

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY—APRIL 19, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate God's mercy today—that gift of compassionate forgiveness that is offered to all. For generations people had turned away from God, failing to respect the law or the prophets. Yet God sent us the Son, who took upon himself the sins of the world in order to redeem us all. Let our presence today be a sign of our gratitude as we lift up our hearts and voices to the author of divine mercy. - Fr. Matt



QUESTION OF THE WEEK :

Can I identify with Doubting Thomas, at times unsure of my faith? In what ways has Jesus given me peace to overcome the anxieties of my life?

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET LIVE STREAM SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020 3:00 PM

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary of Saint Faustina are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

THE FIRST PAINTING OF DIVINE MERCY (THE PICTURE ABOVE)

The Original Image of Divine Mercy was painted in Vilnius, Lithuania in 1935 by a Polish artist Eugeniusz Kazimirowski under the very close direction of Saint Faustina Kowalska. The image depicts her mystical vision of Jesus Who Himself asked her to "paint an image according to the pattern you see." Unable to paint, she solicited the help of her spiritual director, Fr. Michael Sopocko, who knew of the fine work of Kazimirowski. Together, the three began a six-month artistic process, with Sopocko occasionally posing as the Merciful Jesus while Faustina described the extraordinary details of her vision for Kazimirowski.

**MASS INTENTIONS
SAINT JOHN VIANNEY
& SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

+Jan Azzarella / Stanley & Eileen Fautas
Family & Friends of the Cokinos & Sullivan Family
/ Nick & Kathy Cokinos

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

+ Kim Lopez Briscoe / Gina Lancellotti
+ Donald Ciuppa / Lois Alfano
+ Edward Stanol / Jean & Eric Stroud
Living—Anne Nausid / her family

MONDAY, APRIL 20

+ John Giamondo / Dan & Lynn McCartney

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

+ Bill Barrett / Nina & Dom Perruccio

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Charles & Elizabeth Mylod / Vito Addotta & Terry Guarino

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Mark Palus / Debbie & Joe Wickham

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

+ Frank DeCeglie / Pat & Tom Barrett

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

+ Maureen Ciollek / Sue Kryta
+ Nunzio Regina / Anna Colasuonno

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

+ Ryan DeVito / Ellen Schmidt
+ Jack Van Antwerp / Jim & MaryLou Cammarano
+ John Mikolay / Sophia & Mr. & Mrs. Sytsma



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In difficult and challenging times, families stick together and take care of each other. Your parish family is no different, and that is why we are asking for your help.

St. John Vianney and St. Thomas the Apostle are always grateful for the weekly stewardship that our parishioners offer the parish. Your contributions fund the necessary day to day operations of the parish, its ministries and outreach programs, and the critical expenses associated with it. Because of the crisis, the usual steady Flow of income - as generated by the weekly collection - has been severely affected.

We urge everyone to continue their financial stewardship of St. John Vianney and St. Thomas the Apostle in several ways:

- **Online giving through ParishSoft Online Giving...**a convenient and secure way to make your weekly offering by using a credit card or bank transfer.
- **Mobil App through ConnectNow | Giving.**
- **Text through ParishSoft.**
- **Sending your envelopes or checks by way of the mail or dropping them off in the mailbox.**

Information about all of these payment options is available on our website [www. ststthomasjohn.org](http://www.ststthomasjohn.org).

**READINGS FOR THE
WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Need Mass Card? Need Sponsor Forms?

Need information? Need help?

While you are unable to come into the office you can contact us by email: terry@ststthomasjohn.org or call the office during business hours 9:00am - 4:00PM

973-208-0090 / 973-697-6550

and **LEAVE A MESSAGE.**

You will be contacted as soon as possible.

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SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

04/05/2020: \$2,970.00 Passion Sunday

EASTER 04/12/2020

34 Envelopes:	\$3,565.00
5 Loose Checks	\$1,487.00
<u>36 Online Giving:</u>	<u>\$2,900.00</u>
Total	\$7,952.00

Last Year: \$7,305.00 Easter 2019

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

**THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO SEND
IN THEIR CONTRUBUTIONS VIA
PARISHSOFT ONLINE GIVING,
CONNECT NOW APP,
TEXT,
MAILING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS
AND THOSE WHO HAVE
DROPPED THEM OFF.
WE ARE GRATEFUL.**

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

04/05/2020: \$8,975.50 Passion Sunday

EASTER 04/12/2020

97 Envelopes Loose Checks:	\$9,957.00
15 Loose Checks:	\$2,257.00
<u>70 Online Giving:</u>	<u>\$3,767.00</u>
Total	\$15,999.00

Last Year: \$23,646.71 Easter 2019

Praise Song for the Pandemic

Praise be the nurses and doctors, every medical staff bent over flesh to offer care, for lives saved and lives lost, for showing up either way,

Praise for the farmers, tilling soil, planting seeds so food can grow, an act of hope if ever there was, Praise be the janitors and garbage collectors, the grocery store clerks, and the truck drivers barreling through long quiet nights,

Give thanks for bus drivers, delivery persons, postal workers, and all those keeping an eye on water, gas, and electricity, Blessings on our leaders, making hard choices for the common good, offering words of assurance,

Celebrate the scientists, working away to understand the thing that plagues us, to find an antidote, all the medicine makers, praise be the journalists keeping us informed,

Praise be the teachers, finding new ways to educate children from afar, and blessings on parents holding it together for them, Blessed are the elderly and those with weakened immune systems, all those who worry for their health, praise for those who stay at home to protect them,

Blessed are the domestic violence victims, on lock down with abusers, the homeless and refugees,

Praise for the poets and artists, the singers and storytellers, all those who nourish with words and sound and color, Blessed are the ministers and therapists of every kind, bringing words of comfort,

Blessed are the ones whose jobs are lost, who have no savings, who feel fear of the unknown gnawing, Blessed are those in grief, especially who mourn alone, blessed are those who have passed into the Great Night, Praise for police and firefighters, paramedics, and all who work to keep us safe, praise for all the workers and caregivers of every kind,

Praise for the sound of notifications, messages from friends reaching across the distance, give thanks for laughter and kindness,

Praise be our four-footed companions, with no forethought or anxiety, responding only in love, Praise for the seas and rivers, forests and stones who teach us to endure,

Give thanks for your ancestors, for the wars and plagues they endured and survived, their resilience is in your bones, your blood,

Blessed is the water that flows over our hands and the soap that helps keep them clean, each time a baptism,

Praise every moment of stillness and silence, so new voices can be heard, praise the chance at slowness, Praise be the birds who continue to sing the sky awake each day, praise for the primrose poking yellow petals from dark earth, blessed is the air clearing overhead so one day we can breathe deeply again.

And when this has passed may we say that love spread more quickly than any virus ever could, may we say this was not just an ending but also a place to begin.

Amen.

--Christine Valters Paintner, Abbey of the Arts

"TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON"

A TIME FOR PEACE

For national and world leaders and those currently serving in the armed forces especially: PFC Jonathan Cuervo, USMC, PFC Anthony Imperato, USMC, Michael Guarino, US Army, Cpl Sebastian Geary, USMC, USAF, Airman James Perez, Sgt. Antoino Lettizia, USMC, OSSN(SW) Anthony S. Gambuti, US Navy, PFC Ryan Leyden, USMC, USAF Airman Matthew Cannarozzi, 2nd Lt. Andrew Verdes, Haley Kerrison Lt1, Army, Clara Shurtless, USMC.

In honor of the Military serving our country at home and abroad, we invite you to remain after the Recessional Song at all weekend Masses to recite three (3) Hail Mary's for their safety.

A TIME TO BE HEALED

Prayers for the sick: Brennan McCoy, Kathy Brennen, Aaron Alonzo, Sal D 'Arco, Kevin Wickert, Fumiko Lutz, Patricia Carapola, Courtney Sanchelli, Danny Scillieri, Gail Brennan, Rich Day, Richard Lavelle, Marion Coleson, Chris Osborne, Rose Kelly, Stephen Vecchiotti, Vincent Ottani, Ernie Sudo, Penny Sorokach (nursing home), Brandon Wozniak, Darlene Kolakovic, Fr. Dan Kelly, Fr. Joseph Farias, Helen Turosky, Joey Dyl, Don King, Kenny Miscisak, Emily Fleming, Emily Schmidt, Ethan Rodriguez, Carol, Mary Swerzenski, our friends H and Ch, Deacon Milt, Jessica Taylor, Seamus and Sean, Tim Lambert, Daniel Ingram, Nancy, Hazel Voiner, Tony Bonfiglio, Lynn Snouffer, Matthew Cusa and Sebastian Drelick.

A TIME TO MOURN

Prayers for the deceased: Thomas Ingram, Jerry Busko, Angelina DeLucia, Joan Juengling, Bishop Frank J. Rodimer, Karen A. Tofilski, Angela Sperber, Bryan Carolan, Ante Culic, Jean Doherty, Sophia Wolters, Pat Esposito, Józef Zajacki, Janice Barry, Karen Newton, Catherine Feuss, Jan Jakacki, E. James Shaffer, Louise M. Addotta, William E. Williams, Charles Stoveken, Jesse Bisbal, Victor Coleson, Jr., Luigi Russo, Ernest A. Zappile, Nereida Addotta, Andrew Dolinich, Betty Klein, Joe Endlicher, George Christ, Mildred Einreinhofer, Devon Carbery, Joseph Florio, Fr. Thomas Rainforth, Ralph Albano, Sr., Cveta Szugzdo, James Ford, Carol Perrucci, Jean Farrell, Donald Smitherman, Mary Anne Allender, Jason Free, Joyce Kerr, Mary Strangia, Jean Farrell, Don Ciuppa, Msgr. Brendan Madden, Raymond Angelucci, Stephanie Perrotta, James France III, Louise Anne Sincaglia and Rose Schilacci, Dolores Daly, Nancy Barbieri, Rich McLeod, Marlene Blahut, Rev. Stanley Kostrzomb and Phyllis Bonfiglio, Beverly Bierbaum, Louis "Louie" Panetta, Jack Van Antwerp Raymond Hirsch, Francis Marinello, Bill Barrett, Lawrence (Lorenzo) Guarino, Lester King, Mary Dick, Rick Baxter, Charles & Elizabeth Mylod and Richard Bay.

BAPTISM

Until further notice all baptisms administered by the ordinary minister of the sacrament within parish settings are deferred except in case of urgent necessity. Should an urgent necessity arise, the faithful should contact a priest immediately.

Couples desiring to have their child baptized should be active parishioners, attending Mass regularly. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting. The next meeting will take place at Saint **Thomas the Apostle on Monday evening the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 11.** To make baptismal arrangements contact the parish office by email: terry@ststthomasjohn.org or call Saint John Vianney at 973-697-6550 / Saint Thomas the Apostle at 973-208-0090.

CONFESSIONS

By request: contact the parish office.

MARRIAGES

Prior to your booking of the reception, please call the Parish Office 1 year in advance of the wedding date to allow for proper pre-marital preparation.

Knights of Columbus ~ Council Meetings
St. John Vianney Council #12649 meets at Saint John Vianney Church Hall the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Joseph Lamb Council #5510 meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at Wiegand Farm – Department for Persons with Disabilities' meeting room. Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Saint John Vianney/Saint Thomas the Apostle
debbie@ststthomasjohn.org

ALL CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: A parishioner is one who belongs to the parish family. As such, he/she is registered and is committed through participation in the life of the parish. Marriages to be administered and Sponsor Certificates, recommendations, etc. to be issued by the office, the person requesting such must be registered and an active member of Saint John Vianney Parish or Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish community. We request that you register at the rectory when you move into our community so that we may be of service to you.