

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 19, 2020



The Heart of Christ! His "Sacred Heart" has given men everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification. St. Faustina Kowalska saw coming from this Heart that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world. "The two rays," according to what Jesus himself told her, "represent the blood and the water" (*Diary*, p. 132). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3: 5; 4: 14).

Through the mystery of this wounded heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here alone can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret.

"Jesus, I trust in you." This prayer, dear to so many of the devout, clearly expresses the attitude with which we too would like to abandon ourselves trustfully in your hands, O Lord, our only Saviour. (*St. John Paul II, Pope, April 22, 2001 Divine Mercy Sunday Homily*)

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Second Sunday of Easter, we trust in the Lord's great mercy for us. Saint Faustina and Saint John Paul II were some of the great missionaries of the Mercy of the Lord. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday! As the Lord shared with Saint Faustina,

On that day [Divine Mercy Sunday], the very depths of My tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.... On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. (Diary of St. Faustina, 699)

The Mercy of the Lord is extended to all humanity. Let us not hide from the Mercy of the Lord during the Easter celebration, but embrace Him and welcome His loving mercy. The Lord does meet us where we are. He loves us so much that He leads us from our old habits that keep us away from Him and others and renews us with new habits of kindness, generosity and giving of self. He is a merciful judge. He is slow to anger and rich in kindness (cf. 145:8). Let us open our hearts to the floodgates of His graces today. On the last page of the bulletin is how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Consider joining the whole Church in praying this chaplet as a family or during your personal prayer time. Jesus, I trust in you!

As the world continues to practice social distancing during this pandemic, we continue to persevere in prayer, hope and faith during these challenging times. Each family of both parishes are kept in prayer during this time. May the Risen Lord bless you and fill you with hope.

Thank you to all who are mailing in their offertory envelopes, or have signed up online to continue their financial support of either parish. As public Masses continue to be suspended in the Diocese of Providence, we still rely on the spiritual and corporal support of the parishioners during this time. Any financial support is much appreciated. May the Lord continue to bless the work of our hands.

During this Easter Season here is what Saint Gregory the Great shares about Easter, *"It is only right, with all*

the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ: Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of loving-kindness towards us, your servants, you gave up Your Son. Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in loving-kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love!"

Sincerely in the Resurrection of Christ,

Father Scott

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
TUE	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
WED	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
THU	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
FRI	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
SAT	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
SUN	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

"Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name."

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



The MISSION of the parish communities of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick is to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel."

Our VISION: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all

to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 18 Sat Vigil Mass; Sunday of Divine Mercy
Intention of the Priest

Apr 19 Sun Sunday of Divine Mercy
In Memory of
Carolina Philomena DeFranza Fisher
(2nd Anniversary)
by her Son Allen

Apr 20 Mon In Memory of Betsy Zifcak
by her Husband and Family

Apr 22 Wed In Memory of Bill Griffin, Jr.
(Birthday Remembrance)
by Jack

Apr 25 Sat Vigil Mass; Third Sunday of Easter
In Memory of Anna Tucker
(6th Anniversary)
by Doug, Ann Marie & Family

Apr 26 Sun Third Sunday of Easter
In Memory of Rita B. Hoppe
(15th Anniversary)
by her Family

SANCTUARY/TABERNACLE LAMP will burn this week in memory of **Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Workshops have been suspended until further notice.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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Each week, our parish requires a minimum Total Operating Revenue of \$3,850.00 to meet our budgeted expenses. If you miss Mass for any reason, we kindly ask you to make up your missed budget envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week	Monthly Parish Collection
April 26	Fuel Collection

SAVE THE DATES

Sat, 06/06/2020	20-Week Club Sponsored by St. Joseph Church	The Village Haven Restaurant
Sat, 06/20/2020 RESCHEDULED	Spring Dinner Dance Sponsored by St. Patrick Church	St. Patrick Church Hall

20-WEEK CLUB, Sponsored by St. Joseph Church (formerly known as the 50 Club) tickets are still available! The cost for tickets remains \$50.00 each. Twenty (20) weekly drawings and dinner at the Village Haven in Forestdale on Saturday, June 6, 2020 are included.

Winner Week #12 – Marie Roderick - Ticket #6
Winner Week #13 – Colleen White - Ticket #92

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 by his Family

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 by her Husband & Family

Apr 21 Tue St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor
Intention of the Priest

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St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
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Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**	\$25,820.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,465.00

****Donations to help defray the cost of the mini-splits are still being accepted. If you choose to make a donation, please specify on the envelope that your gift is for HVAC.**

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week	Building & Maintenance Fund
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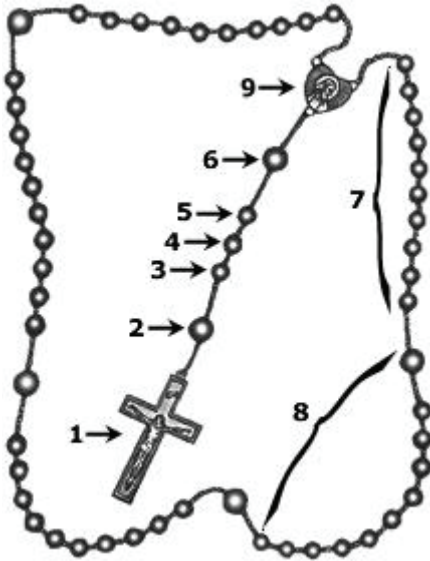
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SPRING DINNER DANCE – Sponsored by St. Patrick's Church has been POSTPONED and rescheduled for Saturday, June 20th, 2020. More information to come. If you have any questions, please call the rectory, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm, 401-568-5600.

How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

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