

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 3, 2016

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.

— Revelation 1:18a

JOINING THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS

What will help you to believe? Today's scripture readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories "recorded to help you believe," as the passage from John's Gospel (20:31) remarks today. There is an urgency about this. On this Second Sunday of Easter we are challenged to join the company of believers—countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles' faith. There is no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports John's mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, "Once I was dead, but now I live" (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel gathers everyone but Thomas to see the Risen Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit from him. Like Thomas, we who have come along later must have faith so that we can have life.

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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 (*Psalms 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	\$3,233.00	\$2,516.00
Number of Families contributing	85	81
Total Pledge for 2016	\$172,351.00	\$185,388.00
Pledged to Date (13 Weeks)	\$43,125.00	\$47,254.00
Received to Date	\$35,542.80	\$31,906.80
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,582.20	\$15,347.20

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$1138.00	\$2,523.00

Seventeen ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2016 Parish Goal	\$23,330.00
Amount Received to Date	\$821.00
Amount Outstanding	\$22,509.00

Three people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2016
\$100.00	\$2,930.00

Five people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$0.00.

POOR BOX \$234.00.

19 **CHILDREN** contributed \$44.00.

SHRINES IN THE HOLY LAND totaled \$49.00

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 8:00 P.M. Mass was 265, 10:00 A.M. Mass was 220.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jewish leaders told the men guarding Jesus' tomb, "say that his disciples come during the night and stole his body while you were asleep." —MATTHEW 28:12-13

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 rumor's concerned what happened to it.

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

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

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Eddie O. Riley in loving memory of him on the 5th Anniversary of his death;
2. the Skully's in loving memory of Pat and Bonnie on their Birthdays;
3. the Family of Rosie Bunk in loving memory of her on her Birthday and also in loving memory of Bunk Carroll;
4. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

ST. EDWARD EASTER EGG HUNT organized by the Youth Group was a grand success. Congratulations to McQueen Riley who found the Golden Egg.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION First Holy Communion went very well. We congratulate the First Communicants and a big thank you to the teachers who prepared them to receive Jesus.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA will be held this Sunday, April 3rd at 3:00 P.M. The Church will be opened at 2:00 P.M.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will resume this Monday, April 4th.

MASTER'S TABLE 2016 SCHEDULE

January 7 th	Youth Group
February 4 th	Society of Mary Immaculate
March 3 rd	Ann. T's Legion Group
April 7 th	Jaqueline's Legion Group
May 5 th	Youth Group
October 6 th	Society of Mary Immaculate
November 3 rd	Ann T's Legion Group
December 1 st	Jaqueline's Legion Group

All group members must go on appointed day. If there are any questions, please contact the church Office.

THANK YOU to two Parish Family members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite, St. Joseph and the Infant of Atocha; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for the needy, the Sacred Heart and Little Flower; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Rita and Barry have been married for 50 years and are being interviewed by a reporter from *The Star Chronicle*.

"So Rita," asks the reporter, "I know today is your golden wedding anniversary, but how old, exactly, are you?"

"I'm 78 years old," replies Rita, "and I hope I live to be 100."

"Well I hope your wish comes true," says the reporter. The reporter then turns to Barry and asks, "And how old are you, Barry?"

"I'm also 78 years old," replies Barry, and please God I should live to be 101."

"But why," asks the reporter, "do you want to live one year longer than your wife?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," replies Barry, "I would like to have at least one year of peace and quiet."

MARRIAGE

Marriage is like a FLUTE...

It may have several holes and emptiness.

The same holes and emptiness

Gives beautiful and melodious tunes,

If you know how.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** In loving memory of Eddie O. Riley on the 5th Anniversary of his death.
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
- Thursday:** In loving memory of Brian Carroll on the 14th Anniversary of his death.
- Friday:** For the suffering souls in Purgatory.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)
- Monday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Tuesday:** St. Vincent Ferrer
- Thursday:** St. John Baptist de la Salle

RULES FOR A HAPPY LIVING

1. Count your blessings, not your troubles.
2. Live one day at a time.
3. Say "I love you".
4. Be a giver, not a taker.
5. Seek for good in everyone and everything.
6. Pray every day.
7. Do at least one good deed a day.
8. Learn to count (keep priorities in line.)
9. Practice a "do it now" habit.
10. Learn to laugh and to cry.
11. Smile and the world will smile with you.
12. Fear nothing or no one.
13. Let go and let God take over.

READERS

- Sat. Apr. 2nd, 4:00 P.M.** Kathy Boo & Ann T.
- Sat. Apr. 2nd, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa
- Sun. Apr. 3rd, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie
- Sat. Apr. 9th, 4:00 P.M.** Christina & Macy
- Sat. Apr. 9th, 7:00 P.M.** Jay & Mary Melissa
- Sun. Apr. 10th, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** Dominique
- Tuesday** Allison
- Wednesday** Grace
- Thursday** Rachel
- Friday** Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** **April 2nd**
- Front Bridget Ann
- Front Left Mary Regina
- Left Cup Catherine Ann
- Front Right Rose Melissa
- Right Cup Ann T.
- Sick Rita Weaver

- Saturday 7:00 P.M.** **April 2nd**
- Front Sharon
- Cup Jay

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- April 3rd** **April 10th**
- Pete Man's Nora Pete Man's Nora
- Rose Marie Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** Mary Cat
- Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday** Ann T.
- Thursday** Betty Jo
- Friday** Bridget Ann

TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE

"Somebody has said there are only two types of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

PRAYER CORNER

THE PATH

When my mind is dark and thoughts empty,
when the images are frozen and my mind meaningless,
help me to recognize that Your love is always with me.
Guide me to the path where my
love will flow again. Amen.