

INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY OF THE DAY

Every year we celebrate Easter for seven weeks—a “week of weeks”—because we need all this time to appreciate all the new things that God is doing in our lives. So on this Second Sunday of Easter, which the Church has also designated as the Sunday of Divine Mercy, we focus on the early church and how those disciples received and spread the Good News of God’s merciful love. May we learn much from them as we pray together today.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 2:42-47 *Those who believed shared all things in common.*
Psalms 118 *“Give thanks to the Lord for her is good, his love is everlasting.”*
1 Peter 1:3-9 *God has given us new birth.*
Jn 20:19-31 *“My Lord and my God!”*

St. Peter, in today’s second reading, speaks directly to us about our faith: “Even though you do not see him now yet believe in him.” This prepares us for Jesus’ final Beatitude: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” As we hear these sacred scriptures today, especially the story of Thomas the Doubter, let us listen for the passages and words that speak to our own faith so that we may grow in loving our Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 22, Vigil, Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy
6:00 PM Parishioners of Rosary
Sunday, April 23, Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy
8:30 AM John Maher (RIP)
10:30 AM Parishioners of Peace
Monday, April 24, Easter Weekday
8:30 AM W. A. Brown (RIP)
Tuesday, April 25, St. Mark, Evangelist
No Mass Scheduled
Wednesday April 26, Easter Weekday
No Mass Scheduled
Thursday, April 27, Easter Weekday
No Mass Scheduled
Friday, April 28, Easter Weekday
No Mass Scheduled

Please see Fr. Brown for Mass Intention requests. The Celebrant is not obligated to publicly announce the Mass intentions; this is a courtesy. If the Celebrant omits announcing the intention, the Mass is still offered for the donor’s intention. If you would like to make a donation for the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention, please see Father Brown. The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of April is in memory of David and Janet Meyers (RIP).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

To whom or to what situation this week can I bring Jesus’ healing gift of *shalom* by offering my own forgiveness and reconciliation?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Jody Correro, John Nicholson, Earl Rebello, Marianne Foreman Rosemary Martens, Cathy Wood, Ruthie Kress, Curtis Jackson, Danny Somers, Greg Warner, Bill Sultan, Kelly Lightsey, Margi Bockweg, Cathy Banks, John Loria, Hguyen Dau, Hai Van Heller and family, Nathan Collins, Barbara Northrop, Susan Tanney and Peyton Meyers. Please see Father Brown to update the list or to arrange for a visit to a homebound or hospitalized.

THE CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Corporal Works of Mercy are the following kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs:

- feed the hungry
- shelter the homeless
- clothe the naked
- visit the sick and imprisoned
- bury the dead
- give alms to the poor

Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below, by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs:

- instruct
- advise
- console
- comfort
- forgive
- bear wrongs patiently

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

OFFERTORY	\$3,923.66
BUILDING FUND	\$203.00
OTHER: Holy Thursday	\$241.00
Good Friday	\$609.00
TOTAL	<u>\$4,973.66</u>

BUILDING FUND (MONTHLY) NEEDED:
\$5,641.72

MONTH-TO-DATE
\$2,934.00

NEEDED
\$2,707.72

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

OFFERTORY	\$825.00
TOTAL:	\$825.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!
PARISH MORTGAGE
RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE
SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017 beginning at
12:00 with Mass, followed by a catered
meal in the Parish Hall and activities for
everyone, concluding with the ceremony
retiring the mortgage. If you have
questions or would like to help, please
contact one of the following:

Chris Weller 850-740-1223; email:
beasleyoliver@aol.com); Ed Kress,
(850) 722-0705, email:
ejkress@att.net;

Frank Sabo, (850) 276-1899, email:
viperpilot.frank@gmail.com;
or Kevin Hall, (850) 914-0334, email:
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AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH!!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all graduating Seniors from Bay District
Schools for School Year 2016 - 2017. The
Knights of Columbus are offering two \$500
scholarships for the Fall College semester. To
receive an application, contact Co-
chairpersons Rob Mastropietro at [\(850\) 866-1739](tel:(850)866-1739) or
Kevin Hall: [\(850\)914-0334](tel:(850)914-0334). Scholarships applications must be
postmarked by April 28, 2017.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS U. S. FLAG
COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT

The Knights are collecting unserviceable
U. S. Flags for a flag retirement ceremony.
Flags will be collected during the month of
April. Place unserviceable flags on the
table in the rear of the Church.



Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be
a very special day when "**all the divine floodgates
through which graces flow are opened**". (Diary 699)
Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who
would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy
Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after
Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday
throughout the Catholic Church.

Jesus promised that "**The soul that will go to
Confession and receive Holy Communion shall
obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and
punishment.**" (Diary 699) He went on to say "**I want to
grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to
Confession and receive Holy Communion on the
Feast of My Mercy.**" (Diary 1109)

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of
this incredible promise and the additional Plenary
Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy
Sunday". We want you to benefit fully from these
promises, and we also want you to notify all of your
family and friends about them too and urge them to
return to the practice of their faith!