

APRIL 19, 2020 -- SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR  
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. Benjamin & Cosmo Fondino  
**Sunday, April 19: Second Sunday of Easter or  
Sunday of Divine Mercy**

7:30 a.m. John Doxtader †  
9:30 a.m. George "Bud" McArdle †  
11:30 a.m. Mary Ambrosino †  
5:00 p.m. Walter Pilz †

**Monday, April 20: Easter Weekday**

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners  
9:00 a.m. Catherine & Anthony Suszek &  
Family †

**Tuesday, April 21: Easter Weekday**

7:00 a.m. Frantz Jean-Baptiste †  
9:00 a.m. Dr. Vittorio De Pippo †

**Wednesday, April 22: Easter Weekday**

7:00 a.m. Chmura & McDonald †  
9:00 a.m. John & Angie Caprotti

**Thursday, April 23: Easter Weekday**

7:00 a.m. Mary Naccarato †  
9:00 a.m. Anna & David Birdsall †

**Friday, April 24: Easter Weekday**

7:00 a.m. Lindsay Shea †  
9:00 a.m. Frantz Jean-Baptiste †

**Saturday, April 25: St. Mark, Evangelist**

8:00 a.m. Pauline & Joseph Fabbie †  
5:00 p.m. Robert Raucci †

**Sunday, April 26: Third Sunday of Easter**

7:30 a.m. Caitlin McQueeney †  
9:30 a.m. Michael, Frances & Michael Jr.  
Altamari †  
11:30 a.m. John Hickey †  
5:00 p.m. Daniel Heitzman †

SCRIPTURE READINGS APRIL 26

First Reading—Acts 2:14, 22-33.  
Responsorial—Psalm  
Second Reading—1 Peter 1:17-21.  
Gospel—Luke 24:13-35.

The Lectionary (book of readings) and the Book of Gospels open the rich treasure of God's word from the Jewish and Christian Scriptures. Why not start during this time to familiarize yourself with our readings?

PLEASE PRAY FOR...John Manfro, Melville Allan and Sara Lunogo and for all our parishioners who are homebound, in healthcare facilities or who are seriously sick.



IN LOVING MEMORY...Fr. Frank J. Damis, Msgr. Richard J. Guastella, Fr. Leonard J. DiNola, Fr. John T. Monaghan and all who have died recently.

PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Donations Received \$15,750.00\*  
\*Amount Includes Regular, Easter, Easter Flowers, Religious Education, Maintenance & Repair, Votive Shrines, Holy Land, Catholic Relief Services

Cardinal's Appeal \$850.00

WeShare Regular \$2,547.65  
WeShare Maintenance & Repair \$130.55  
WeShare Religious Ed \$53.20  
WeShare Holy Land \$99.20

WeShare Catholic Relief Services \$54.56

**Thank all for your ongoing monetary support of our parish during this unprecedented time!**

## ALLELUIA, THE LORD IS RISEN, IT IS TRUE!

### (Pastor's Flocknote from Easter)

A happy and Blessed Easter Day from all of us at St. Joseph's Parish. We pray that all of you and your families are well and safe. We continue to pray for all those who suffer in any way because of this virus and for all those courageously caring for us in this critical time.

You know how much I enjoy history, but we are in one of the most unusual times in history. There is no way we can say when Masses, school, or other aspects of our "normal" life will resume. Again, I urge you to continue to pray, read the Bible, and go online for both services and other educational and spiritual programs being offered. Let me now comment on the Easter message from the readings:

The Gospel has Jesus appearing to the disciples behind locked doors for they were in hiding. Most of us can relate to that right now as we are being told to "stay home." The message Jesus gave them is "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." We can be at peace because we know Jesus' great love for us. So many times people challenge Christians about Jesus' message of peace when there has been so much war, violence and turmoil over the years. Jesus obviously wants us to use all our talents to bring about peace among all people, but we know that the ultimate peace is a right relationship between ourselves and God, and Jesus accomplished that by His death and resurrection.

The Gospel goes on to say Jesus breathed on them to "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." Jesus always wants us to be our best; but thankfully, He wants us to feel forgiveness for the times we fail. In return He asks us to forgive each other.

The remainder of the Gospel deals with Thomas doubting the resurrection. We, too, can be like Thomas and doubt at times, but hopefully like Thomas we come to believe that YES Jesus did die and rise for us because He loves us so much. Jesus ends by saying "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed". Blessed in this translation means getting to heaven.

Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes the early Christian community who devoted themselves to the "breaking of the bread," teaching and caring for the needs of all. Let us hope that we can return to these activities in an active manner very soon.

God Bless. He is Risen,  
Msgr. Desmond, Fr. Cyprien, Msgr. Sullivan, & Deacon Doherty

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

- We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding at Cana.
- Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
- For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
- In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.
- We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.
- Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER—our church is “open” from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for private prayer; kindly use the hand sanitizer upon entering via the ramp off Wall Street; and always maintain a 6-foot physical and social distance. Thank you for doing your part.

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AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION—

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,

and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.