

Weekend of April 11, 2021

Sunday of the Divine Mercy

This new Mass schedule will stay in effect until the Covid-19 crisis is over. Thanks for your patience.

Barona:

Mass: Tuesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Sunday: Sunday 8:00 AM. @ Shrine

Confessions: By appointment only

Adoration: 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

Viejas:

Sunday: Sunday. 10:30 AM. @ Church

Confessions: By appointment only.

Sycuan:

Sunday: Sunday Mass 12:00 noon @ the Church

Confessions: By appointment only



Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Anthony and Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Helen Cadiente, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Anthony Harut Haurutuynian, Bobby Curo, Abraham Pascual, Eugene "Gino" Vicaldo, Skylar Rosas, Richard Padua, Irmina Gines, Gimo Manuel, Joyce Martinez, Elvira Hapin, Lisa Black, Jan Jacobs, Dustin Lutze, Deloris Loucks

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Despite our lack of faith Christ still calls and gives the strength to respond. Bring your questions to Him, that He might answer your doubts with His gentle, but persistent love.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTICIPATE IN MASS

by livestreaming with Fr. Herman

Please note weekday Mass time change

Weekdays, Tues-Friday at 8:00 AM,

Sunday Mass is livestreamed @ 8:00 AM

Just go on Facebook under Herman Manuel

Sunday, April 11, 2021 – 3:00 PM, Barona -
*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine
Mercy Sunday*

Sunday, May 9 – Mother's Day Mass on all
reservations

SAVE THE DATE for future ZOOM classes
with Brother Ed

*Beginning Wednesday starting 5/5, 5/12, 5/19,
5/26, 6/2 and 6/9
Details coming soon!*

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

*We are so appreciative of all the help
during Holy Week and Easter
celebration. Thank you to all who
donated and gave their time to help
celebrate our Lord's Resurrection.
In the mentioning of thank you's, we
inadvertently overlooked Bonnie
LaChappa and Joe Welch to whom we
are grateful.*



Jesus, Love and Mercy Personified

A reflection on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine
Mercy Sunday

Today's celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday presents two important figures whose lives, experiences, and faith shed light on the gift of "Divine Mercy": the apostle Thomas epitomizing the doubter turned model believer and St. Faustina Kowalska, who had visions and private revelations associated with Divine Mercy.

As the apostle Thomas needed to see the risen Lord in order to believe, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." The Lord of Mercy gave Thomas the grace to understand that there was more to see, believe and embrace than his despair and disbelief. Saint Faustina on the other hand, was privileged to understand and capture a deeper meaning of Divine Mercy when told by Jesus, "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy."

Both Thomas the apostle and Saint Faustina discovered and willingly embrace the reality of pain and suffering in Jesus. Thomas saw Jesus as Mercy Incarnate as he touched Jesus' wounds, borne out of sacrificial and Divine Love. He was moved to exclaim, "My Lord and My God." Pope St. Gregory was right when he commented, "Thomas' doubt healed the wounds of all doubts."

At the liturgy of the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000. Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed: "Jesus shows his hands on his side. He points, that is, the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity."

From that heart Sister Faustina saw two rays of light illuminating the world. Jesus himself explained to her one day that the two rays "represent blood and water." Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified. Risen, and offered to us in the sacraments.

From the apostle Thomas and Saint Faustina, we are left with these important realities of faith to ponder. First, Divine Mercy is a reality of hope wrapped up in a loving God who is always there to embrace us and forgive even our gravest sins. Believing in God, but not in Divine Mercy, would be a burdensome kind of faith to bear. Second, the Risen Lord is present for us every day of our lives, but we need the eyes of faith to be able to see Him and sense His presence. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "Walk by faith, and not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7). Third, "this is a passage so relevant "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy." This is a message so relevant and necessary for our agitated world. Jesus said to Saint Faustina, "My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy this Sunday may we receive the grace to have a deeper understanding of the redemptive effect of Jesus' wounds.

With St. Faustina we recognize Jesus as love and mercy personified. With Thomas the apostle, we proclaim, "My Lord and My God."

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Be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.
LUKE 6:36