

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
AND THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 8 - 14, 2024

Monday, 4/8 † The Annunciation of the Lord
6pm: James Penicaro by The Dumenric Family

Tuesday, 4/9 † Easter Weekday
8am: Tom
9am: A.S. Peg Daly by Sister, Mary

Wednesday, 4/10 † Easter Weekday
9am: A.S.
6pm: Regina Howard by Sharon Richie

**Thursday, 4/11 † Saint Stanislaus, Bishop &
Martyr**
8am: James Brown by the Dumenric Family
9am: A.S. Peg Daly by Sister, Mary

Friday, 4/12 † Easter Weekday
8am: Ryan
9am: A.S.

**Saturday, 4/13 † Easter Weekday, Saint
Martin I, Pope & Martyr**
8:30am: Sue Chester

**Saturday, 4/13 † Vigil, THIRD SUNDAY OF
EASTER**
4:30pm: Parishioners

**Sunday, 4/14 † THIRD SUNDAY OF
EASTER**
7:30am: Ludwik Komarek by Mark & Bogumila
Wolski
9am: A. S. Linda Potempa by Chet & Peg Potempa
11am: Emil & Louise Dumenric by Family

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., April 8 – 6:30pm – SVDP, Parlor
Tues., April 9 – 6:30pm – Christian Ladies Mtng. &
3rd Annual Bella Vita Baby Shower, Also, we
will have a light carry-in supper & games
Wed., April 10 – 6:30pm – Parish Council, Rectory
Thurs., April 11 – 2pm – Legion of Mary
Thurs., April 11 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs., April 11 – 7pm – Men's Group, All Saints
Sun., April 14 – Religious Education

Don't forget the Christian Ladies Baby
Shower & carry-in this Tuesday, April 9th at
6:30pm in the Church Parlor.

Stewardship Prayer 

*My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in.
It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity,
and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all
the things that I want my parish to be.*

A Heartfelt Thank You to all those who participated
in the Holy Week activities, to make Holy Week a
very special event. To all those who set up, took down
& set up again for the week's activities including the
cleaning, the Eucharistic Ministers, readers, servers,
ushers, and all those who participated in the many
Holy Week Spiritual events.

We Appreciate You!!

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

Dear Padre

April 7, 2024

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina Kowalska a saint of the Church on April 30, 2000, and in a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that “throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that [we] will experience in the years to come.”

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 and spent most of her life in Poland, in the Congregation of the Virgin Mary of Mercy. She experienced an extraordinary union with God. She received exceptional graces, revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, the ability to read souls, and the gift of prophecy.

One of the images that was revealed to Faustina was that of the merciful Jesus, touching his Sacred Heart, from which beams of red and white light came forth. This image and her devotion to the divine mercies gathered thousands of supporters throughout the world. We still see the traditional image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many of our churches today. In some churches, we might see the newer image, inspired by the saint. Saint Faustina Kowalska died in 1938 at the age of thirty-three, leaving an impressive mystical legacy. She is a disciple of God’s divine mercy for the twenty-first century. ●

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In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!”

During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

Good News!

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)
Acts 4:32-35 / 1 John 5:1-6 / John 20:19-31

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Will is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they’re good people, but he would like them to have faith. It’s been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can’t argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about “Doubting Thomas” experienced Will’s dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus’ wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

Sometimes that’s true for us. We’ve heard the truth, but we haven’t experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ●

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There Is No Meaning For Humanity If Christ Is Not Risen

Without the resurrection, Christianity has no meaning for humanity - its founder would have been a liar and a failure, and its followers would have no hope. Thus the importance of the resurrection to Christian faith cannot be overestimated.

There are those who say that even without the resurrection, Christianity has significance. They hold that Christ's teachings provide ethical guidelines for humanity. The New Testament, however, testifies that this is not the case. Without the resurrection there is no meaningful Christianity.

The Resurrection Was Unique To Christianity

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is unique to the Christian faith - no other religious figure has ever predicted his own resurrection, and then accomplished it. All of the other world religions are based on a founder who lived in the past and whose religion is his only legacy. Mohammed died at age 61 on June 8, A.D. 632 in Medina. He is still dead. Confucius died and Buddha also died. They also remain dead - Jesus Christ is alive.

Lutheranism	Martin Luther	1517	Germany
Swiss Reformed Church	Zwingli	1523	Switzerland
Mennonites	No single founder	1525	Switzerland
Anglican Communion	King Henry 8	1534	England
Calvinism	John Calvin	1536	Switzerland
Presbyterianism	John Knox	1560	Scotland
Baptist Churches	John Smyth	1605	Holland
Dutch Reformed	Michaelis Jones	1628	Netherlands
<u>Amish</u>	Jakob Ammann	1693	Switzerland
Methodism	John Wesley	1739	England
<u>Quakers</u>	George Fox	1647	England
Moravians	Count Zinendorf	1727	Germany
Congregationalism	John & Charles Wesley	1744	England
Swedenborg	Emanuel Swedenborg	1747	Sweden
Brethren	John Darby	1828	England
<u>Latter-day Saints</u>	Joseph Smith	1830	NY, USA
<u>Seventh Day Adventists</u>	Ellen White	1860	NH, USA
Salvation Army	William Booth	1865	England
<u>Jehovah's Witnesses</u>	Charles Russell	1870	PA, USA
<u>Christian Science</u>	Mary Baker Eddy	1879	Pleasant View, NH USA
<u>Pentecostalism</u>	Charles Parham	1900	CA, USA
<u>Unification Church</u>	Sun Myung Moon	1954	South Korea
Mormons	John Smith	1827	
Scientology	L. Ron Hubbard	1954	

Easter fills us with hope

Did you ever stop to think why Jesus rose from the dead with wounds? We are told that Jesus rose from the dead with a glorified body. But what lesson is the Lord teaching us by keeping his wounds intact? Perhaps we can better answer this question by turning to our own wounds. All of us are wounded. By retaining the wounds of his passion in His Resurrected Body, the glorified Jesus is showing us that we can find hope and strength by taking our wounds and uniting them to his wounds.

The barriers of time and space no longer apply to him. The Lord appears and disappears with shocking suddenness. He continually demonstrates his physical reality. The Apostles and the disciples see him, hear him, and eat with him. Thomas is told to touch his wounds. The stone rolled away from the entrance, and the carefully folded burial cloths direct our gaze to the physical. He has truly risen.

The disbelief and uncertainty evidenced by those who saw him testify to an apparent strangeness in the appearance of the newly risen Christ. Slowly they came to recognize him, but they still struggled with doubt. We are accustomed to an annual celebration of Easter. However, for the first disciples of Jesus, resurrection was totally new. Let us remember, that the son of the widow of Nain, Jairus' daughter, and Lazarus were all brought back to life by Jesus, but not one of them continued their lives with a glorified body.

Although the risen Jesus is the same Jesus that died on Calvary, his physical reality is now different than before. The body of the risen Lord is indeed his physical body, but he now moves about with a glorified body. Each of us will have a glorified body also at the resurrection of the dead if we persevere and are faithful.

Over and over again the gospels stress that something extraordinary has occurred. The Lord is tangible, but he has been transformed. His life is different from what it once was. His glorified body transcends the limitations of time and space. For this reason he can pass through the closed door of the Upper Room, and appear and disappear as he desires. At times his disciples cannot recognize him precisely because their physical reality moves within time and space, & the Lord's physical reality is no longer subject to time and space, although he exists within time and space.

The empty tomb and the neatly folded burial cloths point to us that Jesus is physically alive. His crucified body has been transformed. What lesson is he teaching us by keeping his wounds intact? We can answer this question by turning to our own wounds. What are our wounds? First, we all experience the large wound caused by original sin. Although we are baptized and original sin has been cleansed from our soul, our human nature has been wounded. Our sinful condition manifests itself in different ways and we struggle with those manifestations of fallen human nature.

And then there are the other wounds, the wounds that are smaller. We have wounds that are caused by sickness and the wounds that are caused by problems, adversities, challenges and the disappointments of life.

All of us are wounded. Even Jesus is wounded. By retaining the wounds of his passion, the glorified Jesus is showing us that we can find hope and strength by taking our wounds and uniting them to his wounds.

The eleven apostles of today's gospel passage were discouraged and filled with fear. They had lost all hope. They did not understand that Jesus had to first die on the cross in order to rise on Easter Sunday. They did not understand that the risen Jesus would bear his five wounds as an eternal reminder that when our wounds are united to his wounds we will find true peace.

"Peace be with you". These are the first words of the risen Jesus. He dispels the darkness of discouragement, despair and fear by showing the eleven his glorified and wounded body.

Thomas places his finger in the wounds of Jesus and he believes. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe". (John 20: 27)

Many call Thomas the doubting Thomas. All of the Apostles doubted. All of the Apostles ran away and abandoned Jesus. In reality, he is not the doubting Thomas, but the courageous Thomas. He is the only apostle who knows where to find Jesus. By touching the wounds of Jesus, he begins to understand that the risen Jesus is not a ghost, but that he is truly real. By encountering Jesus in his woundedness, he is able to encounter the authentic Jesus, the real Jesus, the whole Jesus. Because he is able to encounter the Jesus that shed his blood on the cross, he falls to the ground and pronounces a profound act of faith: "My Lord and my God". Thomas is able to encounter Jesus in all of his humanity and all of his divinity. He comes to grasp the reality that the risen Jesus is the same Jesus that died on Calvary.

But, where is the risen and wounded Jesus? Where can we encounter him? As Jesus hung on the cross, all of his blood flowed from his wounds. The eternal reminder of his wounds reminds us that we are to experience him in the Eucharist and in the Sacrament of Confession.

By coming to Jesus every day at Mass, for visits and adoration; by encountering the God of mercy through the awesome gift of the sacrament of forgiveness, we can dispel the despair, the discouragement and the fear that may fill our lives.

It is in the Eucharist that we encounter peace because we truly encounter the Lord. We need to bring our wounds to the risen and wounded Jesus every day in the Eucharist. It is there, at the tabernacle, that his wounds will heal us.

Let us remember the words that John Paul II wrote in his second encyclical letter: "Believing in the crucified Son means seeing the Father, means believing that love is present in the world and that this love is more powerful than any kind of evil in which individuals, humanity, or the world are involved. Believing in this love means believing in mercy. For mercy is an indispensable dimension of love; it is as it were love's second name and, at the same time, the specific manner in which love is revealed and effected vis-a-vis the reality of the evil that is in the world, affecting and besieging man, insinuating itself even into his heart and capable of causing him to perish in Gehenna" (Dives in Misericordia).

The Emmaus Road

by Sharon Aubrey

Lord, we walk in blindness on the Emmaus Road,
Emotionally wounded, our hearts a heavy load,
Confused we move forward, each step a precious ache;
Life's journey moves us forward, for no one it will wait.

We walk towards a city, our destination clear,
But first we travel valleys with frustrations and fear.
Our path winds onward, up steep temptations and strife.
Then trudges slowly, the beaten tracks of daily life.

We see a rest stop, where we pause to be refreshed,
A glimpse of truth is given; we gain a second breath;
The road along the heights of victories we walk,
Exploring bits and pieces, of puzzles we do talk.

Drawing near to the house, we turn to ask you in
Humbly you entered, as one without burden.
The meal satisfied more than body by the bread,
For breaking it we saw you had risen from the dead.

Our hearts filled with great joy, we hurried to our feet
Returning to the former path, we walked down the street.
No more are hills and valleys, no more heavy loads,
For Christ was among us on the Emmaus Road.

Our path is now made strait, from a perspective change,
A shift into the Spirit, temporal things are strange.
A secret we will carry deep within our hearts,
Our Savior is alive; nothing can keep us apart.

His love an endless spring from which we draw supply,
His eternal Spirit now dwelling with us inside.
Our joy unspeakable, no worldly man can take,
Our mouths proclaim His glory, not even Hell can shake.

Bold with every step, we walk the road unafraid
Looking for other sheep that have turn aside or strayed.
The Good News we proclaim to all who will but hear,
Jesus Christ the risen Lord calls all of us come near.

Come to Him for salvation, forgiveness of sin;
Don't delay! The God of Love is welcoming you in.
Nothing you have ever done or could ever do
Is stronger than the precious blood of Christ shed for you!