

*The Vigil of  
Divine Mercy Sunday*

April 6, 2024



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*)



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11  
 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38  
 Tues 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 and 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 Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21  
 Sun Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 1 Jn 2:1-5a  
 Lk 24:35-48

**UPCOMING**

**2024 PARISH EVENTS**

April 26	BINGO
May 18	Spring Dinner
June 22	20-Week Club Meal

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!***

*Thank you for continuing to support our parish fundraisers.*

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 am – 2 pm

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**PRAYER MINISTRY** – Would you like to join the “prayer warriors”? Do you know someone who could use a special prayer? Or, would you like someone to pray for you? If so, please call Pauline at 401-568-5644.



**PROPER DISPOSAL OF PALMS**

Holy palms should be returned to nature. After the Palm Sunday service, the priest or an assistant may collect palms from the worshipers. He burns them and saves the ashes to use for the Ash Wednesday service the following year.

If you prefer to take your palm home, it may be kept as a holy item. Should you wish to dispose of it, you may bury it or burn it and spread the ashes outside.

Source: [\*Sacred Congregation for the sacraments and divine worship\*](#)



**Properly Disposing of Holy Water (to prevent desecration)**

The sacramental should be returned to the earthly elements. Holy water should be poured into a hole dug in the earth, in a spot no one would walk over.

Combustible sacramentals, such as scapulars and holy books, should be burned and then buried. source: [\*Sacred Congregation for the sacraments and divine worship\*](#)

**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.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE



The **MISSION** of the parish community of Saint Joseph 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

**April 6** In Memory of David W. R. Salois  
**Sat 4:00pm** (10<sup>th</sup> Ann.) by his Mom, Sisters & Daughters

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In Memory of Rita Brunette  
 (21<sup>st</sup> Ann.) by her Family

**April 9** In Memory of Leo J. Fortin  
**Tues 7:45 am** (1<sup>st</sup> Ann. Rem) by his daughter Ann

**April 10** For the Relief & Release of the  
**Wed 7:45 am** Holy Souls in Purgatory

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In Memory of Francis Aaron  
 Silva by his Aunt Julia O'Rourke

**April 13** In Memory of John & Mary  
**Sat 4:00pm** Franklin by Mike and Nancy

&

In Memory of Beatrice Emidy  
 (Month's Mind) by the Emidy Family



### SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn this week for living and deceased members of St. Joseph's Parish.

	03/23/24	03/30/24
Weekly	\$1821.00	\$1616.00
Monthly	\$210.00	\$110.00
Mail Ins	N/A	\$305.00
Fuel	\$15.00	\$20.00
Dino's Receipts	N/A	\$81.32
Easter Flowers	\$10.00	\$11.00
Donations	\$300.00	\$50.00
Mass Stipend	\$25.00	\$120.00
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$2381.00</b>	<b>\$2313.32</b>
Easter – CCA	\$20.00	\$412.00
CRS/Rice Bowl	N/A	\$55.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$45.00	\$150.00

**20-WEEK CLUB** - Tickets are still available for St. Joseph's 20-Week Club. The weekly drawings have begun. Ticket prices remain \$50.00, with 20 weekly drawings and prizes on the night of the banquet (June 22). What a great gift to give or to receive.

### 20-WEEK CLUB WEEKLY DRAWINGS



Week #	Ticket #	Name
8	63	Gail Ducharme



Pure love... knows that only one thing is needed to please God: to do even the smallest things out of great love - love, and always love.

— Mary Faustina Kowalska —

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