

APRIL 11, 2021  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The World of today needs God's mercy more than ever. When we place our trust in God, his mercy conquers the world. Christ extends his victory over sin and death through us in the Sacrament of Confession; let us in turn show this mercy to those we encounter in our personal relationships.

The First Reading from The Acts of the Apostles shows the community of believers as being of one heart and mind in ensuring that no one among them was in need. The Second Reading shows us that we conquer the world through faith. The Gospel shows Christ breathing on the disciples, giving them the Holy Spirit and the authority to forgive sins.

The Divine Mercy message and devotion as revealed to St. Faustina is that God is mercy itself: that He wants all to receive it and be merciful to others, that we are to become the living message and the living devotion – a living image of mercy, a living Eucharist. Peace in our hearts, in the family, in the nations and in the Church is impossible without turning to God. We have to return to God and trust in His Divine Mercy. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches St. Thomas and all of us how to trust: as Jesus tells St. Thomas to put his hand into His pierced side and St. Thomas cries out with the great acclamation of living faith and trust: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28). By our trust in Jesus, let us become a living presence of mercy and a living presence of peace.

Give thanks  
to the Lord,  
for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

Psalm 118



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM    10:00 AM

**ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
8:00 PM	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 11</b>
8:00 AM	Mass: Candida Hutter (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Patricia Mansolillo (RIP)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 12</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Richard Blair, Jr. (RIP)
6:30 PM	Christmas Bazar Meeting
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 14</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Tarsa & Wodziak Families
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 16</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: For the Intentions of the K of C Council 95 Members

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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 11

We will have the Special Divine Mercy Devotion with The Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, right after our regular 10AM Mass.

## Christmas Bazaar Meeting

Monday, April 12 at 6:30 PM

## Knights of Columbus

Monday, April 12 at 7:00 PM

## Catechism Program

Peace and grace! That's how St. Paul began many of his letters- "peace and grace." It was his way of saying, "I hope all is well with you and those you love." This hope isn't a mere wish. It's a prayer that you experience the peace which comes from knowing God loves you with no strings attached, no matter what life hands us.

The Covid crisis us caught us unprepared. We canceled our catechism classes and didn't replace them with online classes. Partly because we knew that families were juggling enough stuff with "school at home." And partly because we weren't prepared to offer a meaningful alternative.

We're now ready to start a renewed catechism program. There is a plan; but we need your input to make sure what we offer is what you need to help strengthen your family's faith.

A letter has been sent home with more information. Please let us know if you did not receive a letter and would like to know more!

## Calendar Raffle

Thank you to the generous parishioners who donated gift cards to our Calendar Raffle! Each day in May, a drawing will be done to select a lucky winner of that day's prize. **31 prizes – 31 chances to win!**

Calendars will be on sale for \$10 each beginning this weekend. There is no limit on how many calendars you can purchase. **Calendars may** be purchased any time until the end of April.



## St. Paul's Lancaster Show Trip

We are planning a motorcoach bus trip to Lancaster to see the show "Queen Esther" at Sight and Sound Millenium Theatre. The trip will be October 12—14. It is 3days/ 2 night for \$305. Flyers are available in the entrance with more information.

We need 30 people in order to get this pricing. Due to Covid- all passengers will have to sign a Covid-19 Waiver of Liability and provide a copy of your Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card (Front and back) showing you have been vaccinated at least 15 days prior to the departure date of the trip. They do have trip insurance available as well. Contact Brenda Knox at [Bren1a0602@gmail.com](mailto:Bren1a0602@gmail.com) for more information.

## Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish meet its financial obligations, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory.

Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/ monthly offertory contribution. Or consider the convenient option of setting up an automatic contribution online. Details below.

### Support St. Paul's

Set up a reoccurring donation (or make a gift at anytime) using our secure, online giving tool by ParishSOFT.

Visit our website at [stpaulsfoster.org](http://stpaulsfoster.org), and click the "Donate Now" button.

## Second Collection—April 10/11

This weekend our second collection will be used **to help with the cost of utilities.**

### GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - April 3/4  
**\$ 4,492.00**

Easter Offering - April 3/4  
**\$ 1,046.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

## Living the Liturgy

*Inspiration for the week*

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

## KIDS CORNER

### Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Thomas had a hard time believing his friends. Jesus was alive! They saw Jesus! Well, Thomas could not believe it. He needed proof. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' scars on his hands and his side. Once Thomas did that, then he would believe. You may have doubting friends like Thomas. Be patient with them. Do not get angry with them. Love them instead, and gently tell the truth about Jesus. Ask Jesus to open their hearts, so they can believe in him, too.

### Prayer

God, help me to be patient with my doubting friends. Show them that Jesus is their savior, too.

### Mission for the Week

Talk to God about a friend who does not believe in Jesus. Ask God to give you the right words to say about Jesus. then ask god to help you be patient.

### Food Closet Ministry

This month we are in need of **Toiletries: Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deoderant.** The Food Closet is open every other Saturday morning 9:30– 11 AM.