

St. Elizabeth

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April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A Blessed Easter to all of you! As we come to the Octave Day of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This is based on the devotion to the Divine Mercy that came through visions and encounters with Jesus by St. Faustina Kowalska. Some might wonder why we celebrate this on the Octave Day of Easter. First, the great significance of Easter is God's unfathomable mercy for all of us! We see, through the events of Holy Week, what the Lord did and gave to us a perpetual memorial to show the depth of his love for us and his desire for us to be with Him. The Lord states in the Gospel of John, "Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am, they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world (John 17:24)."

Second, the beautiful Gospel we read this weekend (John 20:19-31) has Thomas encountering the wounds that Jesus suffered, especially his pierced side from which flowed blood and water. Those streams from his side are represented in the image of Divine Mercy. This leads to another reason for the importance of selecting the Octave Day of Easter for this feast. In her Diary #341, the Lord tells St. Faustina, "I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." This image is very familiar to all of us. We have it hanging in both of our churches, and many of you have it at home. For those needing the image of Divine Mercy, I am placing prayer cards and large prints in the back of all of the churches for anyone who would like to have them.

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St. Elizabeth & St. Jules churches are open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Office is closed to the public

Office Hours: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri {Closed 12:00 -1:00 pm} Office Closed on Wednesday www.sesjchurch.com

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - St. Elizabeth

Sunday Mass: 8:30 am - St. Jules , 10:45 am - St. Elizabeth, 6:00 PM St. Elizabeth

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, 6:00 pm - St. Jules Tuesday, 6:30 am - Sister's Chapel Friday, 8:00 am - St. Elizabeth Church, Holy Days: As Announced

ADORATION:

Monday, 4:45 pm - St. Jules Tuesday, 7:00 am- 5:00 pm - Sister's Chapel

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, 3:00 to 3:50 pm - **St Elizabeth Church**, Monday, 5:00 to 5:45 - **St. Jules Church, By Appointment**

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Finally, I encourage you to join me this Sunday, April 19th at 3:00pm to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet imploring God's mercy for the world. I will have a live broadcast on Facebook (www.facebook.com/sesjchurch/live) if you are able to join in. There is plenary indulgence attached to praying this devotion on that day. What about the usual requirements for this to occur? The Vatican, in March, released a statement that because of the pandemic anyone who has "the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible" and recites the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the intention "to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself," can receive a plenary indulgence. I will post more information about this and more on our church's website and Facebook page.

I hope all of you have a blessed weekend. Please know of my prayers for each of you! I look forward to the day when we all can gather together again.

Through the Alliance of the Two Hearts,
Fr. Matthew

Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you.

COLLECT PRAYER

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



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Jesus to Sr. Faustina

On one occasion, I heard these words: "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. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy.

Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. 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.



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This week the sanctuary of light donation is in memory of:

St. Elizabeth: Clay Barbier, Jr., John and Mary Viso Family

St. Jules: For the People

Mass Intentions

**Sunday, Mass - April 19, 2020 -
For the People**

STE - Yvonne Simoneaux, Delta T. Ballay, Mederic and Mildred LeBlanc, Lenny LeBlanc, Julie LeBlanc, Henry, Sr. and Tillie C. George, Henry George, Jr., Carrie Broussard, Robert Landry, Death Anniversary of Fr. Leopold

STJ - Elaine Landry, Mullet Landry

**Sunday, Mass April 26, 2020 -
For the People**

STE - LeRoy LeBlanc

STJ - Thomas J. and Erna B. Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Luger Sedotal, Mr. and Mrs. Enaux Blanchard, Rene Landry, Ruth Dupre, Martin Cancienne, Mullet Landry

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Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are sent to share the peace of Christ. Could it be that Jesus is now asking you to be willing to be sent forth with the Good News as a priest, brother or sister? If so, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Please Pray For:

Robert Brower, Sandy George, Special Request, Dorthy Caballero, Percy Falcon, Kathleen Rousseau, Spencer Guillot, Max Prejean, Brayden Hood, Lauren Duiery (Special Intention), Beth Boudreaux, Butsy Suarez

STEWARHIP REPORT

April 12 - 13, 2020

	St. Elizabeth	St. Jules
Regular Collection	\$2,426.00	\$1,075.00
Online Collection	\$710.00	\$963.00
Special Collection	\$191.00	\$131.00
Flower Donation	\$5.00	\$20.00

The Good Friday collection is rescheduled for September. If you sent in a donation for Good Friday, it will be deposited into the Good Friday Fund. Thank you.

Ways to make donations to St. Jules and St. Elizabeth churches

- * *Online Giving*
- * *Envelopes can be put through the slot in Rectory door.*
- * *If you mail in a donation, please send a check, not cash.*