

April 11, 2021 2nd Sunday of Easter

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

John 20: 19-31

Tangible Resurrection

Kind words are OK — but when you're at a loss as to what to do or how to get beyond your grief, a cup of coffee with someone who understands can be an experience of resurrection.

The course begins with a detailed syllabus distributed by the professor. The syllabus outlines the readings and texts, the required papers and projects, the schedule of quizzes and exams. The syllabus includes the learning goals for the course and additional resources for students. Students are excited about the possibilities. But the course is not the syllabus: the course is the learning and inquiry that takes place in the classroom or seminar room.

He loves reading about fishing. She's hooked on HG-TV. Both happily loose themselves in the ideas and suggestions, the stories and experiences recounted. He can't wait to try that fly on his favorite trout stream; that color scheme and tile would look great in her kitchen. But they're only wishes and hopes until he wades into the current some spring morning, until she pries open a can of paint and grout and goes to work.

Many of us have mastered Zoom and Skype this past year; we've come to live for those online chats and visits with loved ones. We've learned to teach, to interview, to conduct business with students and clients and coworkers in living rooms all over the world — but an image on a screen is no substitute for a face-to-face exchange, the most effective learning dynamic is experienced in the community created in the classroom, love is most happily expressed in a grandchild's hug.

In today's Gospel, the disciples tell Thomas they have seen Jesus. Thomas replies that "unless I seek the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." In countless sermons over the centuries on the Second Sunday of Easter, Thomas has been criticized for his "doubt" in the resurrection — but Thomas is no different than we are: Thomas wants something he can touch; he wants a tangible sign of Jesus' resurrection. After the horrific week since Jesus' crucifixion, he wants more than a metaphor. Thomas wants real life, life perfected and re-created by God. And Jesus acquiesces. The Crucified Jesus lives again — in us. Our compassionate presence to one another, our embrace of one another in peace and respect, our commitment to the Gospel work of reconciliation and justice are all tangible signs of Jesus' resurrection. This Easter season, may we realize the many ways we can "touch" and make real the Risen One in our midst.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.

Reconciliation:

By request

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 pm
Friday at 10 am.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Discontinued until further notice.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

FACE MASKS: *These masks should be worn at all times. (as per newest Government regulations). Always remain 2 meters distant from others.*

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

April 4th, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$3607.00
Building Fund	250.00
Lenten Folder	185.00
Bingo	680.00
Word Among Us	5.00
Good Friday Holy Lands	773.00
Development and Peace	300.00
St. Vincent de Paul	145.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Late Frank Lewis
Wed. 7pm	Late Augustine Barry
Thu. 7pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumboldt
Fri. 10am	Special Intention
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Molly Brake
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from Debra Elkins, Assumpta Roche, Doug and Donna Beales.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Parish Council meeting on Monday, **April 12 at 6pm** in the church meeting room. Masks are required.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION – April

Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

THE EASTER SEASON: Today we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Notably, each day this week is marked as a Solemnity of the Lord. The entire period is a time of great rejoicing. The Easter season runs until the Solemnity of Pentecost.

THANK YOU - Jeff Banks: We would like to send a special thank you to Jeff Banks. Jeff was our custodian at Sacred Heart Parish since 2017. Jeff was always available whenever called upon to perform tasks at property maintenance. Jeff has accepted a new full-time position in his hometown. We thank him for his work and wish him well in the future.

SACRED HEART PARISH CUSTODIAN: With Jeff Bank's resignation, the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council will have to meet and determine our future direction. In the interim, Jerome Dicks has taken the position until a more permanent decision is made.

THANK YOU: Father Jim wishes to thank all of you for the kind condolences on the death of his sister Margaret Jacobs. May she rest in peace.

THANK YOU - Men's Group: Many thanks to the men's group for the brush clean up at the cemetery and the removal of a couple of trees on the parish house property.

EASTER FLOWERS: The parish has purchased flowers for Easter. We welcome anyone's donations towards the cost of these flowers. This can be done simply as a donation or as a donation in memory of a deceased loved one. Thank you to Margaret McCarthy who donated in memory of Bill and Betty McCarthy and the deceased members of the McCarthy family. Also thank you to Tom and Eileen Moore who donated in memory of Jack and Joan Hearn.

BIBLE STUDY: Continues this Sunday at 7pm. All are welcome.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 11th: In the year 1937, Jesus appeared to a Polish nun - St. Faustina. He told her that she was to be used as His instrument to spread His divine mercy to the world. He also told her that the world would be given a special grace on Divine Mercy Sunday - the Sunday following Easter Sunday. Sister Faustina was canonized by St. Pope John Paul II in the year 2000. Please note a special celebration marking this special Sunday will take place on Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 pm at All Hallows Church. To attend this celebration, you must register - registration is Monday, April 5th - call Yvonne Coleman at 640-7300 or Marjorie Deckert at 632-2051.

MASSES - COVID ALERT LEVEL 2: Bishop Bart has issued the following statement to deal with opening of churches with us being in Alert Level 2.

Beginning on Saturday morning (March 20th) the Province has moved into Alert Level 2. We will be able to host a maximum of 50 people in any one of our venues (if the building cannot house 50, while still observing physical distancing, you can only accommodate the number of people that the building can hold under physical distancing protocol). Contact tracing lists are to be kept. Masks are to be worn throughout the Mass by all those in attendance (new rule for indoor gatherings).

RETREAT FOR WOMEN – ARISE: Arise Catholic Ministry for Women is offering a retreat for women. With the support of the Diocese of Saskatoon, this movement has designed a virtual retreat that is available for all women throughout Canada. The retreat takes place on May 1st but can be enjoyed any time afterwards, if needed. Small groups of women (usually bubbles of three to five) are encouraged to meet in someone's home and engage with both the presentations and one another for spiritual enrichment. A pamphlet is available at the parish office or go to ***arisecatholicmovement.ca***. Thank you for spreading the news to women who might be looking for spiritual enrichment.

LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISING: Thank you to all who took part in our Feb & March Bingo draws. Names of donors will be posted on the inside back door of the church. The winner of \$40.00 for Feb was Maureen George. Barbara Neville won \$45.00 in the March draw and Maxine Staples won the bonus draw of a \$20.00 gift card from The Orange Store. Now is the time to get your donations in for the April draw. Parishioners with last names beginning with A through E will be asked for a donation, but anyone can donate at any time. For each donation of \$10 you get one entry for the draw. You may drop off your donation in my mailbox at 86 Allen's Road or to Pat Jones at 11 Noseworthy's Lane, or to the parish house. Please stay safe, follow the medical guidelines. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy Easter from Sacred Heart Ladies group. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.