

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy

April 7, 2024

Give thanks to God!

Masses For The Week

Sun 07 Second Sunday of Easter

08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Margarito & Virginia Nieto (Patricia Adami)
+Jose Luis Martinez (Patricia Adami)

Thr 11 St Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr

12:05 pm NO MASS - Fr Nolasco at Priest Conference

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

On this Divine Mercy Sunday we recall the words of Saint Augustine: "mercy is heartfelt sympathy for another's distress, impelling us to succor him if we can." We see this transpire concretely in the life of the early Church. The community of believers "was of one heart and mind" and "they had everything in common." They were filled with awe; they were witnesses of wondrous signs; they dedicated themselves to the good of the other; they were selfless and generous. They lived with the faith that "conquers the world." That is what the Apostle Thomas is looking for in the Lord's open side. "The secret of Christ's heart is revealed to us through the clefts of his body" (Saint Bernard).

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+Diana G. Reese (Celia Crowder)

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

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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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JESUS


I trust in you!



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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, and Rodrigo Medina.

 Blessed are they
who have not seen
and yet have believed.

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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Did you know...Child abuse can occur in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer reviewed research, especially that of the past 30 years, repeatedly shows this to be true. This same research indicates that most of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may even ingratiate themselves into the home. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be ever observant and vigilant in all public and private settings.

my LORD and
my GOD



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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,580.00

Loose: \$ 106.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 4.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,690.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,398.61

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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GOD of MERCY

You wash away our sins,

give us

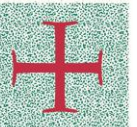
new birth

in the

SPIRIT

and redeem us in the

Blood of CHRIST



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