April 17

2:00 p.m. Harper-Garner Wedding

4:30 p.m. Lillie & Agnes Jasek

Sunday, April 18

8:00 a.m. Anastasia & Frank Patalik

### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4**

**Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a**

**Gospel: Luke 24:35-48**

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

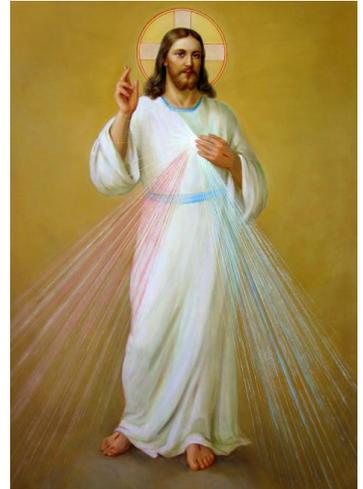
- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Ruth Metzger.

### ORIENTATION - OCTAVE OF EASTER

**Today marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter. It is the eighth day: the day of new creation.**

Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come. In a similar way to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.



This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings for today and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church's Easter faith.

### K.J.Z.T. MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Praha second quarterly meeting will be held next Sunday, April 18 in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

### K.J.Z.T. - Katolicka Jednota Zen Texaskych Catholic Women's Union of Texas



The emblem of KJZT Family Life is the cross of salvation. Each of the four extremities of the cross appears to bud into many crosses. The light blue halo encompasses the cross to signify that we are bound together through our faith, and that our faith is central to our lives. The

center of the cross is further marked with a monogram, the initials M and A intertwined, meaning Maria Assumpta, Mary Assumed into Heaven. Throughout our history, we claim her as the special Patroness of our Fraternal, its members and their families. She was the first to draw upon the benefits of the Cross by her Immaculate Conception. While full of grace, she stood by the Cross to the last and clung to it until taken up into the glory of heaven.

— K.J.Z.T. Family Life

**The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Benedict Pohluda.**



## REFLECTION

**Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35    Psalm 118**  
**1 John 5:1-6    John 20:19-31**

### *The Outcome of the Resurrection*

Today we hear the second post-resurrection appearance story in St John's Gospel. The disciples we are told are living in fear behind locked doors. Jesus' first words to them are "Peace be with you." Those who believe in the risen Christ receive the gift of peace of heart. When Thomas who was absent is told about the appearance, he does not believe it. When Jesus appears the second time, he invites Thomas to see his hands. By giving this invitation to Thomas, Jesus is telling Thomas not only that the disciples told him the truth but that the Lord was present with his disciples even when they could not see him. How else would the Lord have known Thomas' reaction?

Having seen the evidence with his own eyes, it seems that Thomas found touching Jesus' wounds unnecessary. By responding, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas has come to full belief in the divinity of Jesus. Before this appearance, Thomas was in the same position as those St. John wrote the story for. They were failing to believe in the presence of the risen Christ unless the Son of Man returned on the clouds of heaven.

Through this story St. John is teaching us that the risen Christ has returned and the risen Christ is with us. For those who like Thomas are looking for the risen Christ Jesus says: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 12 – Alexis Berckenhoff, Barry Jackson,  
Donald Jasek



## WEDDING BANNS

*Dorothea Cherie Harper & Brett James Garner*

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Ollie M. Pospisil**  
 and the comfort of her loved ones.  
*May she rest in peace.*



Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of church ladies at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.

## Easter Activities At St. Mary's



*The Easter festivities went over very well.  
 Thanks for all your participation and support.  
 More information next week.*

## VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



### **Remember to pray for the following intentions:**

- For Rain*
- In Thanksgiving*
- For Blair Tousek*
- For Unspoken Prayer*
- For Bryce – Good Job*
- For Ethelvina Quiles*
- For Fr. Roberto S. ...*
- For My Son Alex ...*
- For My Mom – Health*
- For Loretta & Gene Barlo*
- For My brother-in-law Max*
- For Quick Sale of Property ...*
- For Steve J. Healing From Cancer*
- For My Cousin ... Fighting Cancer*
- For W.M. – J.T. Restore Relationship*
- In Thanksgiving For All My Blessings*
- For Erwin – Return To Good Health*
- For My Sons & Soon To Be Grandson*
- For Heidi G. We Will Be Together Again*
- For Antonio Jose Reyes – Anniversary of His Death*
- Peace For My 13-Year- Old Daughter Who Died ...*
- Prayers For Our World, Country & People To Find Our Lord*
- For Nephew & Wife To Conceive A Child, End to Covid*
- Prayers for Rene Jr., Sara, Ruben, Maggie, Jesus – Health for Rene Sr.*

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued