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April 24, 2022 ▪ Divine Mercy Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination



Reverend Wayne Charles Genereux, Pastor

“Perhaps most significant for all who bear the priestly configuration to Christ is His assuming the role of the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. As a shepherd, Christ exercises prophetic, priestly and royal functions. As a prophet, the shepherd teaches His flock the good news, the Gospel, the message His heavenly Father sent Him into the world to give.”

Reverend Charles P. Connor, Meditations on the Catholic Priesthood



The Vitinus Image of Divine Mercy by Kazimirovski Eugeniusz, 1931

April 24, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16 | Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | Jn 20:19-31

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

In today's Gospel, Thomas gets singled out as the one who doubts that Jesus had risen from the dead. But the other Gospels reveal that the other disciples doubted too. I understand why they had trouble believing that Jesus was alive. To think that God loves us enough that he chose to become human to die for our sins is incomprehensible. To accept that he loves us this deeply is almost unbearable. It seems doubtful anyone can love us that much. It seems doubtful that we deserve to be loved that much. It is much easier to doubt than to believe. But Thomas was the first to publicly proclaim the man Jesus as also God: *My Lord and my God!* he says. The risen Jesus had come into the room, although the doors were locked, and called them back into belief. Through Christ, God shows the disciples – and us – the extent of his love and mercy. We are worth it, even when we doubt, even when we fail. His death and resurrection are testament to that. He will walk through whatever walls exist to tell us. No doubt about it.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles today describes the reaction to the apostles' joyful and confident proclamation that Jesus was Lord and God after receiving the Holy Spirit. The crowds drew near just to have Peter's shadow fall upon those who were sick. God's mercy has no bounds. How can we be like the first disciples? In what ways do our lives reflect God's mercy on us? Where can our own "shadows fall" so that God's goodness and grace can bring healing and comfort to others? Let us begin our days by giving "thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting," and trust that the Holy Spirit will both remind us of our blessings and continued need for mercy, and guide us to encounters with others who need the same.

PRAY During this Easter season, read a passage from the Acts of the Apostles each day and immerse yourself in the history of the early Church. End your time of reflection by praying the Apostles' Creed, the statement of beliefs of Christians in the first centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection.



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Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

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Deacon Lionel Roberts,
Deacon Emeritus

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Fr. Jack McDowell, OFM
Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM
Fr. Victor Bartolotta

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
website, btsp.org.

Confessions will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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Welcome!

Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination



Reverend Wayne Charles Genereux, Pastor



In Thanksgiving to Almighty God
The Reverend Wayne Charles Genereux
Requests the Honor of your Presence

For the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving,
in Celebration of his
Twenty-Fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination
to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ

Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April Twenty-third,
Two thousand and Twenty Two
at Four o'clock in the Afternoon
Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
1600 54th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

Please RSVP by Phone: (727) 867-3663

Because of Covid-19 uncertainty there will be no dinner after the Mass.
A dinner will be held at a later date.



Fr. Wayne in St. Peter's Basilica during the Chrism Mass.
Pope Saint John Paul II, Celebrant | Rome, Italy | March 27, 1997



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

04/24 • Rev. Albert Shuyaka
04/25 • Rev. Edward H. Lamp
04/26 • Rev. Raymond A. Lettre
04/27 • For Vocations to Priesthood
& Religious Life
04/28 • Rev. Paul Goudreau
04/29 • Rev. Peter E. Okojie
04/30 • Rev. Msgr. Desmond Daly

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23, Saturday in the Octave of Easter

4:00 p.m.

Jennifer Andrews (Dec)

7:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet

Sunday, April 24, Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Russell Shaw and Family (Liv & Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Marlene Romani (Dec)

Monday, April 25, Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

8:00 a.m.

Bonnie Maas (Liv)

Tuesday, April 26, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m.

Barbara Ginther (Dec)

Wednesday, April 27, Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m.

For Vocations

Thursday, April 28, Memorial of Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr

8:00 a.m.

Stephen Clancy (Dec)

Friday, April 29, Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena,

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m.

Annette Bento (Liv)

Saturday, April 30, Memorial of Saint Pius V, Pope, Religious

8:00 a.m.

Robert Gumieri (Dec)

4:00 p.m.

Nick Calandra (Dec)

Sunday, May 1, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m.

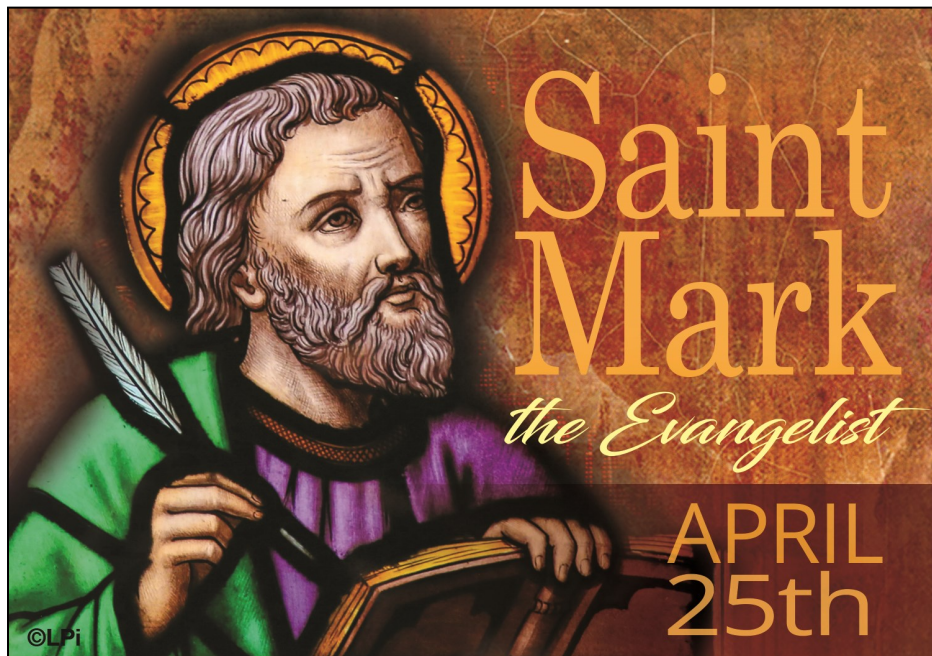
Michelle Mahland (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Our Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Albert Castillo (Dec)



Ushers – Help Urgently Needed



Ushers

Since the beginning of the pandemic two years ago, our Knights of Columbus have served to usher all Masses. Many of them also serve in ministry as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers.

For several of these men, this has meant serving as many as three to four Masses per weekend for the last two years. We can't thank them enough for their dedicated service.

Particularly now, as we begin ramping up events and our Knights are hosting weekly Lenten fish fries, and coffee and donuts, monthly pancake breakfasts and other special events like last week's wonderful St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner, our small but mighty crew of Knights needs some relief.

We are in need of several ushers for all Masses. No experience necessary. Please leave your name and phone number with the sacristan at Mass, or call the office to volunteer.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The World Is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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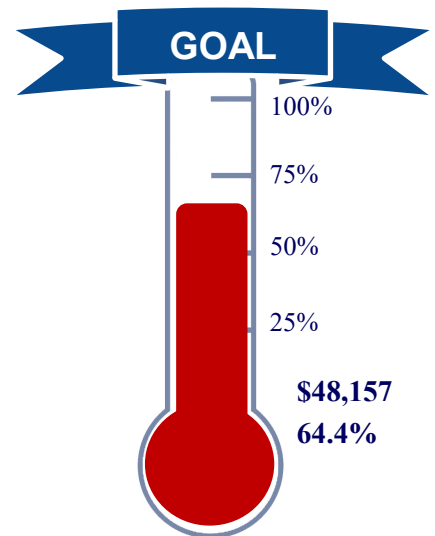
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Easter Week was originally an entire week of rest

By Philip Kosloski



The Church used to forbid any type of servile work for the entire week of Easter.

For many Christians, the celebration of Easter ends on Sunday night. Easter decorations are put away and the house returns to normal life.

However, historically speaking, the Church used to **forbid any servile work during Easter Week, the week following Easter.**

Dom Prosper Gueranger explains this tradition in his *Liturgical Year*.

Formerly the whole of this week was kept as a Feast, with the **obligation of resting from servile work**. The edict published by Theodosius in 389 forbidding all law proceedings during the same period was supplementary to this liturgical law.

The Council of Macon thus words its decree: “It behoves us all to fervently celebrate the feast of the Pasch, in which our great High Priest was slain for our sins and honor it by carefully observing all it prescribes. **Let no one therefore do any servile work during these six days which followed the Sunday**, but let all come together to sing the Easter Hymns and assist at the daily Sacrifice and praise our Creator and Redeemer in the evening, morning and mid day.

The Church still celebrates this week as an octave, meaning that each day is a liturgical continuation of Easter Sunday.

However, modern society no longer recognizes this special week, though on occasion Catholic schools, or certain Catholic countries, will delay their spring break until the week following Easter.

Even if you are unable to take off of work for this week, it is still meant to be a week of celebration and rejoicing, as the Easter season has only begun!

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Mass with Bishop Gregory Parkes: 4:00 p.m.

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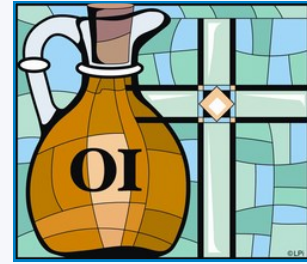
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