

SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 11, 2021

“Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

— 1 John 5:5

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$7,699.00	\$7,354.00
Number of Families contributing	129	130
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (13 Weeks)	\$44,518.00	\$45,020.00
Received to Date	\$40,198.00	\$33,708.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$4,320.00	\$11,312.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$179.00	\$2,884.00.00

Eighteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$200.00	\$73,047.00

Three people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$150.00.

15 **CHILDREN** contributed \$107.00.

BAA totaled \$160.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The coffin of President Abraham Lincoln has been opened twice since his death. The first time was in 1887, twenty-two years after his burial. Rumors circulated that the coffin did not contain Lincoln’s body. It was opened and the body in it was proven to be Lincoln’s.

Fourteen years later, the same rumors circulated again. Again, the coffin was opened and again the body was proven to be Lincoln’s. Similar rumors circulated about the body of Jesus after his death. The only difference was that Jesus’ body was not in the tomb. Now the rumors concerned what happened to it.

What assures me that the body of Jesus was indeed raised-and not stolen?

(Jewish leaders told the men guarding Jesus’ tomb.) “Say that his disciples came during the night and stole his body while you were asleep.”

Jesus impacted the lives of his followers more powerfully after his death than before it.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Johnny Edward and Celine In thanks to the Infant Jesus for Trust on his 2nd Birthday;
2. The Wife and Family of Cracker on his Birthday;
3. The Family of Jack Suedle Carroll in loving memory of him on the 22nd Anniversary of his death and the Family of Blocky’s Shirley on the 20th Anniversary of her death;
4. The Wife and Daughters in loving memory of Jim Carroll on the 14th Anniversary of his death;
5. Ralph and Rose in loving memory of Popeye on the Anniversary of his death;
6. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

<u>MORNING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
<u>EVENING PRAYER</u>	Monday thru Friday	3:30 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA will be held this Sunday, April 11th will be held at 3:00 P.M. in the Church.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation of \$570 to the Church.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

GOD GIVES US MORE

- We ask for a flower & God gives us a bouquet.
- We ask for a leaf & God gives us a tree.
- We ask for a drop of water & God gives us an ocean.
- We ask for blade of wheat & God gives a whole field.
- We ask for something to eat & we are given God’s own body and blood.

A CHEERFUL GIVER

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.

—St. Julian

JOKE OF THE WEEK A husband and his wife died in a car accident. They arrived in Heaven and found it was a beautiful golf course with a lovely clubhouse and fabulous greens. It was free and only for them, and the husband said, "You want to play a round?"

She said, "Sure." They teed off on the first hole, and she said, "What's wrong?"

He said, "You know, if it hadn't been for your stupid oat bran, we could have been here years ago."

LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

1. Once villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is **FAITH**.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is **TRUST**.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarm to wake up. That is **HOPE**.
4. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is **LOVE**.
5. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am 80 years old; I am 16 with 64 years of experience. That is **ATTITUDE**.
6. We plan big for tomorrow inspite of zero knowledge of the future. That is **CONFIDENCE**.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:* Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Tuesday: St. Martin I
Thursday: Income Tax Day

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:* For the repose of the soul of Jack Suedle and the 22nd Anniversary of his death and Skully's Ann on her Birthday.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Tom Paul Riley on the 4th Anniversary of his death.
Wednesday: For Ollie Harrison on 18th Anniversary of his death.
Thursday: For Chi on his 3rd Birthday.
Friday: For the repose of the soul of Winnie Carter Carroll in the a Anniversary of her death and in honor the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

SHARE HIS LOVE

When we carry enough faith
 In our hearts each day,
 We'll feel God's saving power,
 His gentle guiding ways.

When we seek Him daily
 In our thoughts and prayers,
 We'll share His love with others
 Upon life's thoroughfare.

By kindly thoughts and deeds,
 His will is being done,
 For the Father loves us all,
 Each and every one.
Jacqui Richardson

READERS

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| Sat. Apr. 10 th , 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Lisa & Reed | Sat. Apr. 10 th , 7:00 P.M.
Bridget Anna & Carolyn |
| Sun, Apr. 11 th , 10:00 A.M | Jimmy Joseph & Jersey |
| Sat., April 17 th , 4:00 P.M.
Julie Ann & Mary Martha | Sat. April 17 th , 7:00 P.M.
Leah & Dayna |
| Sat. Apr. 18 th , 10:00 A.M. | Jimmy Joseph & Jersey |

READERS – WEEKDAYS

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| Monday | - | Marilyn |
| Tuesday | - | Ann Rita |
| Wednesday | - | Cathy Lisa |
| Thursday | - | Natalie |
| Friday | - | Christina |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

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| Monday | - | Cathy Pole |
| Tuesday | - | Kim Gallon |
| Wednesday | - | Rosie Cat |
| Thursday | - | Mary Cat |
| Friday | - | Rose Marie |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | April 10 th |
| Front | Mary Margaret |
| Right | Cathy Pole |
| Left | Kim Gallon |
| <u>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</u> | |
| April 10 th | April 11 th |
| Rosie Cat | Mary Cat |
| <u>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</u> | |
| April 17 th | April 18 th |
| Rose Marie | Rose Marie |
| Mary Cat | Mary Cat |

MAKE LIFE PERFECT

Life never seems to be the way we want it, but we live in the best way we can. There's no prefect life but we can fill it with perfect moments.

FRIENDSHIP

Making a friend is an act of **GRACE**.
 Having a friend is a **GIFT**.
 Keeping a friend is a **VIRTUE**.
 Being a friend is an **HONOR**

GOD HEALS

Time is still the best answer, forgiveness is still the best painkiller and **GOD** is still the best healer.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

A PRAYER

"Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart recognize your presence with me and to understand the truth of your saving word. Nourish me with your life-giving word and with the bread of life."