

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

ST GEORGE CATHOLIC PARISH

April 19th , 2020

HERMANN MISSOURI



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Parish Office Hours:

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8am –3pm

Baptism

Meeting with Pastor or Deacon for Baptism preparation required during pregnancy or after birth – see Parish website for more info

Confirmation

For Sophomores & Juniors every other year

Marriage

Contact Pastor 8 months before wedding date. Marriage preparation & Confirmation are required— see Parish website for more info

Anointing of the Sick

Please call Parish Office to make arrangements to receive anointing

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 7 & 10:30am

Daily Mass—Check Bulletin

Confessions

Saturday 4 – 4:30pm

Or by appointment



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Dear Padre: A friend of mine always makes such a big deal of the time after Easter. What is this Easter season all about? These days and weeks after Easter are indeed significant. We Christians are an Easter people. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. Without the belief that Christ conquered death and our hope that we will share in that same victory over the grave, our faith is pointless. We celebrate with great fanfare that we are a redeemed people in Jesus Christ. **Every** year our forty-day Lenten preparation of fasting and penance leads us to the feasting and joy of the fifty days of Easter. This unbelievable news that the risen Christ is in our midst draws us into a festival that cannot be contained in a single day. "The fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'" (*The Roman Missal*, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar," 22). **Part** of the challenge of Easter is learning again how to celebrate a fifty-day feast. Most Catholics do not think of Easter as an extended feast. We tend to see Easter, the ascension, and Pentecost as three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. The truth of the matter is that they are all part and parcel of the other, intertwined and borne of the same glorious fact of Christ's resurrection. This is a perfect time to remind ourselves of that joyous and significant connection. —Fr. Joseph Ring

FROM THE PASTOR: A story from the Civil War tells of a Union soldier who was shot in the arm at Shiloh. His captain saw that he was injured and shouted, “Gimme your gun, Private, and get to the rear!” The soldier handed over his rifle and ran north, seeking safety. Within two hundred yards he came upon another skirmish. He headed east and ran into still another battle. Then the same thing happened when he ran west. Finally he returned to the front and yelled, “Gimme back my gun, Captain. There ain’t no rear to this battle.”

If you listened to my Divine Mercy Sunday homily you heard me talk about the Resurrection affecting our life even now as we live and breathe, giving our lives a certain “quality” that is better through our belief in Jesus Christ who is “The Resurrection and The Life.” I share that story above to help you understand that I did not mean to imply that life as a follower of Jesus is going to be worry-free, struggle-free, or even pain-free. Plenty of situations in life cause worry, make struggle, and give pain to us over time and for all kinds of reasons. But my prayer is that your faith in Jesus as the Resurrection still helps you face those realities with a certain quality of courage and perseverance and hope, that life without Jesus cannot provide.

Besides discovering a vaccine that brings about a cure for victims of Covid-19 and thus improving their life to the point of saving their life, I hope we can discover some other things in the wake of this pandemic that has terrorized our planet. I refer to a deeper faith and trust in God the Father and our Savior Jesus. I refer to a greater appreciation for the presence of family members and friends in our lives, and not just through ZOOM or Face time or Skype or even the telephone; but more than that, doing our best to get together more often and spend time with each other. I refer to not taking our freedoms and liberties for granted, but instead being thankful for the simple ability to “go places,” and “wander around,” and “get out.” I refer to spending time at home more often with family members. The list is inexhaustible. There will be a resurrection for all of us through this pandemic because it is not just the power of medicine that is going to make our world better, but also the power of Faith. Let’s keep praying for each other!! –Msgr. Greg

PS: please click on the link to Bp McKnight’s most recent Decree that you will find on the front page of the website.