

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 24, 2022

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.”

— 1 Corinthians 12:4

DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

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

Second Reading — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$4,748.00	\$3,607.00
Number of Families contributing	102	101
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (15 Weeks)	\$50,116.00	\$50,944.00
Received to Date	\$41,846.00	\$33,984.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$8,270.00	\$16,960.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$502.00	\$2,597.00

Fourteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$100.00	\$46,241.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$55.00

BAA totaled \$570.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day a little girl went with her cousin to visit the poor.

The sight of 7 and 8-year-olds, so crippled by rickets that they had to crawl instead of walk, left a lasting impression on her. Because of her determination to do something practical to correct it, the little girl eventually went to medical school with the sole intention of preparing herself to do social work with professional skill. She became Dr. Eleanor A. Campbell, founder and general director of Judson Health Centre, which has helped millions of diseased children through the years.

You will do great things for the afflicted once you see God himself in each of them.

You will be fired with a sense of purpose and perseverance that can be obtained from no other source.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Shirley Suedle in loving memory of her on the 17th Anniversary of her death;
2. and a Parish Family member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Michael Jude Riley for being selected by his peers and verified through Professional Research Services Group for being "2022 Atlanta Magazine's Top Doctor".

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER will be celebrated Monday, May 2nd at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is asked to attend this Mass and bring tools to be blessed. To prepare ourselves for the feast, we shall begin a Triduum Prayer beginning Friday, April 29th. The Society of Mary Immaculate will take care of the feast

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

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE

MORNING PRAYER	Monday thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
EVENING PRAYER	Monday thru Thursday	3:30 p.m.
	Friday	6:30 p.m.

QUIPS & QUOTES

1. Many tailor their religion to fit the pattern of their life.
2. Some folks seem to think religion is like a parachute - something to grab when an emergency occurs.
3. The devil loves a cheerful giver provided he is the receiver.
4. A Christian shows what he is by what he does with what he has.

DON'T BLAME

Never blame anyone in your life. **GOOD** people give you **HAPPINESS**. Bad people you **EXPERIENCE**. Worst people give you **LESSON** and Best people give you **MEMORIES**.

JOKE OF THE WEEK At a senior citizens' function, an older fellow eased his wife ahead of him in line. "You ask for the tickets dear," he told her. "You look older than I do."

Seeming to ignore his uncomplimentary remark, she stepped up to the counter. "I'd like two tickets, please." She said loudly. "One for me, and one for my father."

CHURCH COLLECTION & OFFERINGS

- The way some people give, you would think the church is coin operated.
- It's funny how a dollar can look so big when you take it to church and so small when you take it to the restaurant.
- Anybody who thinks there's a shortage of coins hasn't been to church lately.
- "When I look at this congregation," the pastor told the audience. "I ask myself, "where are the poor?" But, when I look at the collection, I say to myself, "Where, are the rich?"

GOD ALWAYS HAS SOMETHING FOR YOU

A KEY FOR EVERY PROBLEM
 A LIGHT FOR EVERY SHADOW.
 A RELIEF FOR EVERY SORROW.
 AND A PLAN FOR EVERY TOMORROW.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sunday of Divine Mercy
Monday: St. Mark
Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day
Thursday: St. Peter Chanel
Friday: St. Catherine of Siena; Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Pius V

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the Lost Souls.
Tuesday: For the Suffering Souls.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory and for the repose of the souls of Black Barney and Winnie Riley.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Duggan on the 5th Anniversary of his death.
Friday: For Matt Thomas Sherlock on his Birthday.

GOD KNOWS

*God knows the trial you face today,
 He is Compassion and the Way;
 He understands your fear... the threat
 That looms in circumstance you've met.*

*He is your shelter in the storm;
 Rely on Him and faith is born
 To lift you up and set your sail
 To see you safely through the gale.*

*Fear not – for God is at your side,
 Beneath His wings you shall abide;
 Recall His love and tender care,
 Whisper His name and He is there.*

READERS

Sat. Apr. 23 rd , 4:00 P.M. Christina & Julie Ann	Sun. Apr. 23 rd , 7:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna
Sun. Apr. 24 th , 10:00A.M	Taniel & Jersey
Sat. Apr. 30 th , 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Reed	Sat. April 30 th , 7:00 P.M. Savannah & Ritz
Sun. May 1 st . 10:00 A.M.	Taniel & Jersey

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Skylar
Tuesday	- Luxe
Wednesday	- Bryce
Thursday	- Tatum
Friday	- Julie Ann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	- Winnie Ann
Tuesday	- Nora
Wednesday	- Catherine Ann
Thursday	- Mary Cat
Friday	- Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>23rd</u>	<u>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</u>	<u>April</u>
Right		Winnie Ann
Left		Bridget Rita
	<u>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>April 23rd</u>
Right		Rosie Cat
Left		Blue
	<u>Sunday 10:00 A.M</u>	<u>May 1st</u>
<u>April 24th</u>		Rose Marie
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OPINIONS

Opinions are like hand watches. **EVERYONE'S** watch shows a different time....
 But, **EVERYONE** thinks that his/her time is **CORRECT.**

CHOICES

*Every morning you have two choices: Continue to sleep with your dream or wake up and **CHASE THEM.***

FAITH AND DOUBT

*Doubt sees the obstacles;
 Faith sees the way!
 Doubt sees the darkest night;
 Faith sees the day!
 Doubt dreads to take a step;
 Faith soars on high!
 Doubt questions, "Who Believes?"
 Faith answers, "I."*

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

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

"Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures that we may fully comprehend the truth of Your word. Anoint us with Your power and give us joy and boldness to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.:" Amen.

