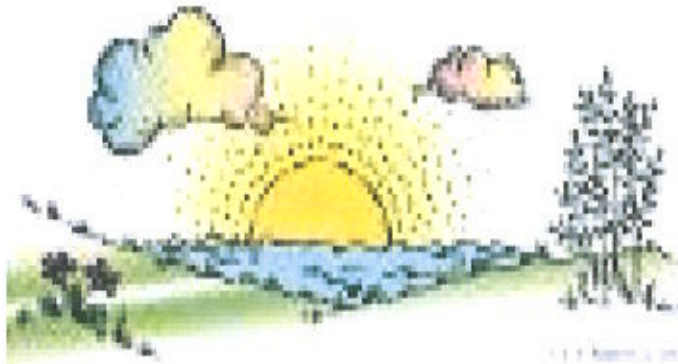


**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)**

**APRIL 24, 2022**

Once I was dead,  
but now I am alive, forever and ever  
*Revelation 1:18a*



**DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY**

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!" Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**TODAY'S GOSPEL** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16 17; Mk 16:15-20  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Easter; (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter  
**Monday:** St. Mark  
**Wednesday:** Administrative Professionals Day  
**Thursday:** St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort; Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)  
**Friday:** St. Catherine of Siena; Arbor Day  
**Saturday:** St. Pius V

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

God of everlasting mercy,  
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Reflection question:**

How can I come to grasp more fully the meaning of my baptism?

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**10:00 a.m. Mass (Recorded)**

**WEDNESDAY**

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

**6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.**



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### SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Please notify Father Leonard when you or a family member has been hospitalized or is now homebound. Call the church Office: 816-471-3696, or email: [leombuthia@yahoo.com](mailto:leombuthia@yahoo.com).

Edith Bolder, Jeanette Hamilton, Rosa Birch,, Delores Bazy, Vera Brown, Keven Brown, Ray Myers, Vaunciille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald & Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Michael Mize, Paris Harrington, Earl Greene, Ovell & Frances Thomas, Dorothy Mustin, Earnestine Nard, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, , Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Carlos Nix, . Velma Jennings,, Debra Johnson, Paula Nix

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

In order for us to begin our Bereavement Ministry again, we need lots of volunteers. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry, please contact Carolyn Greene, 816-522-8630 Many of our previous volunteers are no longer available. St. Monica, we need you to get involved for the success of our Parish. We must have active ministries.

### CONDOLENCE

To the family of Mrs. Cynthia Barrett,, Who passed on to be with our Lord, on April 13, 2022. Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved-one. The St. Monica Church Family, will lift up each of you in our prayers during this time of mourning. *The Family is planning Private Family Service.*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The First Communion Class  
and the Sunday School Classes  
will meet next Sunday  
in Ferguson Hall,  
following the 10:00 Mass



### THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY- ST. JOSEPH

~ is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- (1) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3728 (if the victim is currently under the age 18), and
- (2) Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- (3) 2 After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcs.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcs.org) if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care And healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

## SAVE THE DATE

for  
**ST. MONICA'S GARAGE SALE!**

**SATURDAY**

**JUNE 4, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**