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Sunday, April 24th, 2022



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends. Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too! While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"



Divine Mercy Sunday April 24th

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." **Please join us at 2pm for Adoration and Confessions, 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Individual Blessing.**

Beginning May 6th : On the first Friday of each month, we will have Adoration & Confessions from 6-7pm and Mass at 7pm. **Also beginning on May 7th for 5 consecutive months on the First Saturday,** we will have Adoration, Rosary and Meditation at 8am followed by Mass at 9am. **More information in today's bulletin insert.**

Sunday, May 1st, 2022



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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Mon. May 2	9:30am	No Mass
Tues. May 3	9:30am	In Honour of St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Wed. May 4	7-8pm 9:30am	HOLY HOUR & Confessions Special Intention honouring the Baptism of Miarianna Molly Bridgid Tancock (Doug & Alexandra Martin)
Thurs. May 5	9:30am	Antonio Addario (Vince Addario) In Honour of St. Joseph (Teresa & Colin Walters)
Fri. May 6	9:30am	Happy 50th Anniversary Blessings for Andrew & Basia Ksciuk (Goria Egert)
Sat. May 7	6:00pm 7:00pm 8:00am 9:00am 4-4:45pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
Sun. May 8	5:00pm 9:30am 11:00am	† Nicola Colangelo (Rosa Colangelo) † Mike Cioffi (Pat Vaillancourt & Family) Missa Pro Populo † Helen Lelievre & Dorothy Racz (Raca Family)

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

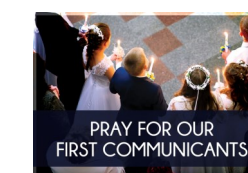


The month of May—The Month of Mary—is a special time for Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. She has a unique role in salvation history as the Mother of God, conceived without Sin, who by her own free will agreed to bring the "Word made flesh", (John 1:14) our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ into the world. Her life in the Gospel years was one of service and great devotion to Jesus, from the cave in Bethlehem where she gave birth to Him, to Calvary in Jerusalem where she stood by His cross in His Crucifixion, from Crib to Cross, as it were. Her words still resonate with us today and challenge us to follow her example of humility, obedience, and service to God.

Third Sunday of Easter

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us. Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Confirmation Registration Meeting on Wednesday, April 27th at 5:30pm for parents/guardians and students. If your child does not attend St. Ann School and would like to receive the Sacrament, please phone the office as soon as possible. Thank you.



Please pray for our First Communion candidates who will receive the Sacrament on May 1st.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank You for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbour, and fruitful in virtue, that they may continue to receive You throughout life and attain final union with You at death. Amen.

Elisha Baby Bottle campaign begins on Mother's Day: We will have traditional baby bottles available as well as postcards with QR code for online donating. More to follow.



Catholic Education Week takes place from May 1-6, 2022. You will find information about this year's theme on the back of today's bulletin insert regarding First Friday & Saturday Adoration.

Strawberry Fair: If anyone interested in organizing a Strawberry Fair event this year, please phone the office. The event can be scaled down so that we can slowly ease back into some parish social events. We welcome any ideas.

Lawn Maintenance: Volunteers are needed to cut grass and trim. Phone the office if you can assist. If we can gather a team, your commitment would be every few weeks.

MASSES CANCELLED: Fr. Jacek will be away on retreat from May 9-11. Weekday Masses are cancelled and Holy Hour on Tuesday, May 10th is also cancelled.

Offertory April 10th, 2022- \$2,695
Offertory April 17th, 2022- \$3,529.25
Share Lent to date- \$1,735
Good Friday/Holy Land- \$1,820

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2:00pm First Communion

