



April 23, 2006 – Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." John 20:29

† Servant Leader † Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, Holy Family joins the universal church in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. In addition, a diocesan Mass will be celebrated today, Sunday April 23, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m.

As you know, Pope John Paul II established the Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday." Following the celebration of the Holy Triduum, Easter Sunday and the Octave of Easter, the Second Sunday of Easter draws attention to God's infinite mercy poured out on mankind through the Paschal Mystery of our Savior's death and resurrection.

The inspiration for the celebration of Divine Mercy on the Octave day of Easter goes back to the early centuries of the Church. For example, St. Gregory of Nazianzen wrote about it. For St. Augustine, the Octave Sunday of Easter climaxes our "creation in grace" through the mercy of Christ's Easter victory and is the "most privileged octave-day." The Divine Mercy was a frequent theme of Pope John Paul II.

In a recent letter to the parishes of the diocese, Bishop Weigand has provided answers to frequently asked questions about Divine Mercy Sunday:

What is Divine Mercy?

It is a "new" devotion in the Catholic Church extolling the virtues of God's infinite mercy.

How is it "new"?

New forms of worship towards God's mercy were revealed to a humble Polish nun in the 1930's. Sister Marie Faustina Kowalska received visions and locutions from Jesus himself which she recorded in her diary.

What are the new forms of worship?

Jesus appeared to Faustina and asked her to have His image painted and venerated throughout the world. He promised that all those who did so would be protected in this life and especially at the hour of death. Jesus also taught Faustina a new prayer called the chaplet that is said on the rosary and is especially effective when offered for the sick, suffering and dying. He promised that he would stand between the dying person and the Father as the merciful Savior. Jesus requested a feast day of mercy to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. He promised that those who would receive communion on that day in the state of grace would be forgiven all their sins AND ALL PUNISHMENT DUE TO SINS. The Church has granted a plenary indulgence as well.

Has this devotion been approved by the Church?

Yes. Pope John Paul II himself was instrumental in examining the legitimacy of these claims and over a period of 30 years brought Faustina through the process of sainthood. She was

canonized the first saint of the new millennium on April 5, 2000. On that same day, the pope declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday authorizing its celebration in the universal church.

Pope John Paul II died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday in April of 2005.

How can I learn more about the Divine Mercy Devotion?

There is a congregation of Marian priests in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, who have established the National Shrine of Divine Mercy and are the leading publisher of Divine Mercy materials. They can be reached on the internet at www.marian.org or by phone at 1-800-462-7426.

The Divine Mercy Support Network of Sacramento is a local organization that sponsors workshops, seminars and conferences on the devotion. Contact John or Marjorie at: jdoering2us@yahoo.com, 530-677-2805, or joj217@sbcglobal.net, 916-419-4827 respectively.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- Tue: Saint Mark, Evangelist: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
- Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
- Thu: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
- Sat: Saint Catherine of Siena: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
- Sun: Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: Do you feel that there are situations in people's lives when they can withhold forgiveness from another?

For Children: Do you ever choose not to forgive someone?

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday: Chuck Brown +; Simon Sucharski -Int.; Fran Desrochers -Int.
- Tuesday: Alejandro Dial +; Chuck Brown +; Evelyn Aniano Urbano -Int.
- Wednesday: Chuck Brown +; Domingo Gallego +; Fran Desrochers -Int.
- Thursday: Peter Popjevalo +; Mary & John Bustabede -Int.
- Friday: Peter Popjevalo +
- Saturday: Mary Jo Padilla +; Alan R. Smith +; Robert Cleveland -Int.



Stewardship

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SPRING CLEAN-UP/ FIX-UP/ REPAIR:

We need help with your donation of time, talent and treasure - and equipment...

- Around the church & rectory and community center – rake leaves, clean flower beds, trim bushes and tree branches.
- Rain gutters on the rectory, garage & chapel – clean-out and some repair.
- Painting and lite repair – refinish church doors, also replace one door closer; replace carpeting & paint the church confessionals.
- Brick and cement repair around the rectory – help to lay approx. 100 cement blocks and pour a 4' by 6' cement pad.

Anyone can join in and help... for an hour or a day... weekdays or Saturdays...

Please call Bob @729-3334 or Bill @ 722-5578.

ST. PATRICK'S HOME FOR CHILDREN

Do you have room in your heart and your home to foster or adopt a child? Children newborn to 18 years old, all ethnicities, need homes - how about yours? Please call St. Patrick's Home for Children 421-1620 x 230 to learn how you can help!

LENTEN SOUP MEAL DONATIONS - THANK YOU

At the Lenten Soup and Bread meals this year, we collected donations of \$217.00 for the poor. Many thanks to all the ministries that participated, sharing their talents, time and service to benefit the poor. Also, many thanks to the parishioners who helped to support this program by attendance and donations. God bless you all and may the joy and peace of Easter be with you!

2006 CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend we will be taking the collection for the Catholic Home Missions.

Because of the shortage of priests, sisters and brothers, there are many places in the United States, especially in rural and mountainous locations, where the Catholic Church struggles to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith.

This collection supports and strengthens the Church in America. A portion of the collection will also support the effort by the Church for Black and Native American Indians.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This collection, normally taken on 5th Sundays, will be taken today due to next week's Home Mission Appeal. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

| STEWARDSHIP – TREASURE | |
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| GENERAL COLLECTION | |
| Weekly Goal | \$ 10,500.00 |
| Mar 26 | \$ 10,200.00 |
| Apr 2 | \$ 12,079.00 |
| Apr 9 | \$ 13,131.00 |
| Apr 16 | \$ 10,500.00 |
| YEAR-TO-DATE | \$ 441,866.00 |
| Goal-to-Date (42 Weeks) | \$ 441,000.00 |
| % of Goal Collected | 100.20 % |
| Annual Goal | \$ 546,000.00 |
| * Generally, Easter and Christmas collections are separate line items in parish budget projections and thus are not included in averaging income or calculating goal-to-date percentages for the general collection; however, as Easter is one of the 52 Sundays of the fiscal year, we have included the amount of the weekly goal to keep the projections of our progress as accurate as possible. The full amount of Easter contributions will be published in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your generosity. | |
| CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION | |
| Weekly Goal | \$ 3,750.00 |
| Mar 26 | \$ 1,100.00 |
| Apr 2 | \$ 2,475.00 |
| Apr 9 | \$ 1,323.50 |
| Apr 16 | \$ 1,690.00 |
| YEAR-TO-DATE | \$ 97,152.34 |
| Goal-to-Date (42 Weeks) | \$ 157,500.00 |
| % of Goal Collected | 61.68 % |
| Annual Goal | \$ 195,000.00 |
| SPECIAL COLLECTIONS | |
| Holy Thursday | \$ 1,122.00 |
| Good Friday | \$ 1,401.00 |
| Easter 2nd Collection for the Poor | \$ 5,003.00 |
| <i>The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.</i> | |

PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:

Barbie Adorno, Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Jack Barca, Cody Bartley, Ray Bechler, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, Jill Boyd, Shirley Bryant, Bernard Burke, Bob Cleveland, Darren Crose, Rita Crutcher, Diane Cummings, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, Andrew Flores, Roman Fontana, Frances & Leo Girard, Evelyn Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Rick Gutierrez, Stanley Hayes, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Ian Larmore, Maria Mamaog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, Jenine Michilena, Mary Nekrassoff, Eleanor Obmann, Lee Ann Parrott, Nita Parrott, Bud Phelps, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Zan Rockett, Nikelle Schafer, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Theresa Shelly, Lisa Stamps, Phyllis Steele, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, X. Thompson, Jean Villanueva, Bishop Weigand, Mike Williams, Lani Zacherson, Claudette Zompetta



Holy Family School

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL classes resume this week.

Happy Easter!

YOUTH MINISTRY

HOLY FAMILY IS LOOKING FOR GRADUATES:

Are you (or do you know someone who is) graduating from jr. high, high school, or college this year? Please call or email names with contact info to holyfamilycym@yahoo.com or 721-8329.

Plans are being made for a special Baccalaureate Mass and reception in honor of graduates.



K.I.D.S. CAMP SUMMER PROGRAM

Holy Family Preschool will **Keep the Interests** of its campers **Developing All Summer** with stimulating theme-based activities. Imagine creating your own sand art, building a life-size alien, learning to hula dance, eating s'mores, making edible peanut butter play dough, participating in the Olympics and much more.

The camp is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm beginning June 1st and concluding August 9th. Part time days are also available. It will include children ages 2 (potty trained) through third grade. Some of the featured events include, Fun Lunch Fridays, Ms. Amy's Gymnastics Program, Beach Day, a Hula Dancer, a fireworks display and special guests!

Please contact Lucy Eberhardt, Camp Director at 722-4620 for further details. Space is limited so please call today.

PASTORAL COUNCIL VACANCIES:

The Pastoral Council needs to fill 2 vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a member of this council, please call the parish office at 723-2494 and leave your name and phone number. The Pastoral Council assists the pastor in the pastoral planning of the parish.

SENIOR NEEDS VISITORS

If you have some time to offer a warm smile and a little friendly conversation, please consider filling the need for someone to visit a senior citizen at an assisted living facility on Old Auburn Road. If you would like more information or you're able to help, please call Debbie at 419-3228. Thanks!

COMPANION NEEDED FOR SENIOR PARISHIONER

WANTED: A compassionate person to live in as a caregiver for an older lady of the Parish. This is a ideal position for a senior citizen. Room and Board will be provided. If you are interested or may know someone who would have a interest, please call Fr. Kiernan in the Parish Office, 723-2494.



Health Ministry

DECISIONS

Next Sunday, our Parish will begin participating in a six-week bulletin insert series called Decisions. Sponsored by Sacramento Healthcare Decisions (a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to involving the public in healthcare decisions), this series was written by a diverse group of healthcare professionals and clergy. Its purpose is to help people understand more about issues surrounding difficult decisions at the end of life.

The Decisions series will guide you through a process intended to improve communication and decision-making prior to a medical crisis. Briefly, the first bulletin looks at changes that have taken place in medicine; the second talks about what's important to you as you near the end of life; the third discusses how to communicate your wishes with your family; the fourth describes ways to put your desires in writing; the fifth tells how to communicate your preferences with you physician; and, the last bulletin describes care giving and available community resources.

As we participate in the Resurrection, you are encouraged to thoughtfully read this series. We believe that you will find the information beneficial to you and your loved ones. If you have questions about the information or miss any of the six bulletins, please call the Health Ministry Office 721-0388 to obtain copies.



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND

This is Knights of Columbus membership weekend. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus or just want to know more about us or just want to say hello, please talk to one of the Knights outside the doors of the Church before or after Mass today. We look forward to seeing you.

NEXT PARISH BREAKFAST

Our next Parish breakfast will be on Sunday, May 7, co-hosted by the Knights and the Parish Music Ministry. All profits from the breakfast will go to support the Music Ministry. Mark your calendar, and see next week's bulletin for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Are you looking for the living waters of God's graces that Jesus spoke of to the woman at the well? This well can be found in our beautiful Chapel, where Jesus awaits your arrival and longs to rain down His bountiful graces upon you. Come and see! Meet with Jesus like the Samaritan woman and encounter His loving presence!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

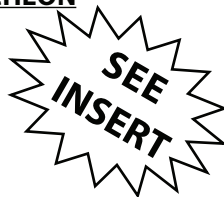
The Diocese will hold its celebration of Divine Mercy today, Sunday April 23rd at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 11th & K in Sacramento. We will celebrate the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm which will be followed by Mass at 3:30 pm celebrated by Fr. Sylvester Kwiatkowski. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and the relic of St. Faustina will follow Mass. Please join us.

PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW BALLOT INITIATIVE:

The proposed "Parents' Right to Know" ballot initiative would require a doctor to notify a minor's parent or legal guardian 48 hours before performing an abortion on the minor. Volunteers are collecting signatures on this initiative after all Masses today. Please support this life-saving initiative.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

This wonderful annual event will take place on Saturday, May 6, from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for complete details.



DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION

The Sacramento Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) will hold their 73rd annual Convention on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29 2006, at the Holiday Inn, Sacramento Northeast, 5341 Date Avenue, Sacramento 916-338-5800. The theme is Women United in Faith and Service. All women in the parish are welcome and invited to attend. For information, call Gloria Burgett - 916-966-2230.

FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE:

Dependence on God - Scripture says, (Lk 12:27-) "Notice how the flowers (lilies) grow. They do not toil or spin, But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them!" So thanks God and to you for the lilies which our church is adorned with in such splendor. We are ever grateful to you for your thoughtful generosity. Alleluia!

Our heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners who volunteered their time and service to prepare and arrange the lilies with such splendid Community spirit. Alleluia!

Also, a note of thanks to people who donated flowers from Funeral services in memory of their loved ones throughout the Lenten season which were placed in the chapel.

Happy Easter!

HAVE YOU HEARD?

There is a small Parish Library in the Community-St. Joseph's Hall for Holy Family Parishioners, adults and young adults interested in Who's Who among the Saints, some great authors, reading and a few religious novels such as "Joshua". The Library is usually open during hospitality Sunday Mornings 8:30 to 10:30 and always open during the K of C breakfast the first Sunday of the month.

Catholics Returning Home

PROGRAM HAS BEGUN ON THURSDAYS

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones however we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized, practicing Catholics we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Secondly, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Many non-practicing Catholics carry a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church so they are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family.

Here at Holy Family we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church called Catholics Returning Home. The next series began last Thursday, April 20th. We will continue meeting on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm for five more weeks. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, call the Parish Office at 723-2494.

SPECIAL EVENT - TIM STAPLES, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH:

Date: Sunday, May 7

Speaker: Tim Staples. Former Baptist and Assembly of God youth minister, convert to the Catholic faith and popular apologist (defender of the Faith), will speak at St. Rose Parish's Msgr. Kavanagh Community Center, 5905 Franklin Blvd., Sacramento.

Double session: 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The 1:00 p.m. session will focus on teen topics; the 3:00 p.m. session will cover topics of interest to the general public.

Cost: \$10 per person covers both sessions.

Contact: Lily Aguilera at (916) 456-8946 or St. Patrick Thrift Store at (916) 422-8391. Bring a friend!

VOCATIONS CROSS

Each week a parish family is presented with the Vocations Cross to take home for the week and asked to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next Sunday, the family will return the cross and another family will be presented the cross to pray for vocations. If you are interested in taking the Vocation Cross home, please contact Young Stewart at 332-8732.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE - AND BEYOND

MILLION VOICES FOR DARFUR CAMPAIGN

The Diocesan Social Service Ministry Office is urging all parishioners to participate in the Million Voices for Darfur campaign. The goal is to generate one million hand written and electronic postcards from Americans demanding a stronger and more effective U.S. response to the genocide in Darfur, which has claimed 400,000 lives. In addition, 2.5 million people are displaced and 3.5 million of our sisters and brothers are at risk of starvation.

Bishop John Ricard of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently said: "The crisis in Darfur must be ended. We cannot stand idly by while human life is threatened." Go online today at www.savedarfur.org and send an electronic postcard. Postcards sent by USPS can be addressed to:

Million Voices for Darfur
2110 L Street NW, Suite 600
Washington D.C. 20037.

HELP WANTED AT DIVINE SAVIOR PARISH:

Director of Music and Liturgy: full-time position available immediately. Qualifications that include: ability to collaborate with diverse people including other staff, parish leaders, and those involved in liturgical ministries; ability to empower people to take ownership of their ministry; working knowledge of Catholic liturgical theology; ability to review music available and make selections that are appropriate for the parish; keyboard skills; conducting and orchestration skills; ability to attract people to serve in liturgical ministries, especially music. Salary is negotiable; benefits are included. Send or fax (916-989-7410) resume to Divine Savior Catholic Church, 9079 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 (916-989-7400- office).

14TH ANNUAL "KIDDER KLASSIC"

For a FUN day in the sun, try playing golf! Holy Trinity is announcing the 14th Annual "Kidder Klassic" at Empire Ranch Golf Club on Saturday, May 6, 2006. The Kidder Klassic benefits the Holy Trinity Parish Human Concerns Ministry and the Holy Trinity School Academic/ Physical Education Programs. Come and join us in Fellowship. This year we will keep play moving using the "Fun Flight" and "2 Man Best Ball" format with 1st/2nd prize winners awarded. Golfers with established handicaps will play a "2 Man Best Ball" format. The "Fun Only Flight" is for the golfers who want to enjoy a day of recreational play. Check-in begins at 11:00 AM to 12:30PM and the day is expected to end by 6:15 PM. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM and includes the Famous Kidder Raffle and Auction. Dinner-only tickets are available. PLEASE CALL Lon or Tracy Wandell at (916) 941-0895 or email twandell@comcast.net to register for this event.

EXPLORE AFRICA!

Explore Africa with the Sacramento Africa Initiative Group. Visit Nigeria and Ghana for 15 days in the summer of 2006 (July 23rd - August 6th). Observe first-hand the opportunities and issues facing Africa today. Cost = \$ 3,300 per person (double occupancy). For more details, contact Charlene Harris at (916) 733-0160; Charlene_har@msn.com or Phyllis Johnson at (916) 729-8110; lilpi@surewest.net.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

Want to find out what many counselors are starting to call "marriage insurance?" Wondering what the Church really teaches married couples about being open to life?

Come take a course in the symptom-thermal method of Natural Family Planning. Classes begin Wednesday, May 10, at 7:00 pm. at St Rose Parish on 5961 Franklin Blvd. in Sacramento. For more information, please call Suzanne at (916) 369-0844 or e-mail afrancois@sbcglobal.net

LAND PARK GARDEN TEA AND TOUR:

The Holy Spirit Church Active 30/90 Club is presenting the 8th Annual Land Park Garden Tour and Tea, on Saturday May 6th from 10-4. The Tour will include ten gardens in the Land Park area, a shopping boutique at the Church, and an optional High Tea at the Parker Residence.

For tickets, please call (916) 441-5807. Ticket prices are: Tea and Tour: \$35; Tour Only: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY 2006

On Tuesday, April 25, at 9:00 am, concerned Catholics from all over California will gather at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in downtown Sacramento for the opening of an urgent call to action sponsored by the California Catholic Conference. We will celebrate Mass together, learn about issues that are important to us as Catholic citizens, rally at the Capitol, and dialogue with our legislators. Registration forms are available at the parish office or by calling Sue Schneider at the Diocesan Office of Social Service Ministry (916) 733-0253. The registration fee of \$5 includes the cost of lunch.

CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT

Cristo Rey High School, Sacramento, a new Catholic, co-educational college preparatory school and part of the Cristo Rey Network is accepting applications for the position of President for the school year beginning in the fall of 2006. The President will report to a Board of Directors and work directly with three religious congregations which are cosponsoring the school.

A candidate should have proven experience as an enthusiastic, passionate, administrator who can direct all management aspects of the school. We seek candidates who are Catholic and possess a Master's Degree in Education or equivalent. Spanish fluency is desired but not required. Compensation will be commensurate with experience within the Cristo Rey Network range.

Applications are being accepted until April 19, 2006. Submit resume, salary expectations and cover letter to Deborah Pacyna, Cristo Rey Board of Directors, 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2640, Sacramento, CA 95814. For more information, visit www.cristoreysacramento.org.