

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF
DIVINE MERCY)

JESUS CAME AND STOOD
IN THEIR MIDST
AND SAID TO THEM,
"PEACE BE WITH YOU."

John 20:19

April 19, 2020



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St. Rita Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1908

APRIL 19, 2020

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS: Sat. 5:30 pm (Vigil), 7:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon

WEEKDAYS: Mon., Tues., Fri., and Sat. 8 am
(Wed. & Thurs. 8 am Communion Service)

HOLY DAYS: (eve of) 5:30 pm; (day of) 8 am & 6:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession) Saturdays 4 – 5 pm or by appointment

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Saturday 7:50 am

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First Friday 8:30 am – 5 pm, Rectory Oratory

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

First Sunday of the month after the Noon Mass. Registration and Catechesis are prerequisites. Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriages

Contact the Parish Office upon engagement; at least six months is needed for preparation of this joyous sacrament!

Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Preparation for children who have attained the age of reason (usually during 2nd grade) is arranged either through the Religious Education Program or St. Rita Elementary School.

Confirmation

A two-year program for freshman/sophomore age teens. Please apply through the Youth Ministry Program.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

St. Rita Eucharistic Ministers provide Communion home visits. Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick and Funeral Liturgies

Please notify us for the Anointing of the Sick, the sacrament intended for the seriously ill or dying which brings Our Lord's special presence and companionship in serious time of need. If someone should die without anointing, remember that the desire to receive is sufficient.

If your loved one has passed, we will assist in making arrangements with your chosen funeral director; refer you to our Bereavement Ministry and Music Ministry; and offer you helpful guidelines that will aid in the selection of readings for a Mass or Memorial Service. We know this can be a tough time and we want you to know that your parish is here for you. Please understand we only have one resident priest; sometimes arrangements for another priest may be needed.



Totally Yours

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a name given this first Sunday after Easter by Pope John Paul II. Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII were canonized as saints 6 years ago. I always admired St. John Paul II for his spirituality, love of the youth and devotion to the Church. He was able to rise above difficult times, being instructed for priesthood in secrecy after the Nazis invaded Poland and rising in status before God and the world. What a man! What a witness! He fully embraced his motto “Totally Yours” and encouraged each of us to become totally God’s as well.

St. John XXIII surprised the Church, when at age 76 and newly elected Pope he convened the Second Vatican Council. St. John XXIII said: “The council now beginning rises in the Church like the daybreak, a forerunner of most splendid light.” How the Church has grown since Vatican II, allowing the faithful to participate in greater ministry in the Church, opening doors of communication and welcome to those of other faiths, and calling all believers to holiness of life.

How appropriate it was to canonize these modern popes and “world changers” on this Sunday after Easter. In the eyes of the Church, Easter day ends today. These past days since Easter are a continuation of the one day of resurrection. It’s so important it lasts for eight days (Easter octave) with its conclusion today. As we celebrate this Easter event and the new life we received through Jesus, we likewise receive new life from these two great men. May their canonizations remind us to be entirely committed to the God who suffered and died for us. May we ask them to pray for us during these challenging and fearful days, as they were quite courageous in how they lived their faith. And may we hear the call of Jesus to be His disciples, and join St. John Paul II on this Divine Mercy Sunday and say to God, I am Totally Yours. Peace.

—Fr. Tom

REFLECTION QUESTION

Rediscover
the Saints

TWENTY-FIVE QUESTIONS
THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

MATTHEW KELLY

Each week I will include a reflection question based on a chapter from the Matthew Kelly book: “Rediscover the Saints.” Please use this question for reflection and discussion with family, friends and parishioners. **St. Maximilian Kolbe was willing to give his life so a father could live. For whom are you willing to lay down your life? As a parent do you dream of your child (children) becoming a saint (saints) and can you intentionally parent toward that goal? in what ways are you laying down your life so that others may be raised?**

Keep these intentions in your heart as you make your spiritual communion while Mass restrictions are in place.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 AM Elizabeth Anne Phalen RIP
5:30 PM For all parishioners

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 AM Patricia Balderas RIP
10:00 AM Pope Francis INT
12 NOON Amy Rodriguez INT

MONDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 AM Jacqueline Halpin INT

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 AM Maria Elena Himenez INT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 AM Communion Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 AM Ailey Ybarra RIP

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM Sharon & Daniel Lowenstein INT
5:30 PM Gene Bollman RIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 AM Robert & Anna Schrodt RIP
10:00 AM John Sweeney RIP
12 NOON For all parishioners

FEAST DAYS & OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Anselm
Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Saturday: St. Mark

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (*Acts 2:42-47*).

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

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (*1 Peter 1:3-9*).

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REQUEST OUR PRAYERS:



Richard McCoppin, Raul Lascano, Joe Hernandez, Michael Joseph Parada, Joan Juenemann, Charles Humphrey, Mark Stone, Joseph & Josephine Gruppie, Eleanor Raleigh, Margaux Viera, Patti Huber, Marsha Joy, Kellie Loera, Charles Baker, Gilbert Gonzalez, Genise Tully, Mary Kiss, Lisa Bowman, Susan Devin, Sawtell John, Inez Ybarra, Francesca DiFranco, Charlotte Meyer, Richard Forcione, Mary Kathryn Genzlinger, Toni Baiunco, Jacquie Marshall Martin, Teresa D'Agostaro, Carmen Ruiz, Maria Blust, Daisy Walters, Salvatore Termini, Mary Rodriguez, Pete & Daisy Olson, Margaret Fala, Hannah Waken, Clare Greteman, Lalo Arriaga, Jim Crilly, Trini Marti, Joann Little, Luz Arriaga, Doug Peterson, Sandra Osborne, Evelyn Tres, Gerald Drear, Toni Navarro, Tonyja Blakeslee, Edith Olah, Fred Mycroft, Joseph Moore.

Please note: names on the Sick List are published for thirty days unless otherwise requested. To add or remove a name, please contact the Parish Office or email:

bulletin@st-rita.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20



Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the blessed sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you.

But since I cannot receive communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually.

I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. Amen.

—*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

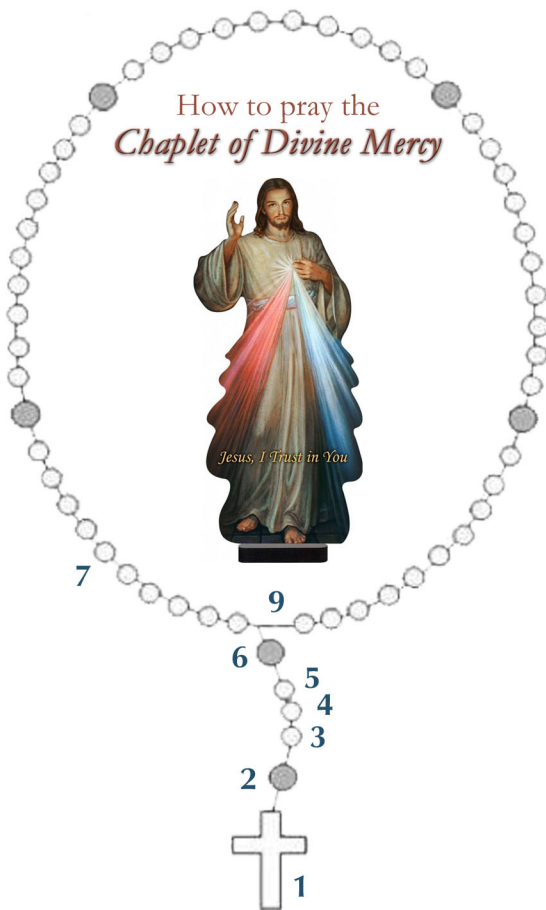
CRS RICE BOWLS

What should I do with my CRS Rice Bowl and the Lenten almsgiving I had collected? You may:

Count up the amount you have collected, write a check, and mail it to the Parish Office; OR

Visit support.crs.org to donate directly; OR

Hold on to your CRS Rice Bowl until the church reopens and bring it then.



1. Make the **Sign of the Cross**
2. Optional Opening Prayer:
You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls,
and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.
O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a
fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!
- 3,4,5. Pray an **Our Father**, **Hail Mary**, and **The Apostles' Creed**
6. On the Our Father beads, say:
**Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of
Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for
our sins and those of the whole world.**
7. On the Hail Mary beads, say:
**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the
whole world.**
8. Repeat for five decades.
9. Concluding prayer – repeat three times:
**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us
and on the whole world.**
10. Optional Closing Prayer
**Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of
compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your
mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor
become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to
Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.**