



God's love knows no barriers. St. Pascal's...where all people matter.

Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a parish home, it's great to have you with us. Whatever your life circumstances, wherever you have been or whatever has happened in your life, you are welcome here.

APRIL 16, 2023 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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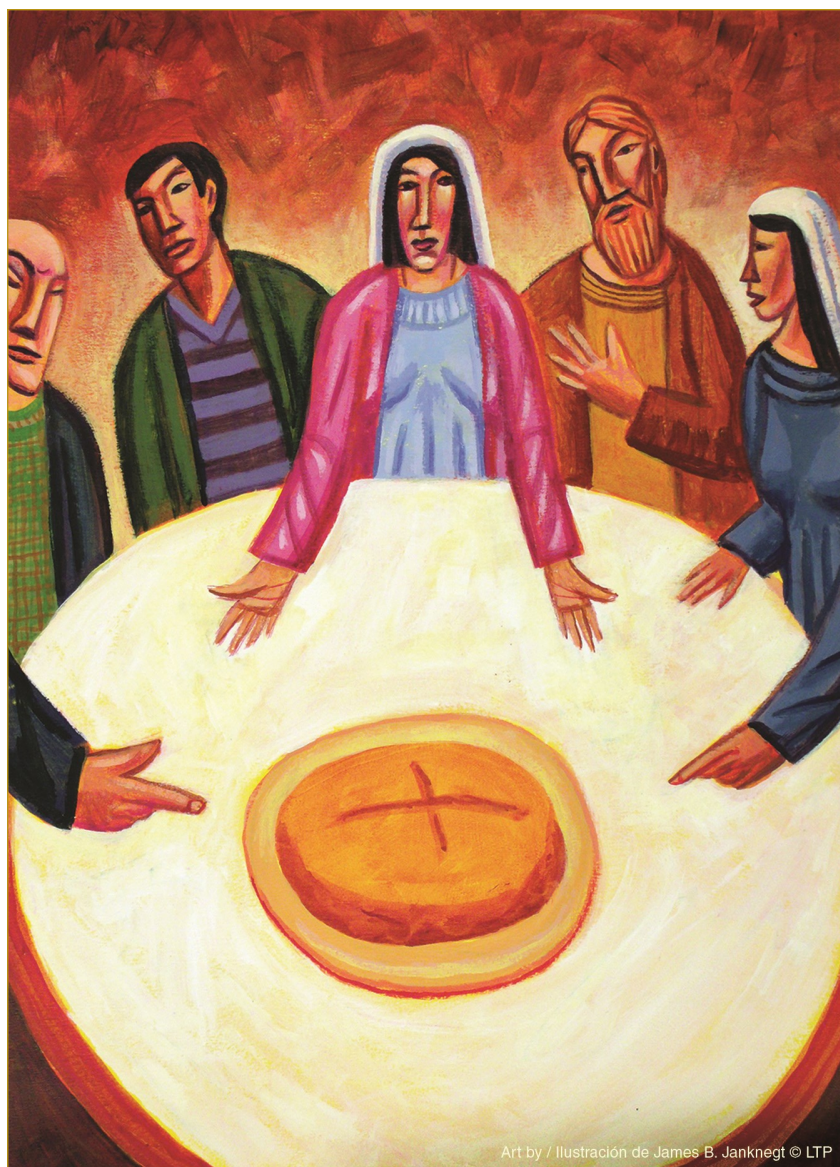
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Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 PM | Sunday 8:45 & 10:30 AM (ASL) | Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM; Wednesday 9:30 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you for a wonderful Easter Triduum weekend. We saw a bit larger attendance than last year for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Thank you to Sharon Balcom, Judy Sherman, our choir members and musicians for the beautiful liturgies, music and singing during the Triduum and Easter Masses. Thank you to Kim Roering and Deacon Rich Moore for their work and ministry with our RCIA program. Congratulations to Pamela Voss for celebrating Confirmation and Frank Leach for celebrating Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Thank you to Jessica Smieja and Matt Flanagan for serving as RCIA sponsors for Pam (Jessica) and Frank (Matt). Thank you to everyone who helped serve the cake, cookies and beverages at the reception for Pam and Frank after the Easter Vigil Mass. Thank you to our liturgical environment volunteers who decorated the church so beautifully for the Triduum and Easter Sunday, and thank you to everyone who donated funds for our Easter flowers. Thank you to all of our altar servers, proclaimers, petitioners, ushers, greeters and Eucharistic ministers during our Triduum liturgies. Thank you to Keri Mader for organizing the decorations, coordinating the environment, and organizing our Triduum liturgies. Thank you to Theresa Ruttger, our business administrator, and Mike Kelleher, our director of facilities and maintenance, and Faustino Rivera, our part time custodian, who always make sure our facilities are in good working order and ready for the big crowds we see during Easter weekend. Thank you to Thea Munoz, our communications and office manager, for creating and printing the worship aids for our Triduum liturgies and the communications via parish bulletin, website and digital media. Thank you to Karri Creamer for her work at our parish Welcome Desk and answering many phone calls asking about our Triduum liturgies and related events. Thank you to Barb Uschold Anderson for all her pastoral ministry to connect with our homebound parishioners and provide pastoral care. I am very grateful for all of you at our parish for creating such a warm, welcoming environment at our parish and our liturgical celebrations at Easter, Christmas, and all year-round. I apologize if I have unintentionally missed thanking you in this gratitude list. We are blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers, liturgical ministers, and parish staff members.

At the March 7, 2023 meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, the following topics were discussed: Father John asked the Council if they would like to meet next Fall during his sabbatical absence. Since the Council advises the pastor, and since he will be absent, maybe Council meetings next Fall could have the purpose of information sharing rather than advisory to the pastor. The Council will make a decision about Fall meetings at their April meeting. The Council received updates from the liaisons for the Women's Club (Carmen Alvarez Poppert), Men's Club (John Scanlon), Adult Faith Formation (Jaci Bush), Parish Activities Committee (Pat Stuhl), Liturgy and Music (Colleen Cullen) and Social Justice & Caring Committee (Ann Karner). Parish finances were looking good during February, and we have made progress on closing the gap in budgeted income for Sunday giving. The Council heard an update about the water leak on the weekend of March 3, the damaged areas, and the repair work that has begun. The insurance claims process has been smooth and responsive. The Council continued discussing plans for recruiting new Council members for 2023-24. If you have questions or a topic for the Council to discuss, please contact Ann Karner, Council Chair, at akarner24@gmail.com. Updates and minutes from prior meetings can be viewed at stpascals.org/pastoral-council.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell

— SOCIAL JUSTICE & CARING —

Faith in Action

Young Families with Children Need Help

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative has identified property in Maplewood for the construction of a 40 unit deeply affordable apartment building that will house young families with children. These will be families that would otherwise be homeless. To secure the construction money (including housing bonds and tax credits), Beacon must show that it has been awarded a project-based voucher ("PBV") for each unit. Without PBVs the building will not happen. For more information on how you can help, please contact Ann Karner at akarner24@gmail.com or Julie Moore at 0109jmm@gmail.com.

April Donation Closet Collection

Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf

The Fishes and Loaves Food Shelf at Progressive Baptist Church distributes food from 10:30 AM-12 Noon on Saturdays at 1505 Burns Avenue, with no residency or membership requirements. Items most needed are:

- Cereal
- Canned soup

Items can be left in the donation closet between now and April 30. Thank you for your generosity.

CRS Rice Bowl—Thank You!

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! 75% of your Rice Bowl donations go to support Catholic Relief Services work around the world and 25% of gifts stay in each U.S. diocese to help alleviate hunger and poverty at home.

Forgot to return your Rice Bowl during Holy Week or Easter?

1. Bring your CRS Rice Bowl to the parish office.
2. Convert your Rice Bowl gifts to a check made out to St. Pascal Baylon. Be sure to note it is for CRS Rice Bowl and then drop it off or mail to the parish.
3. Donate directly to Catholic Relief Services at www.crsricebowl.org/give.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

— In Christ We Live Forever —

Please remember in your prayers...

Leona Arceno

who was recently buried from our church. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends, and pray for her soul's eternal peace.

— REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS —

SHAPE America Conference

During the last week of March, our PE and health teacher, Ms. Ekenstedt, attended the SHAPE America conference in Seattle. This is an international conference for Physical Education and Health teachers. Ms. E was the lucky winner of a raffle through the United States Tennis Association (USTA). St. Pascal Regional will be getting a classroom set of tennis equipment! Yay! She is also bringing back curriculum materials to be able to infuse nutrition education into PE.

St. Pascal's Women's Book Club

Monday, April 17 at 7:00 PM—DATE CHANGE
Spring has sprung and it's time to come out and join the St. Pascal's Women's Book Club. Our usual meeting day is on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Staff Lounge, located near the Conway entrance.

On April 17, we will discuss *The Last Thing He told Me* by Laura Dave. Next month, on May 8, (our regularly scheduled meeting) we will share thoughts on *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich.

Produce Sharing Will Return to St. Pascal's in the Fall

Attention Gardeners: Don't forget to plant extra produce to share with your fellow parishioners again this year. Our excess produce table was very popular last fall, and we will bring it back as soon as we have some produce to share. For more information contact Julie Ludden at julieludden@live.com.

Weekly Rosary

The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous—and to help us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. Join us every Wednesday at 8:45 AM in the church to pray the Rosary together. All are welcome!

Do This in Memory of Me: What is the THIS that we do?

Eucharist as grounded in conversion, community, commitment and self-giving
—with Fr. Paul Feela

Tuesday, April 25 from 6:30-8:30 PM in Brioschi Hall

The liturgy is an encounter with the patterns of the Lord's life, and by our embodiment of his patterns of living, we can be confident that Christ remains present among us. Spend an evening exploring the implications of a Eucharistic life so that you too may encounter Him alive as did his early disciples. Pre-registration is preferred by using the link on the parish website or calling the parish office.

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Committee

— FAITH FORMATION —

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

An out-of-this-world VBS experience is coming to St. Pascal's! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT. Ready to blast off for adventure? Registration forms are available in the kiosk, on the parish website, and in the parish office. Volunteers are needed in all areas, especially games and snacks. Contact Kim Roering in the parish office for more information.

— WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS —

Crafters' Morning

Saturday, April 29 from 9:00-11:00 AM in Brioschi Hall

All crafters are welcome! Join us for a morning of fellowship and crafting—knitting, crocheting, quilting, scrapbooking, card making etc. Coffee will be on!

Fish Fry Bake Sales

Thanks to all the bakers and buyers for the success of this year's Fish Fry Bake Sales. We raised over \$2500 dollars! We will send \$865 to Matre Dei Africa and \$1731 to Catholic Relief Services for earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria.

Coming Up

Women's Club officer elections and yearly disbursements of funds will be held on Sunday, May 7 after the 10:30 AM Mass in Brioschi Hall. All women welcomed.

Summer Book Sale

Save your books for a summer book sale. We will begin collecting in June. Watch for more details to follow.

We rarely think of the air we breathe, yet it is in us and around us all the time. In similar fashion, the presence of God penetrates us, is all around us, is always embracing us.

—Thomas Keating

C O N T A C T U S

Parish Office

Phone 651.774.1585

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For after-hours pastoral emergency (death, dying or anointing), call 651.774.1585 and dial 1.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Holidays as announced

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School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Parish Councils

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Ann Karner, Chair (akarner24@gmail.com)

Parish Finance Council

Meetings 4th Thursday at 5:30 PM
Mike Aeling, Chair

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:45-4:15 PM
or contact Fr. John in the parish office
Communal celebrations as announced

Baptism

One pre-baptismal session is required.
To register for a pre-baptismal session or to schedule a celebration, call the parish office.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired date.

Parish Prayer Line

8:00 - 10:00 AM 651.735.0004
Mary Butler-Levine

4:00 - 6:00 PM 651.342.8879
Pat Kackman

Parish Communication

Bulletin Notices

Due 5:00 PM Monday
thea.munoz@stpascals.org

Mass Announcements

Due 12:00 PM Tuesday
keri.mader@stpascals.org

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St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church

Mass Times & Intentions

Readings

April 16, 2023

Tuesday, April 18

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Wednesday, April 19

9:30 AM + Fr. Jim Kaston

Thursday, April 20

8:00 AM The people of the parish

Friday, April 21

8:00 AM + Fr. Mike Byron

Saturday, April 22

4:30 PM + Jim Stach

Sunday, April 23

8:45 AM + George Leier

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Use Your Smartphone to Make a Donation to St. Pascal's!

1. Scan this QR code with your phone.
2. Open the secure link and follow the prompts.
3. Thank you!



Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47

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

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-3

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:

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

1 Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 16—Easter 2

After Masses Friends & Family Ticket Sales: Gathering Space

After Masses Fellowship: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

11:30am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Monday, April 17

6:30pm Boy Scouts: Brioschi Hall

7:00pm Women's Book Club: Staff Lounge

Tuesday, April 18

6:30pm Beacon Team Meeting: Zoom

Wednesday, April 19

8:45am Rosary: Church

9:30am School Mass: Church

6:30pm Choir: Church

6:30pm Faith Formation: Campus

Thursday, April 20

6:00pm Spirit Song: Church

6:00pm Cub Scouts: Old Church

Friday, April 21

9:00am Friends & Family Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

Saturday, April 22

10:00am Friends & Family Setup: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

5:30pm Friends & Family: Brioschi Hall, Kitchen

Sunday, April 23—Easter 3

11:30am Confirmation I: Staff Lounge

Friends & Family Event: Off to the Races

This is the last weekend to buy tickets for this fun fundraising event! This year's Friends & Family sees the return of door prizes, games, auction items, community mixers and more! Please purchase your tickets after Mass or at stpascals.org/parish-news. Pre-payment is required to attend. Hope to see you there!

Growing Through Loss

Monday or Tuesday Nights (April and May)

The Growing Through Loss series, for those living with grief, will be offered at two locations in the upcoming weeks.

Tuesdays at 6:45 PM beginning April 11

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

7600 Cahill Avenue

Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Mondays at 6:45 PM beginning April 17

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

8211 Red Oak Drive

Mounds View, MN 55113

You may attend one or all the programs in the series. Free, but donations are welcome. Brochures available in the kiosk. For further grief resources, please contact Barb Uschold Anderson, Pastoral Care Associate, at barb.ua@stpascals.org or 651.432.4959.

Candle Cup Cleaners Needed

Can you help clean the candle cups used during our Easter Vigil liturgy? This is a simple, but very helpful ministry you can do in your home. Instructions are provided. Please contact Sharon Balcom in the parish office at sharon.balcom@stpascals.org or 651.431.4956 if you can help.

Stewardship of Giving

Financials for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

February 2023

Sunday Giving

Giving	\$ 48,318.36	YTD Giving	\$ 513,462.26
Budgeted	\$ <u>67,168.74</u>	YTD Budgeted	\$ <u>555,369.48</u>
+ / -	\$ -18,850.38	YTD + / -	\$ -41,907.22

Mortgage Reduction (as of 12.31.2022)

Loan Balance:	\$ 2,854,510.40
Principal:	\$ 12,495.85
Interest:	\$ <u>9,965.20</u>
Monthly Payment	\$ 22,461.05

YTD Collected Donations	\$ 197,330.91
YTD Payment:	\$ <u>179,688.40</u>
+ / -	\$ 17,642.51

Reserve Account Balance: \$ 193,695.48

of payments from Reserve: 9

Thank you for your support!

EASTER flowers

Thank you to all who donated money for flowers and enhancements for our worship space during this holy season from Easter to Pentecost.

Let us hold the following in our hearts:

In Memory of...

Irene & Richard Anderson
Marianne Anderson
Leona & Vince Arceno
Derek A. Bachmeier
The Bannick Family
Mary & Edmund Barnes
Tom Bertini
Elsie Bilotta
Carl Buraglio and Kathleen Buraglio
Our deceased loved ones
Ronald Clarke, Dean Clarke, Sandy Clarke & Mike Sullivan
Louise Costello
Len Demers
Dempsey Families
Caroline Dock
Loved Ones
Steve Flottmeyer
D. F. & P. B. Geng
Donald & Della Girling
Vince & Margaret Graupmann
The Grausnick & Norton Families
Edward Graw
Joe & Pat Grill
Denny Groess
Family Members
Don Hensel and all my loved ones in Eternity
Larry & Kevin Herickhoff
Herickhoff & Schweiters Families
Lawrence Hogan
Margaret Hough, Lona Carney, Steven Hough,
Michael Hough & Jodi Timmons
Joan & Larry Jarosiewicz
Marko & Matilda Jurkovich
Noel Kegley
Susan Korf, wife
Walter & Angie & Betty Korf, parents
Len Atzmilller, father-in-law

Donated by...

Cheryl Anderson
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Anonymous
Ralph & Alexis Bachmeier
Jeanne Hess
Margie & Joe Fernlund
Joann Bertini
Joe Bilotta
John & Linda Vukelich and Kathleen Buraglio
Rene & Zonia Calubayan
Olivia Clark
Irene Quinn
John & Linda Vukelich and Kathleen Buraglio
Anonymous
Christine Gamradt
Terry & Nancy Engfer
Ann Flottmeyer
J. L. Kringle Families
Girling, Friesen & Westenhofer Families
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Dan & Pam Norton
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Mike & Terri Grill
Y. Groess
Joan & Bob Hauri
Betty Hensel
Marlene Herickhoff
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Pat Hogan

Linda Spence
Nancy Heille
Martha Arko
Pat & Karen Quirk
Rodney Korf
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Ed & Ann Kramlinger
Jackie Kramlinger
K.M. & G. L. Kringle
The Krupich Family
Jack Kubiak
Loved Ones
Terrence Lemke
Michael Leier
Nick Leis
Ralph & Jackie Logan
My Parents & Grandparents
Mike & JoAnn McMahon
Joe & Doris Milla
Juanita Moran
Pat & Ted Muller
Beverly O'Brien
Frederick Odozi
Bill Olsen, husband
George & Norma Pangal
Agnes Quinn
George & Elinor Quirk
Jack & Phyllis Redlund
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Carol Rueckert
Larry Senger
Fr. Leo Stelten, brother
Ernest & Eleanor Stadler
Betty Thayer
John, Lorraine & Jim Trad
Paul Vogelgesang
Linda & John Vukelich
John & Savina Vukelich
Welch Families
Grace Wagner
Ralf Westenhofer

In Honor of...

St. Pascal Baylon Parish
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Larry Kramlinger
Joe Kramlinger
J. L. Kringle Families
Marlene Krupich
Lisa & Sue Kubiak
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Larson & Family
Ann Lemke
Lois Leier
Dianne Leis
Girling, Friesen & Westenhofer Families
John McKenzie
Shawn & Sue McMahon
Karen & Jeff Shanley
Y. Groess
Cindy Spangler
Husband Pat O'Brien
Catherine Odozi
Dode Olsen
McGinn Family
Irene Quinn
Pat & Karen Quirk
Kathy Redlund & Family
Carol Rueb
Anonymous
Effie Senger
Dode Olsen
Leo & Kris Stadler
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Nancy Heille
Marlene Krupich
John & Linda Vukelich and Kathleen Buraglio
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Donated by...

Laverne Fleischhacker
Ann Karner



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



Gift of Mercy

God of mercy,
you rain down compassion
upon a world in great need of healing
and shower humanity
with unconditional love.
Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts
today.
Help each of us to receive your
gift of mercy
and allow it to transform our lives.
As we celebrate in Easter joy,
make us instruments of peace
and mercy
in our families, communities,
and Church.
Through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

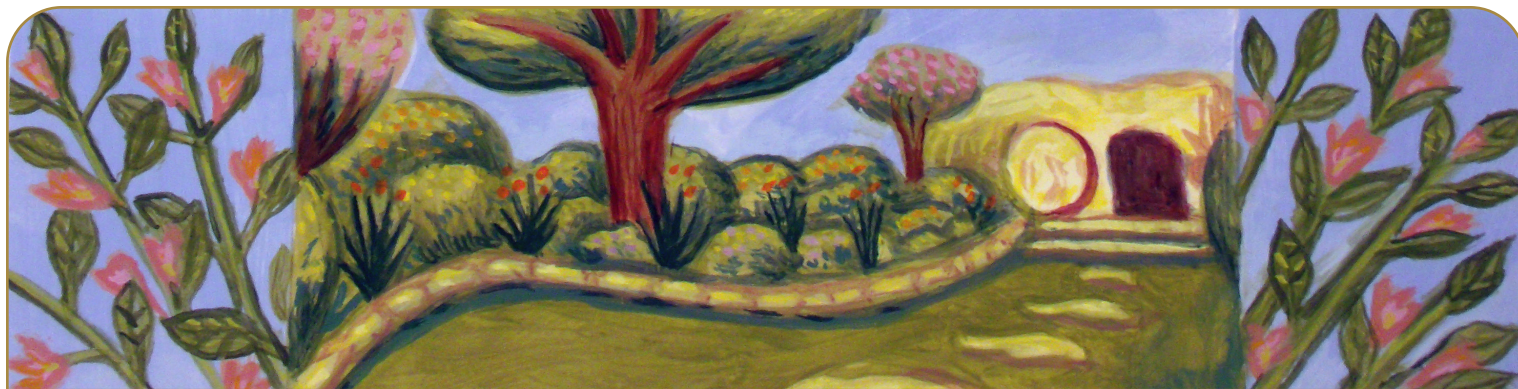
Sunday, April 16, 2023
Divine Mercy



Today's readings: Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31. During the Jubilee Year of 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina Kowalska and declared that the universal Church would henceforth observe the Sunday after Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. As we end the Octave of Easter, we are invited to contemplate the mystery of the resurrection in the light of God's infinite mercy. The richness of God's mercy radiates through today's Scriptures and especially in Jesus' compassionate response toward Thomas' unbelief. The gift of mercy is explicitly given when Jesus commissions his disciples as ministers of divine mercy: "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'" (John 20:22–23). Through entrusting the first disciples with the gift of forgiving sins, Jesus initiated a waterfall of mercy for all of humanity.

Sr. Faustina repeatedly heard a call to proclaim God's mercy to the world. She promoted the chaplet of divine mercy to raise spiritual awareness of God's mercy. Today, many Catholics will visit shrines devoted to divine mercy and pray the chaplet of divine mercy. Our Church announces to the world that God is merciful and that we are invited to rest in his loving embrace. May our hearts grow more aware of the mercy of God in our lives. In turn, may we actively show mercy to those who need it most.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 17 Follow Acts

A reading from Acts is proclaimed on nearly each day of the Easter season. Written as a continuance of his Gospel account, Luke paints the broad strokes of the Church's development from the resurrection of Jesus to Paul's first imprisonment. Luke emphasizes the powerful role of the Holy Spirit in the formation of the Christian community and the spread of the Word of God. Read Acts through to gain a perspective of how this period unfolded. *Today's readings: Acts 4:23–31; Psalm 2:1–3, 4–7a, 7b–9; John 3:1–8.*

Tuesday, April 18 Everyone Had Enough

The early Christian community laid the groundwork for upholding the common good by placing their treasure in a common purse to be shared fairly across the community. As a result, everyone had enough. Religious communities and some other intentional Christian communities follow this practice to this day. The care for the whole community supersedes the wants of the individual. While this ideal may seem radical to our modern way of thinking, there is much to be learned. How can you more intentionally share from our wealth with the most vulnerable in society? *Today's readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.*

Wednesday, April 19 Walk in the Light

During the Advent season as we await the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah announces, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:1). Jesus himself proclaims, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). In today's Gospel reading, Jesus equates light with the eternal power of good and dark with the power of evil. As Christians, we are invited to walk in the light,

to seek the truth, and to practice goodness. *Today's readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.*

Thursday, April 20 Obey God

When confronted by the temple leaders about their bold preaching, Peter and the apostles reply, “We must obey God” (Acts 5:29). The Latin root of the word *obey* means “listen” or “hear.” This is powerful instruction for us today. There are so many loud and competing voices in the world. As Christians, we are charged to listen to the voice of God. Attending carefully to the preaching of the apostles in Acts and the speeches of Jesus in the Gospel of John will strengthen the words of truth in our hearts and help drown out all others. *Today's readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.*

Friday, April 21 My Light and My Salvation

Our responsorial psalm for today captures the essence of Easter faith. We keep our eyes glued on the Lord throughout our earthly life with hope that we will rest in the house of the Lord for all of eternity. Carry Psalm 27 in your pocket, tape it on your bathroom mirror, and pray it daily until you have it memorized. It will carve a path to holiness. *Today's readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.*

Saturday, April 22 Miracles Abound

We hear of two powerful miracles in today's readings. Acts relates that the number of those in Jerusalem coming to believe in Jesus “increased greatly” (Acts 6:7). John's Gospel recounts how Jesus rejoined the disciples in the boat by walking across the water. Which miracle stirs your heart more: the exponential number of people coming to faith or Jesus walking across the sea? Take it to prayer. *Today's readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; John 6:16–21.*

