

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCHES

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) APRIL 16, 2023

WELCOME TO
DIVINE MERCY
PARISH



IT'S OUR FEAST DAY!

HAPPY
DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY!

WELCOME TO OUR ALPHA ALUMNI!

Divine Mercy is a Welcoming
Community that Inspires Disciples
of Jesus to Share God's Love and
Transform the World.

THE ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

Today, on Divine Mercy Sunday (our parish feast day), we celebrate God's everlasting mercy, which heartened the Chosen People again and again over many centuries, found its purest expression in the sacrifice of God's only Son, and will continue to overflow into our world and all God's creation until the end of time. Conscious of both God's mercy and Jesus' command to do for the least of our sisters and brothers what he has done for us, we pray that we may be merciful and forgiving to others, sharing that most precious gift God gives us.

Alleluia!



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

1 Peter 2:2

Or Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

4 Esdras 2:36-37

Roman Missal, Third Edition

ENTRANCE HYMN

DIVINE MERCY



1. In your Mer - cy so Di - vine;
2. Pour out your love and mer - cy here;
3. O Pas-chal Christ, who from your Cross,
4. Blood and Wa - ter flowed from your heart;



Your love O God, so sub - lime;
Up - on the world you love so dear;
Showed to the world your end - less love;
Just as an end - less fount it flows;



Great - er than all of our sins com - bined;
Your Di - vine Mer - cy for our souls;
Give us, we pray, a heart like thine;
O King of Mer - cy, flow through me;



Your Di - vine Mer - cy, we now find.
Grace that is strong - er than our foes.
Mer - cy to all in you we find.
And bring all the world to thee!

ENTRANCE SONG

BE NOT AFRAID

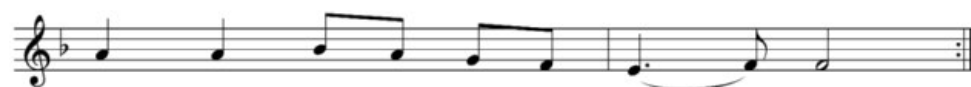
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Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le -



lu - ia! Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy!



Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

– or – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

– or – The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

(Omit for the Sprinkling Rite)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, risen Son of God, your resurrection stands as the great sign of the Father's love: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, risen Son of God, you give us a new birth to a living hope: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, risen Son of God, you are the giver of Easter peace: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

The Glory to God is sung.

For the Sprinkling Rite

Cantor *All*

1. I saw wa - ter, flow - ing clear, I saw wa - ter
2. All who came and drank were saved. All who came and
3. Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord. Springs of wa - ter,

Cantor

1. flow - ing clear, from the right side of God's ho - ly tem - ple,
2. drank were saved. Let all cre - a - tion sing al - le - lu - ia.
3. bless the Lord. Praise and ex - alt him a - bove all for - ev - er.

All

1. from the right side of God's ho - ly tem - ple.
2. Let all cre - a - tion sing al - le - lu - ia.
3. Praise and ex - alt him a - bove all for - ev - er.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GLORY TO GOD

Mass of St.

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y

Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -

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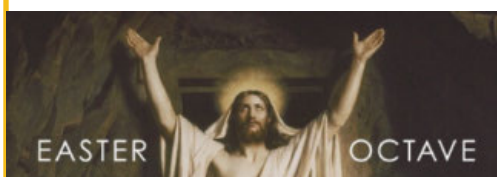
*After the Glory to God.***COLLECT**

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

*Please be seated
after the prayer.*

A time of sacred silence gives us the opportunity to reflect on the words proclaimed in our presence. Our sacred silence is integral to full, conscious, active participation in the liturgy.



Today is the Octave of Easter, the conclusion of the eight-day period, or octave, that began on Easter Sunday and ends today with Divine Mercy Sunday, known as Easter Week.



Now we begin the fifty day celebration of Easter Time.



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Then the Collect is prayed.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

Luke wrote a two-volume work: Volume One was his Gospel, and Volume Two was the Acts of the Apostles which describes the life of the Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. Every year, during the seven weeks of Easter Time, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's passage, Luke gives an idealized description of early Christian community life.

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

We observe a time of sacred silence to reflect on God's word.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Tom Kendzia



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Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever. "Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever. "Let those who fear the Lord say, "His mercy endures forever." **R.**

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the Lord helped me. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just: **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. **R.**



4:30 p.m.



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SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Our second reading during most of this Easter Time is taken from the first letter of Peter, which was addressed to Christians living in the northern part of what is today Turkey. These Christians found themselves out of step with the society in which they lived, and they felt abused and discriminated against. The resurrection of Jesus was held out to them as a basis of hope during their trials, which is why the Church chooses to read from this book during Easter Time.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:42-47

Those who believed shared all things in common.

Psalm 118

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

1 Peter 1:3-9

God has given us new birth.

John 20:19-31

"My Lord and my God!"

Today we hear the familiar story of doubting Thomas, who refused to believe until he saw the risen Lord with his own eyes and touched his wounds with his own hands. However, as soon as he *did* see Jesus and hear his voice, he immediately realized that his friends' incredible testimony was true. May Jesus' words to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," touch us as we struggle with doubt and uncertainty ourselves.

We Are So Grateful!

It is because of you, our parishioners, that we are able to offer wonderful liturgies and the many opportunities to gather as a community in ministry, whether that be in service to others, to hand on the faith to our young people, support our students at Sacred Heart School, care for those who are sick or dying, or expand faith formation through programs like Alpha, Tri-Parish gatherings or Fr. Kartje's Bible study. Your support, be it financial or your very valuable time and energy, is very much appreciated. Thank you!

REFLECTION

Divine Mercy Sunday is a recent addition to the Church's calendar, and it has links to both private revelation and the Bible. Millions of people look forward to and are profoundly moved by this day.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated today, on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy. It also has links to the Bible and the readings of this day.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared: It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church *will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday"*.

In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings [Homily, April 30, 2000].

In his theological commentary in The Message of Fatima, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger wrote: "We might add that private revelations often spring from popular piety and leave their stamp on it, giving it a new impulse and opening the way for new forms of it. Nor does this exclude that they will have an effect even on the liturgy, as we see for instance in the feasts of Corpus Christi and of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. From one point of view, the relationship between Revelation and private revelations appears in the relationship between the liturgy and popular piety: The liturgy is the criterion, it is the living form of the Church as a whole, fed directly by the Gospel. Popular piety is a sign that the faith is spreading its roots into the heart of a people in such a way that it reaches into daily life.

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inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

We observe a time of sacred silence to reflect on God's word.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.



Verse sung by the music ministry.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe! **R.**

John 20:29

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

John 20:19-31

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to John

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas

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was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." 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."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, **(bow)** who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, **(stand)** suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven **(bow)** and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. **(stand)**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

The angel of the Lord descended from heaven and said to the women: The one whom you seek is risen, as he said, alleluia.

Matthew 28:2, 5, 6, Graduale Romanum

Popular religiosity is the first and fundamental mode of "inculturation" of the faith. While it must always take its lead and direction from the liturgy, it in turn enriches the faith by involving the heart.

The Church encourages the celebration of devotion to the Divine Mercy on this Day by, among other things, offers a plenary indulgence: To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, St. Pope John Paul II himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, as will be explained below, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters. . . . A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. A basic explanation of the image is: Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent). The depictions often contains the message

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OFFERTORY SONG

THE JESUS SONG

Tom Booth



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INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Jesus Christ is soon to be made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Our hearts brimming with Easter joy, we offer this prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. *Please stand.*

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people[and of those you have brought to new birth],that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

Liturgy and Life: Today is the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

Consider reflecting this week on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy as part of your personal prayer and devotions.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R. It is right and just.**

Then the priest prays one of the Easter Prefaces, afterward we respond singing the Preface Acclamation.

PREFACE ACCLAMATION (HOLY)

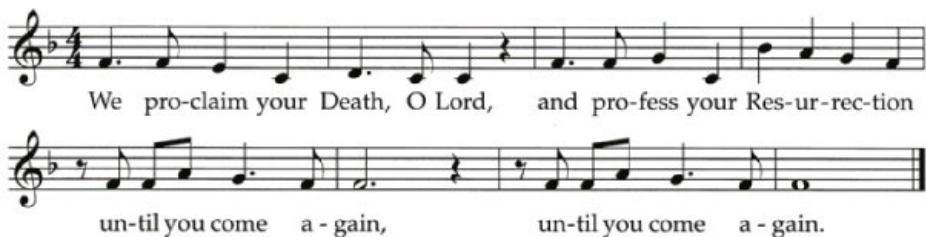


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Please kneel after the acclamation.

MYSTERY OF FAITH



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DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN



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Please stand after the acclamation.

"Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from *Diary* - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy". According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus.

The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is recorded in John 20:19-31, which is the Gospel reading for this Sunday in all three yearly Sunday liturgical cycles (A, B, and C). This reading is placed on this day because it includes the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas (in which Jesus invites him to touch his wounds). This event occurred on the eighth day after the Resurrection (John 20:26), and so it is used on the liturgy eight days after Easter. (It also, however, includes the appearance of Jesus to the disciples on Easter evening, a week earlier, in which he empowered them to forgive or retain sins.)

Based on "Blogs" by Jimmy Akin

The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. They are usually said using a standard set of Rosary beads, often at 3 p.m. (the time of Jesus' death), but with a different set of prayers than those used in the Marian Rosary.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- feed the hungry
- give drink to the thirsty
- give alms to the poor
- shelter the homeless
- visit the sick
- visit the imprisoned
- bury the dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- instruct the ignorant
- counsel the doubtful
- admonish the sinner
- forgive injuries
- comfort the sorrowful
- bear wrongs patiently
- pray for the living and the dead

What is the Easter Duty and is it still required?

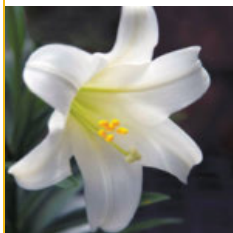
The Easter duty is the requirement of a Catholic to receive Holy Communion worthily at least once a year. It is a minimal requirement, not the optimal practice in receiving the life-giving spiritual graces given in this Sacrament.

The Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 had mandated Holy Communion to be received annually at Easter Time. The Council of Trent and the Code of Canon Law restated this obligation.

Many Catholics are under the impression that the Easter duty also requires going to Confession. While receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation annually is certainly a good idea, it's not part of the requirement unless one is conscience of having committed a serious or what is commonly called a mortal sin.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Mortal sin destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to Him" (#1855). Therefore, sacramental absolution is necessary to forgive mortal sin, to restore the sanctifying grace in a person's soul, and to reconcile the person fully with God and neighbor. In the United States, the fulfillment of the Easter duty [receiving Holy Communion worthily] can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday [the Sunday after Pentecost]. Altogether, this opens 14 weeks of the church year to fulfill the requirement of receiving Holy Communion worthily with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) before if needed. Regular confession is the recipe for sainthood, and all of the saints of our Church knew it. As we continue our Easter celebration, we must not forget those graces of forgiveness and reconciliation the Risen

Lord offers to each of us through the Sacrament of Penance.



LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you; ... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with your always.

R. And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD



Ed Bolduc
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Please kneel after the acclamation.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

During communion we sing psalms and other songs that express our praise of the Father, our spiritual union in Christ, and our fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

Bring your hand and feel the place off the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Cf. John 20:27

After communion we spend some time in silent prayer and/or sing a psalm or song of praise.

COMMUNION SONG

IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Bob Hurd

Refrain In the break - ing of the

Verses 1. Bread for the jour - ney, strength for our
2. Bread of the prom - ise, peo - ple of

bread we have known him;
1. years, man - na of ag - es, of
2. hope, wine of com - pas - sion,

we have been fed. Je - sus the
1. strug - gle and tears. Cup of sal -
2. life for the world. Gath - ered at

strang - er, Je - sus the Lord,
1. va - tion, fruit of the land,
2. ta - ble, joined as his bod - y,

be our com - pan ion;
1. bless and re - ceive now,
2. sealed in the Spir - it,

be our hope. (to Verses)
1. the work of our hands. (to Refrain)
2. sent by the Word. (to Refrain)

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4:30 p.m.

COMMUNION SONG

JESUS CHRIST, YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOR EVER

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ,

yes - ter - day to - day and for ev - er.

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Tune: Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



This Second Sunday of Easter was also designated by Saint Pope John Paul II as "Divine Mercy Sunday," hence it is the patronal feast day of our parish. 'What's in a name?', Shakespeare asked.

Well, our parish name says a lot, doesn't it?

God is, above all, a God of mercy and kindness. He has never given up on us human beings. God sent his Son, Jesus, to save us, and save us he has.

Throughout this Easter season we celebrate this saving Good News of God's tremendous mercy, kindness and abiding love. You've probably noticed by now that there is new signage in front of both of our churches, signs that say we are Divine Mercy Parish.

It's a good name for a parish. It's why we are here, because God is merciful. Throughout this Easter season and beyond, let us continue to extend God's loving kindness to one another and be signs of his goodness, healing and salvation!

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THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

April 22, 2023

5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. John Kartje

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Cathy Lehman

EM: Deacon Bob

Song Leader: Carla LaMarr

April 23, 2023

8:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Bob Hienz

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Bob Snediker

EM: Dcn. Gerry

Song Leader: Kelsea Webb

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Children's Ministry

EM: Dee Hanlon

Song Leader: Kelsea Webb

4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Susan Seeberg

EM: Minister Needed

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

New ministers are always welcome to serve as weekday and weekend sacristans, servers, and lectors. Please consider any of these ministries for your regular Mass attendance. If available please Ron Vanasdlén via email at: rvanasdlén@divinemercy-northshore.org Ask him about the "Family Plan." **Training provided.**

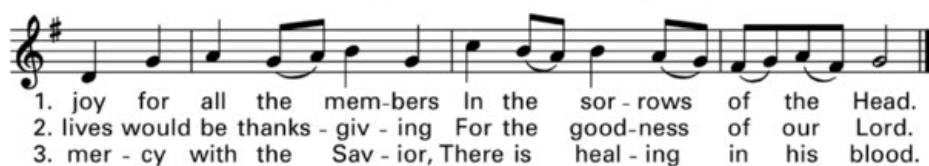
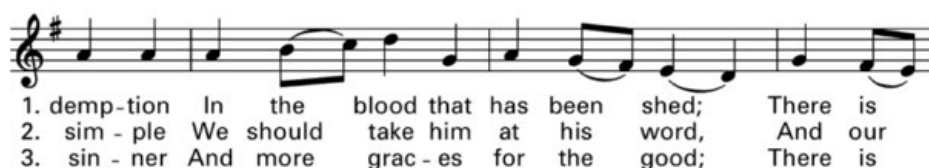
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Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Boerenliedjes*, c. 1710.

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BARBARA MAHANY

"The Book of Nature: The Astonishing Beauty of God's First Sacred Text"

Wednesday, May 3, 1 to 2 pm CT @ Women's Exchange, Hybrid. Registration details:
www.womens-exchange.org/program-registration/

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Join Us for the Next
 Women's Network Gathering
 featuring Emily Mysel from
 Glencoe Family Services.
 Monday April 24 at 7:00 p.m.
 in the Parish Center

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Divine Mercy Parish

Parent Tot Playgroup

Join other parents for a weekly drop-in playgroup at Sacred Heart & St. Philip the Apostle.
All are welcome!

Thursdays, 9-10am

April 13 & April 27 / May 9 & May 25
St. Philip's, Northfield

April 20 / May 4 & May 18

Sacred Heart Parish Center, Winnetka

Questions? Contact Liz McGowen
lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org

You are cordially invited to a Tri-Parish Event



**Signs, Superstitions and God's Plan:
The Human Quest for Meaning**

Thursday, May 4th, 7:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Church

Brian Schmisek, PhD

Provost and VP of Development and Marketing
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Divine Mercy Parish, Sacred Heart Church
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PARISH CALENDAR**April 16, Sunday**

*Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of the Divine Mercy
(Parish Feast Day)*

- 8:45 a.m. Children's Ministry Sessions - Sacred Heart School
- 11:00 a.m. A Just Harvest Food Service
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet - Sacred Heart Church
- 5:15 p.m. Family Faith Alpha - Parish Center

April 17, Monday

Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 6:45 p.m. Tower Players Rehearsal - Parish Center

April 18, Tuesday

Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary — St. Philip
- 9:30 a.m. Crafty Ladies - JPIL Room
- 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Board Meeting - SH Fireplace Room

April 19, Wednesday

Easter Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Finance Council - Parish Office Conference Room
- 8:30 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 2 - 3 p.m. Adoration - Sacred Heart
- 3 - 4:30 p.m. Confessions - St. Philip
- 6:45 p.m. Tower Players Rehearsal - Parish Center

April 20, Thursday

Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 9 - 10 a.m. Parent/Tot Playgroup - Sacred Heart Parish Center - lower level playroom

April 21, Friday

Easter Weekday

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Rosary - St. Philip

April 22, Saturday

Easter Weekday

- 9 a.m. Confessions - Sacred Heart
- 9 a.m. Tower Players Rehearsal - Parish Center

April 23, Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:45 a.m. Children's Ministry Sessions - Sacred Heart School
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Ministry 1st Grade Church Tour - SH Church

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

8:00 a.m. (SPA) — Rev. John Foley, SJ
10:00 a.m. (SH) - John O'Brien
4:30 p.m. (SH) - Mary W. Coleman and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

MONDAY, APRIL 17 (SH)

8:00 a.m. — William Briggs Fisher †

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. — Suzanne Kilroy †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 (SH)

8:30 a.m. — Breck Alvord †

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 (SPA)

6:30 p.m. — Bob Berner †

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 (SPA)

3:00 p.m. — Pat & Brian Doherty †

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 (SH)

8:00 p.m. — The Coradini Family †

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 a.m. (SPA) — John Belmont †
10:00 a.m. (SH) — Ludy Mariano
4:30 p.m. (SH) — Maureen Mazur † and Rosaleen Mazur

MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the parish office 847-446-0856 or megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

This week, the Sanctuary Candles at Sacred Heart and St. Philip are in thanksgiving for Miles and Marley Lyons.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of and thanksgiving for Divine Mercy Parishioners (SH) and in memory of the deceased members of the Berning, Dietz, Meade and Carol families (SPA).

The gifts of bread and wine are given in thanksgiving for the Mayer and Lerner Families (SH) and in thanksgiving for all Divine Mercy Parishioners (SPA).

Shout with joy! The Lord is risen!

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

The following people suffer from illness or chronic conditions. They have asked for the prayers of our parish family. Please remember them to the Lord.

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose, Michael Anderson, Rita Bela, Loretto Berghoff, Paul Berghoff, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne, Rich Danstrom, James Farney, Mary Beth Fellingner, Lisa Marie Franke, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Emily Jatis, Rick Kehrer, Ryan Kelly, Patti Kotscharjan, Donna LaCaze, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Joseph Lee, Susan Lodge, John Madden, Griffin Maks, Rosaleen Mazur, Teresa McNamara, Mike McNulty, Heather Mroz, Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison, Brad Raguse, Judy Rasfeld, Kathy Sarch, Violet Vanselow, Larry White, and those written in our parish book of prayer.

If you or your loved one needs a Minister of Care or is seriously ill or near death, and in need of the Sacrament of the Sick / Last Rites, please contact the parish office at 847-446-0856.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, especially Tim Samson, Sr., Helen Kearns, and Richard Clay.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**Sacred Heart Church:**

Saturdays 9 - 9:30 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
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