

Downtown Dayton Catholic Parishes

April 19, 2020

Divine Mercy Sunday

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Emmanuel Church 1837



St. Joseph Church 1847



Holy Trinity Church 1861

Mass Intentions

While no public Masses are being celebrated, the Priests will continue to offer your Mass Intentions in a private Mass daily:

Please Note: Sunday Mass will be live streamed every Sunday at 10:00am via the link on our parish websites.

Monday, April 20

Holy Trinity.....Mr. & Mrs. Garry Buschur

St. Joseph.....Paula Deschler

Tuesday, April 21

Holy Trinity.....Tom & Renate Schommer

St. Joseph.....Bob Sichman

Wednesday, April 22

Emmanuel.....Dayton Council 500, Family & Friends

St. Joseph.....Michelle Goodman

Thursday, April 23

Emmanuel.....Damian Gripp

St. Joseph.....Mike Leo

Friday, April 24

Emmanuel.....Vicki DePasquale

St. Joseph.....Elizabeth Collins

Saturday, April 25

Emmanuel.....Effie M. Minham

St. Joseph.....Tom Kain

St. Joseph.....Elaine & Jim Flynn 50th Wedding Anniversary

Emmanuel.....For our parishioners

Sunday, April 26

Holy Trinity.....Bernard Kleimeier

St. Joseph.....For our parishioners

Emmanuel.....Joe Penno

Holy Trinity.....For our parishioners

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 2:14, 22-28; Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Confessions:

St. Joseph Church - Monday - Saturday 11:30-12:30

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For Baptisms, Weddings or Ministry to the Homebound please contact your parish office.

Church buildings open the following times for private prayer:

Holy Trinity: Mon—Tues. 7:30-9:30am

Emmanuel: Wed-Sat. 7:30-9:30am

St. Joseph: Mon-Sat. 11:30am-2:00pm

PASTOR'S PEN

Today we close the octave of Easter with the celebration of God's Divine Mercy. Throughout this week the gospel readings have highlighted various accounts of the resurrection that reflect God's mercy. In today's gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples with the comforting words "Peace be with you!" He could have really gave-it to the disciples for denying him and failing to stay with him in his passion and death, but he didn't, he said: "Peace be with you." What is striking is that Jesus was not hampered by the locked doors where the disciples hid themselves. No matter where we try to hide Jesus is able to come to us, to calm our fears and to share his mercy.

In showing the disciples the wounds of his crucifixion Jesus is proving that he is the same person who suffered death, giving his life for the salvation of the world. Through it all God never stopped loving us. This was cause for rejoicing because now the disciples knew no matter what they encountered in the future; God was with them.

But Thomas was not present when Jesus appeared to the disciples, and he was nobody's fool. He witnessed the horrible death of Jesus. "How could anyone rise from the dead?" Recall, that earlier in John's gospel, Thomas was willing to die for Jesus. And at the Last Supper, Jesus promised to prepare a dwelling place for his disciples in his Father's house. Thomas wants to know where this house is and so he asks, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life!" Jesus was going to take care of everything. But now, Jesus was dead. Thomas wasn't going to be made a fool by this far-fetched story of the Risen Lord.

Thomas isn't the only one who has doubts. After all, the other disciples were still behind locked doors, living in fear even though they had seen the Lord. They symbolically represent all of us. We experience the presence of the Risen Lord in the Eucharist, in the Sacraments, and yet we too fall into fear and doubt. It is not wrong to have doubts. In fact, our doubts can be invitations to a deeper faith. What's important is that we, like Thomas, continue to stay with the group as we carry our doubts and fears. Thomas didn't walk away nor was he shunned by the others, he acted as a person of faith until his true faith returned. When life is tough, sometimes you have to "Fake it until you make it" as they say in the 12-step program. You act now in the manner of the person you hope to be.

Jesus saw the potential for great faith in the disciples and so he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." In this image St. John takes us back to the Book of Genesis where we read, "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being." The Risen Jesus breathes new life into the disciples symbolizing that they are a new creation. The old order has passed away. Yes, there would be days of hardship and pain, like we experience today, but they could trust that God was always with them through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus not only offers us the breath of life, he also offers his wounds as a source of mercy and reconciliation. The wounds of Jesus heal Thomas' troubled soul, a soul that had lost faith and hope. The wounds of Jesus not only connect him with his death, but they also point the way to a new life and a renewed hope. As Thomas touched the wounds of Jesus he was able to connect with his own inner wounds. This enabled Thomas to reorganize his memory of the crucifixion, giving new meaning to that experience. Jesus is alive! The wounds of the past did not destroy him. Rather, they reveal the very mercy of God and the new life we share in Christ.

All of us carry wounds from the past, wounds from our family of origin, wounds of illness or disabilities, wounds from abuse or unjust treatment, wounds of a lost dream or broken promises. Wounds can be destructive, or wounds can be constructive and redemptive. Fr. Ronald Rohlheiser says, "we must work to transform and heal our old wounds so that we do not transmit the same pain to others." It is

PASTOR'S PEN continued...

through the Precious Blood of Jesus, his divine mercy that we are able to find the strength we need to forgive others and ourselves, reordering our past in a new way like Thomas. Once healed, these sacred wounds can become a stream of mercy bringing hope and peace into the life of someone else whose heart is locked up in fear and doubt.

St. John Paul II once wrote: "As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. In humility we come before God today and pray: 'Jesus, I trust in you, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.'"

Divine Mercy Sunday

Last September, during the General Assembly of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, I had the opportunity to visit the Shrine Chapel of Divine Mercy in Krakow-Lagiewniki, Poland and the tomb of St.

Faustina. (Picture is from the Shrine Chapel)

Sister Faustina lived a simple life as a cook, gardener and porter col-

ored by spiritual maturity and a mystical union with God. In her Diary, Sister Faustina states that Jesus called upon her to promote a Feast of Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This she did until her death on October 5, 1938 at the age of 33. She willingly accepted her illnesses as a sacrifice for sinners.

Through St. Faustina, the Lord Jesus communicates to the world the great message of God's mercy and reveals the pattern of Christian perfection based on trust in God and on the attitude of mercy toward one's neighbors. She wrote, "O my Jesus, each of Your saints reflects one of Your virtues; I desire to reflect Your compassionate heart, full of mercy; I want to glorify it. Let Your mercy, O Jesus, be impressed upon my heart and soul like a seal, and this will be my badge in this and the future life." (Faustina's Diary, 1242) Trust in God is made real through the way we live our faith. Daily we must learn to say, "Jesus, I trust in You." (327)

The message of Divine Mercy is rooted in the Gospel reading for this Sunday. In John's Gospel, Chapter 20, Jesus appears to the disciples and says to them "Peace be with you." "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." When speaking about the days within the Octave of Easter St. Augustine referred to them as "the days of mercy and pardon," and the Octave Day itself as "the compendium of the days of mercy." During the Octave of Easter, we are invited to call upon the Divine Mercy of Jesus to guide us as we pray for the dying, for forgiveness and mercy, for conversion, for healing and for renewed hope.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Rebekka Anders

Yves Benimana

Michael Borgert

John Carner

Kelli Anne Cartuyvelles

Jon Chachula

Laura Chachula

Nicholas Kern

Morgan Konsdorf

Cody Landers

Greg Marcus

Alex McGarvey

Zachary McIntyre

Matthew Melvin

David Musgrove

Diane Nyirasimbi

Anthony Pelfrey

Jessica Pruitt

Aimee Storm

Susan Varmuza

Justin Williams



The Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer

On September 13, 1935, St. Mary Faustina Kowalska wrote of a vision of Jesus in her diary. Faustina stated that Jesus asked her to pray the following chaplet with her Rosary beads and to instruct others to do so.

- “First of all, you will say one Our Father, and Hail Mary, and the I believe in God.”
- Then on the Our Father beads you will say the following words: “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.”
- On the Hail Mary beads you will say the following words: “For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.”
- In conclusion three times you will recite these words: “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (Faustina’s Diary, P. 476)

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Pilgrimage: Tan Thanh, Vietnam - Precious Blood Missionaries

The Kansas City Province Precious Blood Missionaries in Vietnam serve from Mission Houses in rural and urban communities. Missionaries respond to the needs of the local churches and communities by working with the diocese in which they serve, other religious communities (including Precious Blood Sisters), parish clergy and laity, social workers, medical mission teams and ecumenical groups. “Through a ministry of presence, preaching, teaching and service, we give witness to the spirituality of the Precious Blood, by going out to those on the margins as missionary disciples.”

“Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity, teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give without counting the cost, to fight heedless of wounds, to labor without seeking rest, to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have done your will.” Pg 58 *Hearts on Fire*

Miles reported this week - spiritual 245, exercise 120. Thus far, we have walked 2216 spiritual miles and 549 exercise miles. Stay healthy, active and prayerful as we continue our Asian journey through to Pentecost Sunday.

Pray with Sunday’s Gospel During This Time:

Shaughn will be extending his Sunday Gospel Prayer Sessions (GPS) for the rest of the pastoral region during this time. We will gather on Zoom, a video-conferencing platform. The times each week are as follows: Sundays at 3pm, Tuesdays at 11am, Thursdays at 9am.

Please email Shaughn at sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com if you are interested with your desired day and time to pray. Shaughn is happy to help you learn how to use Zoom.

Domestic Church: Thomas

This Sunday’s Gospel is the beautiful story of how Thomas’ encounter with the Resurrected Christ completely changed the rest of his life. He encountered that the Resurrection is real! As a family spend some time this week discussing how each of you, personally and as a domestic church, wish to be changed by the Resurrection. How will you especially live as an Easter people after Covid-19?

Celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** With Us!
Sunday, April 19th from 2:30-3:30 PM
Via the link on our parish websites.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Generous Contributions for April 12, 2020

Weekend Offertory:

Collection

\$11,441.00

*Many thanks for the generous spirit of our parishioners.
Frs. Angelo and Matt*

Prayer List

Ralph Berry	Cindy Gardina	Phyllis Rieger
Teresa Bond	Gary George	Tony Rocco
Daniel Branch	Craig Hathaway	Eric Rosenthal
Bernard Chachula	George Hendrix	Randy Rosenthal
Michael Dalessio	Thomas Ledinsky	Molly Schneider
Rick Emerick	Judy Marks	Jan Timerding
Anna Espy	Mike McDonald	Daniel
Annette & John Fohl	Patrick McDonald	Helen
Liz Fulton	Brian Napier	

Divine Mercy Sunday...the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is available on our website. Please pray this in your homes as we gather online for prayer on Sunday from 2:30-3:30pm.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Virginia Hicks, who passed away on Monday at the age of 107. Virginia was baptized here at Emmanuel. Funeral arrangements are pending.

You may financially support your parish during this pandemic by mailing in your donation to the parish office. Your contributions are appreciated.

A Pro-Life Opportunity...The John Paul II Medical Research Institute (JP2MRI) is a charitable organization committed to advancing ethical medical research. Recent work has focused on finding alternatives to human cell lines created from aborted fetal tissue, which are currently being used in more and more applications. Last year they successfully immortalized an ethically derived human cell line. Now they need funding to file patents, validate the properties of their cell line, and apply it to a current problem.

The JP2MRI has been endorsed by Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and others. To learn more, go to www.jp2mri.org. You can also send a check to “JP2MRI” to 2500 Crosspark Rd., Suite W230, Coralville, IA 52241. Please help JP2MRI create ethical alternatives for vaccines and other medical treatments.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Generous Contributions for April 12, 2020

Weekend Offertory:

Budget

Collection

\$6,400.00

\$7,543.00

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Thank you to everyone who continues to donate to Holy Trinity. Your offering and support is greatly appreciated during this time of uncertainty. There are a couple of ways you can continue to support the parish during this pandemic. You can go online at HolyTrinityDayton.org to sign up for online giving, or mail your donations to the parish office. Your contributions are very much appreciated!

The parish office is closed but voice mail is being checked throughout the day. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Generous Contributions for April 12, 2020

Weekend Offertory: Collection
\$8,061.00

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Thank You to everyone who is sending in your donations!! Your support of the parish during these challenging times is greatly appreciated. If you pay your bills online you can add St. Joe's as a bill pay and send your donations that way as well.

The church will be open for private prayer Monday through Saturday from 11:00—2:00 with Exposition and confessions from 11:30-12:30.

Because things are changing daily please visit our website www.stjosephdayton.org and Facebook page for daily updates.

2020 Golden Anniversary Mass

Saturday, August 1, 2020, 4:30 PM, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant and Saturday, August 1, 2020, 4:30 PM, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant.

Wedding Anniversary Certificates

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2020 may request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Parishes may also make this request for couples. Certificates will be mailed to parishes for distribution in late July or early August. More details can be found here or by calling 513.263.6692.

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Call the rectory if you would like to be added to the prayer list.

Cheryl Anderson	Catherine DeMange	Tony Riggs
Ken Belcher	Rita Downs	Janet Rudy-Gerrard
Katie Blausner	Bennett Hart	Karen Thomas
Bob Bruns	Vanessa Padgett	Sharon Wenzel
Mooneen Caulfield	Victors Polovskis	Mark Williams
Michael Culp		

Celebrating Triduum over Zoom: Reflection by Shaughn. Last week I tried two new things. One I celebrated, like many of us, the Triduum from home with our pastoral region's Facebook livestream. But also I got to watch and celebrate Triduum with the young adult community via Zoom! As many of us have learned and added zoom into our new vernacular; I decided to share on Zoom my screen to our FB livestream with the young adult community. While I shared my screen and sound from my computer, I was also able to watch and know other young adults were praying alongside me.

I saw us do the "Catholic aerobics" of standing and kneeling, I saw smiles as we heard something particular Fr. Angelo or Matt said that brought joy or comfort, I saw even the "smells and bells" of incense or candles burning in the background, and I got to see some awesome Easter pastels! But most importantly we saw the other average 85 people/families watching our stream too. We knew, even though some of us were at home alone, *that we actually were not alone*. We were still Church.

Until we can again be together downtown if you want to join Zoom every Sunday for Mass to pray together with our FB livestream, please feel free to email me at sphillips@daytondowntowncatholic.com.

Area Activities

The Marian Library exhibit "Mary in Miniature: Books of Hours in the Marian Library's Collection" has been recreated as an online exhibit. To connect to the exhibit, visit udayton.edu/marianlibrary.

Family Encounter: Sunday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

The Evangelization Office would like to invite all families to "ENCOUNTER" – an evening of worship, testimony and Eucharistic adoration. This event will be live-streamed from Ascension Catholic Church in Dayton on Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. For more information about the event, visit www.viacatholic.org/encounter.

Cincinnati Men's Conference

Becoming a Leader for God -Saturday, April 25th. Hosted on-line because of COVID-19 restrictions. Conference will run from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. For information please see their website: <https://catholicspeakers.com/cincinnati-mens-conference>

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