

MASS INTENTIONS

All mass intentions are for the deceased
unless designated otherwise

SAT., Apr 10, 2021

4:00 PM {St Mary's} Vaughn, Rolande, &
Shannon by Karen

6:00 PM (St Leo's) Fr Roger Cyr
by Wayne & Gert

SUN., Apr 11, 2021

8:00 AM {St Leo's} Gaston L'Italien
by the Castonguay family

10:00 AM {St Mary's}

For All Parishioners

MON., Apr 12, 2021

8:00 AM {St Mary's} Annie Lorigan
by Bob

TUE., Apr 13, 2021

8:00 AM {St Leo's} Fr. Myles Cyr
by Wayne & Gert

WED., Apr 14, 2021

NO MASS

THURS., Apr 15, 2021

4:30 PM {St Leo's}

FRI., Apr 16, 2021

8:00 AM (St Mary's) Clifford Towle Jr
by Eileen Strebel

SAT., Apr 17, 2021

4:00 PM {St Mary's} Jessie Barker
by Lindy & Marge

6:00 PM {St Leo's} Randy Nadeau Sr
by Cece

SUN., Apr 18, 2021

8:00 AM {St Leo's}

For All Parishioners

10:00 AM {St Mary's} Cindy Fleming (Living)
by Wayne & Gert

PARISH OFFERINGS

03/28/21 Offertory \$2411.00

Good Friday \$484.00

04/04/21 Offertory \$3442.00

Easter 2nd Collection \$1021.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections

Apr 10-11 Fuel Fund

Apr 24-25 Home Missions Appeal

MON., Apr 19, 2021

8:00 AM {St Mary's} Nancy Kilbride
by Carmen Castonguay

TUE., Apr 20, 2021

8:00 AM {St Leo's} Lucie Plourde
by Carmen

WED., Apr 21, 2021

NO MASS

THURS., Apr 22, 2021

4:30 PM {St Leo's} Vincent Rush
by Anne Marie Michaud

FRI., Apr 23, 2021

8:00 AM {St Mary's} Wayne & Marilyn
Campbell by Wayne & Gert

SAT., Apr 24, 2021

4:00 PM {St Mary's} Jeannine Campbell (Living)
by Dad & Mom

6:00 PM (St Leo's) Barbara Earley

by Sue & Ellis Bailey

SUN., Apr 25, 2021

8:00 AM {St Leo's} Joann Nicholson
by Jack & Jean Neel

10:00 AM {St Mary's}

For All Parishioners

Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish

April 11, 2020

DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Bulletin items are due by 8:00 am Tuesday.

Email: ourladyoftheeucharist@portlanddiocese.org

Facebook: Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish Maine

Website: www.ourladyoftheeucharist.org

Parish App: myparishapp.com



Pastor: Rev. Richard Malo

ST. MARY'S: LINCOLN

Saturday: 4:00 pm, Sunday: 10:00 am

Reconciliation: Sat@3:30pm

PO Box 310, Lincoln, Maine 04457

Office: 794-6333 Hours: Mon -Tue: 9:00 – 3:00

Wed-Thu: 9:00 – 11:00

ST. LEO'S: HOWLAND

Sat: 6:00 pm – Sunday: 8:00 am

Reconciliation: Sat@7:00pm or By Appointment

Holy Hour: Wed 6:30 PM @St Leo's in Howland

PO Box 22, Howland, Maine 04448

Rectory: 732-3495

Missions

Sacred Heart – Winn

No Mass

St. Anne's – Danforth

(Memorial Day - Labor Day)

Mass – 1st Sunday at 1:00 pm

SCAP – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday at 9:00 am

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND MOVIE NIGHT

This event has been postponed until further notice.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

Wishing everyone a Holy and Blessed Easter season. I want to thank all who assisted at the Holy Week and Easter services. We are grateful to Fr. John Mazzei who made it possible for us to hold extra services. Many protocols are still in place and his assistance enabled us to accommodate greater numbers for our Easter celebrations.

The State has increase the number of people who can gather in public places to 50% of seating capacity. However the 6 foot distancing protocol is still in place. Given the size of our worship space, we still can only hold the numbers who have been attending.

This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Pope John Paul II instituted it during his Papacy. Given the worldly challenges we face, this gives us an opportunity to turn to God in prayerful thanksgiving for His Mercy given to us through the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' suffering, death and Resurrection). It is a good time to also look at our lives and place ourselves totally in God's loving mercy. We and our world would be better off. "Jesus, I trust in you." God Bless. Fr. Dick

Meditation for Divine Mercy Sunday (John 20:19-31)

My Lord and my God! (John 20:28)

From a homily by Pope Francis for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2013

In today's Gospel, the apostle Thomas personally experiences the mercy of God, which has a concrete face, the face of Jesus, the risen Jesus. Thomas does not believe it when the other apostles tell him, 'We have seen the Lord' (John 20:25). It isn't enough for him that Jesus had foretold it... He wants to see; he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus' side.

"And how does Jesus react? With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief; he gives him a week's time, he does not close the door, he waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith.

"My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). With this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by divine mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in his open side, and he discovers trust: he is a new man, no longer an unbeliever, but a believer....

Maybe someone among us here is thinking: my sin is so great, I am so far from God as the younger son in the parable, my unbelief is like that of Thomas; I don't have the courage to go back, to believe that God can welcome me and that he is waiting for me, of all people. But God is indeed waiting for you; he asks of you only the courage to go to him....

"Let us find the courage to return to his house, to dwell in his loving wounds, allowing ourselves to be loved by him and to encounter his mercy in the sacraments. We will feel his wonderful tenderness, we will feel his embrace, and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love."

"My Lord and my God! Thank you for your unending mercy!"

Source: Easter 2021 edition, the WORD among us magazine, pg 29

The Octave of Easter and the Sunday of Divine Mercy

The celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection continues in the Church for eight days, called the Octave of Easter. Each day of the Octave is ranked as a Solemnity in the Church's liturgical calendar, the highest ranking of liturgical feasts.

The Octave of Easter ends on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Sunday of Divine Mercy. In the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass in which he canonized the humble religious Sister Faustina Kowalska, Blessed John Paul II declared that from then on throughout the Church the Second Sunday of Easter would also be called the *Sunday of Divine Mercy*. This is entirely appropriate since, as Blessed John Paul II reminded us, "Divine Mercy is "the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity... ."

Blessed John Paul II frequently reminded us that "mercy is an indispensable dimension of love." He would refer to *mercy* as "love's second name." God's love was revealed and actualized as mercy. We see this in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And this is what we are called to live and actualize today in our lives and in the life of the Church. Our Lord told Saint Faustina three ways we are called to exercise mercy toward our neighbors: by deed, by word, and by prayer. To love as Jesus loved includes practicing mercy towards others. Jesus taught us in the Beatitudes: *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*

Source: This was reprinted with permission from an article in the April 11, 2012 issue of Today's Catholic website. <https://todayscatholic.org/the-octave-of-easter-and-the-sunday-of-divine-mercy/>

Note: Blessed John Paul II was canonized Saint John Paul II on April 27, 2014.

*I desire that the whole world know My Infinite Mercy.
I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls
who trust in My mercy.*

*Jesus to St Faustina regarding the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet,
St Faustina's Diary, 687*

The Good News

*"Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame"
(Psalm 34:6)*

I have a friend who has been battling a form of blood cancer for many years. His chemotherapy has had its ups and downs. When it does not go well, he is tired, has bouts of nausea, and feels depressed. When it goes well, you can see the joy in his face.

It can be that way in our relationship with God. When we feel distant, things do not go well for us. But when God is near to us, maybe a smile appears on our face. Do our burdens seem lighter? Our cares more manageable? The difference between our relationship with God and a cancer patient's treatment is that we do have choices in how it goes. We have some control. We usually know exactly what ails us. And even if we don't, we have a way to find out - through prayer. Stay close to God and be "radiant with joy." Paul Pennick

Source: April 2021 edition, Living with Christ magazine, pg 99