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Sunday, 8 & 11 AM

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##### First Friday Devotion:

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"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."

John 20:26-27

Dear Friends,

Mercy is a great gift that as disciples of Christ, we are called to share with each other. It is the mercy we pray for when we think of our salvation, our walk with God and when we have experienced pain and hurt. It was the message of Divine Mercy that has encouraged Sister Faustina to proclaim it to the world. It was the compassion that has led Saint John Paull II to proclaim the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. But mercy presumes that someone is guilty and that we need to be forgiven. And that is right. But I see in today's reading something more than just guilt and failure. I see mercy as a source of hope.

Looking at the events of the Holy Week and the tremendous love God has showed us in the Passion of Christ, I see in the Divine Mercy as great generosity of God. God is ready to share with us everything He is (not what he has, but who he is). As Jesus makes himself know to the Apostles, he shares with them the wisdom, peace, and the time. But Jesus is not afraid to go even to the limits to encourage us to have faith in Him. Thomas is not present the first-time Jesus visits the Apostles. For him, the idea that Jesus is risen is still too much, he demands an empirical proof. And Jesus in his generosity (not just mercy), invites Thomas to come forward and to touch his wounds. The Risen Christ not only allows Thomas to see him, but he also allows him to touch his wounds and to put even his hand into his side. That is true gift of love and a sign of a generous heart of Jesus. Who of us is willing to give ourselves totally, unless we have to, must or have an internal motive? Jesus does that because He cares and wants us to have it all.

The Divine Mercy is an act of Love and it is also an act of total generosity as we can experience Jesus in his humanity (the wounds of the cross and of our sins), and in his divinity (the gift of faith that comes to us in the resurrection). Listening to today's Gospel, let us remember that Jesus does not come to us to shame and punish us, but that He wants us to experience His generosity in a gift of Divine Mercy as a source of hope, encouragement and as an invitation to trust him beyond what makes sense to us. Edward Everett Hale wrote once: "I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do." Mercy is a gift of generosity, from God to us and from us to those around us. Share the gift of mercy not only because you need to but also because you are generous. As generous as is Jesus in his Divine Love.

In Christ Risen, Fr. Andrzej, Alleluia!!!!

Note: I would like to thank all who have helped to make the Holy Week celebrations so special. To name all would be difficult, but I would like you to know that I am truly grateful for everything you have done to make this time a time of prayer. May your generosity be rewarded in the Love of Christ for you.

**Sundays in April at 4:00 pm** (April 25 in St. Joseph's Hall instead of the basement) in the basement. No SoulCore on Easter Sunday. Join in a prayer experience that combines praying the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level required. Follow us on Facebook at SoulCore605. There is a suggested donation of \$10. Contact Jenny at j.scherr@hotmail.com.



## Divine Mercy Chaplet

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed for nine days beginning Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, until Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. On Good Friday, the Novena will be at 3 PM and will continue to be prayed at 3 PM each day. Please bring a rosary. Novena pamphlets will be available.



**April 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 PM. SD Kids Belong will discuss the need for foster families in Western South Dakota. Please come and learn how you can become a foster family or be a support to foster families in the area. All are welcome to attend. Contact Amy at 787-5168 with questions.

## Thank you

Easter blessings! Thank you to all of you who have sent greetings and prayers for my retirement. My years working at OLBH have been such a blessing. I was reminded again of many of those blessings when Jessica, my daughter, presented a beautiful album with great memories and thoughts this weekend at the Osnes family gathering for Easter. "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you." (Philippians 1:3)  
In Christ's Love, Joni Osnes



## Soles4Souls Thanks you!

We collected 1,619 pairs of shoes during Lent. Terra Sancta is grateful to have facilitated this Lenten act of service to aid in wearing out poverty. Thank you!

## Welcome Visitors!

We hope you have enjoyed sharing in the celebration of the Mass with us. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, coming to visit, or returning after a long break, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again! We have many opportunities for all ages and stages of faith. Please pick up a welcome packet from the counter in the gathering space. If you are passing through, we hope you will call our parish your "home away from home" and visit again soon!

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOLLOW-UP SURVEY

In November 2020, OLBH conducted an online survey regarding parishioners' perceptions and experiences, both positive and negative, of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Having passed the traditional penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, the Stewardship Council is once again asking everyone who regularly attends Mass at OLBH and who has received First Communion to complete a brief follow-up survey. The survey is completely anonymous, will only take a couple minutes to complete, and is available online at [Reconciliation Follow-up Survey](#). Paper copies of the survey are also available in the narthex.

## Upcoming Faith Formation Dates

April 14 Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor meeting  
April 15 First Communion Parent only meeting

## Thank you for your donation.

Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at [www.olbh.org/donate](http://www.olbh.org/donate). Please prayerfully consider including the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and Our Lady of the Black Hills in your estate planning.

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above" (Jas 1:17)			
April 1-4, 2021			
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# Weekly Schedule

## Monday, April 12

7:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study  
**NO MASS**

## Tuesday, April 13

**Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr**  
**8 AM Mass** for the family of Nick VanAsma  
**1:30 PM Mass** for Deacon Walt and Judy Wilson

## Wednesday, April 14

**8 AM Mass** for Steve VanAsma  
**8:30-7:30 PM Adoration**  
9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open  
**5:30-6:30 PM Confessions**  
6:15-7:30 PM Faith Formation Group A

## Thursday, April 15

**8 AM Mass** for the Goldade family  
9 AM Just Men Bible Study and Witness  
9 AM Women's Bible Study

## Friday, April 16

**8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School**  
for Catholic Extension

## Saturday, April 17

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open  
**3:30-4:30 PM Confessions**  
**5 PM Mass Live stream link on Facebook and**  
**OLBH.org** for Kerry Wilson

## Sunday, April 18

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8 AM Mass** for the repose of Joe and Jean Roth  
**FAITH FORMATION GROUP B**  
**11 AM Mass** for the community of Our Lady of  
the Black Hills and for our sister parishes  
4 PM SoulCore

## **Holy Hour for the Year of St. Joseph**

*Sunday, April 25, following the  
8 AM Mass*

We will pray, learn, and grow in  
our understanding of the man  
who raised Jesus.

### Intentions of the Holy Father for April:

Pope's Intention: Fundamental rights. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### Prayers for our Deployed Military

**Jeremy Reeve, Josh Kornmann, and Joshua Philbrick**

### Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, please contact Sue Colgan at 431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

### Eucharistic Adoration

For information on Adoration or to sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 791-2303.

### Prayers for Life and Health Concerns

Names will be left for three months; please call if you would like to request prayers for someone.

- **Edwin and Omel Weaver** (parents of Bob Weaver)
- **Blanche Rieth • Bernard Wiehl • Jean Schacher**
- **Paula Owen • Mary Ann Pulaski • Ryan Wilson**
- **Lowell Amiotte • Randy Oberle • Pam Johnson**
- **Joan Wrobel** (aunt of Rachael Held) • **Lori Moore**
- **Les Bedney** (mother of Marie Langfeldt) • **Doug Wermers**
- **John Mizenko** (brother of Jeff) • **Vickie Crowley**
- **Adam Hohm • Rachael Held • Linda Weishaar**
- **Robert Forest** (father of Cathy Long) • **Jennifer Kinney**
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- **Peggy Laurens** (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
- **Kerry Yantes • Rayola Anderson • Dean Antonsen**
- **Christy Marie** (sister of Linda Schacher) • **Marek Kopec**
- **Alicia Castor** (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
- **Aurora Velasco** (mother of Brenda Mizenko)
- **Cory Kirby** (brother-in-law of Shanesa Rhodes)
- **Linda Schacher • Brett Whealy • Moneik Stephens**
- **Carol Michaelson** (mother of Linda Schacher)
- **Joyce DePaulo • Raymond Sass** (father of Deacon Greg)
- **Katie Niederwerder • Priscilla Noble • Tim Curns**
- **John Mizenko Sr.** (Father of Jeff) • **Larry Jerke**
- **Ruth O'Neil** (mother of Lisa Katzenstein) • **Tony Corbine**

## † Necrology †

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls. Those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that served the Diocese of Rapid City.

<b>April 12</b>	Rev. John Frei (1951) Don LeRoy Snyder (2010) Marjorie "Marge" Barbara Robinson (2014)
<b>April 13</b>	Rev. Richard McCaslin, S.J. (2014)
<b>April 14</b>	John J. Slaby (1975)
<b>April 15</b>	Donald Francis Bendt (2015)
<b>April 16</b>	Rev. Henry J. Klein (1947)
<b>April 17</b>	Rev. Thomas J.F. McNaboe (1921) Msgr. Bernard A. Drew (1973) Rev. Hugh Farrington, O.S.B. (1978)
<b>April 18</b>	Florentine "Flo" Neely (2012)

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

Are you suffering from the choice of abortion? A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion will be on a Zoom platform **April 23-25, 2021**. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment to express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of healing. For confidential information, call Carol Kling at 605-374-5639 or email [ckling@sdplains.com](mailto:ckling@sdplains.com).

**Ministry Schedule**

To become a liturgical minister or for more information contact Katie in the office.

Mass Times	Saturday, 4/17 5 PM	Sunday 4/18 8 AM	Sunday 4/18 11 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej
<b>Altar Server(s)</b>	Todd Curtis - Lead Stella Curtis	Caleb Weishaar - Lead Gabriel Gehlsen	Zak Juelfs - Lead Any Juelfs Evan Juelfs
<b>Lector</b>	Joni Osnes - 1st Reader Jean Hohm - 2nd Reader	Brenda Flottmeyer - 1st Reader Brad Blauvelt - 2nd Reader	Cathleen Denekamp - 1st Reader Sheila Keeler - 2nd Reader
<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Gary Erickson Barbara Erickson	Stacy Tate

**Daily Readings**

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: [Weekly Readings](#)

## COMMUNITY &amp; DIOCESAN NEWS

**Sioux Spiritual Center Calendar**

For information contact Carole Brown at [ssc@diorc.org](mailto:ssc@diorc.org) or at 605-985-5906 or register at [www.siouxspiritualcenter.org](http://www.siouxspiritualcenter.org).

**May 21-23:** Native Style Recovery Retreat

**May 28-31:** Ignatian Retreat for Beginners

**July 23-31:** 8-day Silent Ignatian Retreat with Fr. Damian O'Connell, SJ

**Rapid City Newman Center Fundraiser**

Newman Center invites you to "Bridges of Faith" an Evening of Food and Faith, Saturday, **April 17**, at the Newman Center. The evening starts with a social hour at 5 PM, a meal at 6 PM, and program at 7 PM. Questions? Contact Frank at 605-716-4130. Limited seating is available, please purchase your tickets at [www.rcnewmancenter.com/bridges](http://www.rcnewmancenter.com/bridges).

**Abbott House Searching for Foster Parents**

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April 11, 2021

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35 | 1 Jn 5:1-6 | Jn 20:19-31

## **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Do you ever have times – at the dinner table or at a gathering of friends – where all seems right with the world? I often hold my breath, conscious of the fragility of those moments, fearful that saying something might jinx things. It's a little like rooting for a pitcher cruising into the bottom of the ninth with a no-hitter – that feeling that we are on the verge of perfection. Well, as Christians, we are on that verge, although perfection will not come in this life but the next. And so, as fleeting as these human moments feel, and can actually be, we are reminded in today's psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting ... Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His mercy endures forever.'" As we celebrate this Divine Mercy Sunday, and enter the second week of Easter, let us give thanks for the gift of God's great mercy, and pray for the grace to be as loving and merciful to others.

## **GO** EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm taken by the story of doubting Thomas. For a long time I've focused on the "doubting" part of his name, the fact that he demanded to place his fingers in the nail marks and his hand in Jesus' side. However, when Jesus addresses Thomas, Thomas' response is immediate and unqualified: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas has recognized the divine nature of Jesus; he sees him not just as the man he has followed, but as God. As Catholics, we may sometimes face questions about how the Church has come to believe and teach certain things. Thomas' ultimate affirmation encourages us to be steadfast in our faith, and to be patient with any of our own and others' questions. That is because Christ will come to meet us where we are. As the Incarnation of God's divine mercy, Jesus Christ is the one who hears our doubts and insecurities, and he answers them: "Here I am. Look at me. Touch me. Feel my presence." Thomas was not afraid, and we need not fear either. God's mercy is upon us, "and the victory that conquers the world is our faith." Let us witness to our faith as Thomas did to his.

**PRAY** Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a day when we are reminded of God's immense love and mercy for us. Learn more about this day and how to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet: [usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday](http://usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday).



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