



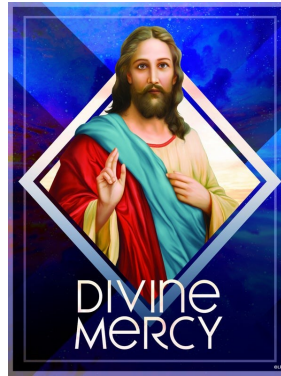
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.



"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong

confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives. Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

Province Wide Lockdown– Stay at Home Order
Effective April 8th, 2021– May 6th, 2021

The government of Ontario announced a province wide lockdown effective Saturday, April 8th at 12:01 am. Churches are permitted to remain open with a maximum capacity of 15% including weddings and funerals. The 15% capacity includes all involved in ministry (priest, cantor etc.) as well as staff members/volunteers who manage contact tracing and disinfecting protocols, if they remain for the church service.

Reservations will not be taken for weekday Masses or Tuesday Holy Hour. Reservations will be required for all weekend Masses beginning April 10/11. We will be adding a 12:30pm Mass on Sunday to accommodate more parishioners.

Face coverings are mandatory

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. April 10	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	Divine Mercy Sunday
		✠ Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo)
Sun. April 11	9:30am	Divine Mercy Sunday
		Intentions of Vern & Donna Walters (Teresa & Colin Walters)
	11:00am	Vince Addario (Lena Addario)
	12:30pm	Missa Pro Populo
Mon. April 12	9:30am	✠ Sophie & Joseph Rybiak (Barb Rybiak)
Tues. April 13	9:30am	✠ Mike Ciolfi (Family)
	7-8pm	Holy Hour & Confessions
Wed. April 14	9:30am	✠ Ersilia Giancola (Ersilia Ferrara)
Thurs. April 15	9:30am	Fr. Chad Grennan (Racz Family)
Fri. April 16	9:30am	Blessings & Health for Bruno Larocque (Family)
Sat. April 17	4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
	5:00pm	✠ Angelina Addario (Vince Addario)
		✠ Wayne Rebeiro (Rebeiro Family)
Sun. April 18	9:30am	✠ Isaiah (Magazzeni Family)
	11:00am	✠ Wayne Rebeiro & Anthony & Muriel Guest (Rebeiro Family)
	12:30pm	Missa Pro Populo

Confessions from 9-9:25am before all weekday Masses.
Offertory

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Share Lent to Date: \$2, 455
Good Friday/Holy Land: \$595

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