



April 15, 2007 – Divine Mercy Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter

“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 15, 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.

As simple as ABC

The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

- A: Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B: Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C: Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

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 visit www.divinemercysunday.com.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

The special Divine Mercy Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. to be preceded by the recitation of the Chapel of Mercy and veneration of St. Maria Faustina’s relic at 2:30 pm.

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
 Tue: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
 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: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
 Sun: Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 5:27-32,40b-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19



Questions of the Week:

For Adults: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week.

For Teens: How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

For Children: Jesus appeared to the women in the garden and the disciples in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Mary Walker +
 Wadsworth & Cawley Family +
 Vanessa B. Jordan -Int.

Tue: John L. Hartnett +

Wed: Robert Vega +

Fri: Zak Matteoli -Int.

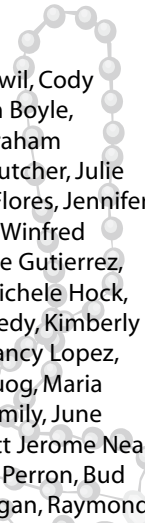
Sat: 8:30 am Mass Leo Marsolais +

Sun: 9:00 am Mass William Seibel +
 12:30 pm Mass Pro Populo



PRAYER CORNER

Please remember in your prayers:
 Peter Alvarez, Marcel Arnal, Mary Avila, Pam Bardwil, Cody Bartley, Teresa Bennett Smith, Charles Black, John Boyle, Shirley Bryant, Larry Cannon, Margaret Cioffi, Abraham Conant, Christina Cowan, Darren Crose, James Crutcher, Julie Desrochers, Maria Dixon, John Dooney, Andrew Flores, Jennifer Ford, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Evelyn Gonsalves, Winfred Gonsalves, Robert Gonzaga, Max Guerra, Charlene Gutierrez, Lutricia Hall, Kathleen Hansen, Allison Herring, Michele Hock, Glean & Kathryn Hollier, Bill Keenan, Randy Kennedy, Kimberly Kolodzie, Ian Larmore, Jey Lemes, Karen Lewis, Nancy Lopez, Nancy & Marty Lucas, Laura Maciej, Maria Mamauog, Maria Martinez, Earl Mattingly, Luke McCord, McElvy Family, June McMaught, Jenine Michilena, Mariah Morris, Elliott Jerome Neal, Cora Orzol, Maryanne Pelzel, Maria Perez, Gilbert Perron, Bud Phelps, Tom Poeschl, Sr. Mary Porter, Christine Regan, Raymond Remick, Nikelle Schafer, Charles Schneider, Katherine Schottgen, Diane & Mike Smith, Marylyn Smith, Lisa Stamps, Jo Ster, Laura & Paul Studer, Simon Sucharski, Clement Sweeney, D. Sweeney, Maureena Sutton, Elise Taylor, I. Thompson, Larry Thompson, X. Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Natividad Vargas, Jean Villanueva, Emily Walsh, Lori Weaver, Marvin Webster



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CHURCH SIGN

Many months ago we first noted the need for a sign in front of the church to identify our beloved Holy Family Parish and post vital information for parishioners and passers-by. This vision will soon become a reality - the sign has been ordered and the down payment made through the generosity of a few parishioners. However, the balance of the sign's cost still needs to be covered. Please consider making a contribution to this much-needed addition to our parish grounds. Please call the Parish Office if you can help. We are truly grateful to those who have and will make this sign possible, and we will recognize these generous parties on the occasion of its unveiling.

STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE

GENERAL COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 11,000.00
Mar 18	\$ 9,988.00
Mar 25	\$ 10,773.00
Apr 1	\$ 14,155.00
Apr 8	\$ 11,000.00 *
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 434,103.00
Goal-to-Date (41 Weeks)	\$ 451,000.00
% of Goal Collected	96.25 %
Annual Goal	\$ 572,000.00

* Generally, Easter (and Christmas) collections are separate line items in the 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 include the full amount of the weekly goal to keep the projections of our progress as accurate as possible. The total Easter collection was \$20,043.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$ 3,750.00
Mar 18	\$ 1,962.50
Mar 25	\$ 375.00
Apr 1	\$ 945.00
Apr 8	\$ 13,170.00
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 76,677.50
Goal-to-Date (41 Weeks)	\$ 153,750.00
% of Goal Collected	49.87 %
Annual Goal	\$ 195,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Holy Thursday.....	\$ 1,218.50
Good Friday.....	\$ 1,083.00

"Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Thus, in our time too, "great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

HOLY FAMILY LITURGY COUNCIL

Monday, April 16, at 7:00 pm, the Holy Family Liturgy Council will be holding a special mid-month meeting focusing on Art and Environment in the Liturgy.

We would like to take this time to express our heartfelt thanks to those individuals who have worked so hard and so creatively to enhance our liturgies through special attention to the worship space - banners, flowers, special displays, and all the things that create a prayerful environment for liturgy.

The meeting next Monday will feature a guest expert on Liturgical Art and Environment and is designed to give a fresh perspective to the Council which will lead us to a comprehensive, forward-looking approach to utilizing our worship space.

All parishioners are invited to participate in the meeting and are always encouraged to lend their skills, creativity and time to this essential liturgical ministry. Please consider joining us in this endeavor. See next week's bulletin for more details.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

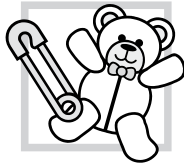
Our 1st Annual Variety Show is just around the corner, and we need your support as a parish. Our entertainers have been working hard to put on a good show, so please come to show your support for them.

The dates for the shows are: Saturday, April 21st at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 22nd at 2:00 pm. Admission is free, but donations will be greatly accepted. All the proceeds will go to the parish. This is a parish fundraiser sponsored by the Women's Council. We will have baked goods for sale at the intermission.

We hope that you will come out for this fun event. It should be a marvelous time. This event is rated G, so be sure to bring the whole family. Hope to see you there!

ATTENTION MOMS:

Holy Family Mother's Ministry's 'Mom and Me' Prayer Group/ Play Group is meeting again each Tuesday morning in the RCIA room from 10 to 11 am. Come meet other moms! We pray the scriptures together while those with little children play. We meet during the school year and the summer. For more information call Jessica Lendewig at 988-4969.



SAVE THE DATE! Camp Pendola's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, April 30, 2007, at Northridge Golf and Country Club. For information on the tournament and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Lori Rosene at 916.733.0141.



Holy Family School

Enrolling at Holy Family Preschool for Fall '07

Are you looking for a Catholic based preschool for your child? We offer a spiritually enriched program complete with Bible stories, songs and outstanding Christian role models. Our literature-based program that meets the California standards for ages 2 through 5 years old will challenge your child. We offer preschool from 8:00am until 12:00pm and Child Care from 7:00am until 6:00pm. You are encouraged to call Lucy Eberhardt at 722-4620 with questions and/or a school tour. Register Today!



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



COUNTRY WESTERN HOE-DOWN

The Knights of Columbus of Northern California are having a major event in the Sacramento area on the weekend of April 13-15, 2007. On April 13, 2007, a Country Western Hoe-Down dinner will be served. Everyone is invited to attend this fun outdoor event at the Doubletree Hotel at 2001 Point West Way in Sacramento (across the street from Arden Fair Mall).

The main course will be Tri-tip/Chicken. Live music will be provided by "Country Road". Social hour will be at 4:30 PM and dinner at 5:30 PM. The dress is casual and the dinner cost is \$20.00 per person. For further information, please call: Frank Nava at (916) 359-6282 or John Norwood (916) 783-0453.

For reservations, please make your check payable to Christ the King Assembly and mail to Frank Nava, 42 Cedro Circle, Sacramento, CA 95833-1419.

Visit our Parish Website at
www.holyfamilych.org

THE ROSARY BOWL

May 19, 2007 • 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. • Rose Bowl, Pasadena

FREE ADMISSION

A WORLD AT PRAYER IS A WORLD AT PEACE A ROSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Sacramento Office of Family, Youth & Young Adults is publicizing this major event on the Domestic Church which is being sponsored by Holy Cross Family Ministries.

The special Eucharistic celebration, which will combine prayer, music, and cultural exhibitions, and will culminate in a public recitation of the Rosary with people of different cultures and languages leading the prayers.

For more information, you may contact John Rieschick at 733-0133 or jrieschi@diocese-sacramento.org or check out the Rosary Bowl Website at www.rosarybowl.org.



Camp Pendola



Camp Pendola, the official summer camp of the Diocese of Sacramento, is now accepting registrations for the 2007 summer season. This year the program will take place in a variety of settings with participants hiking or paddling to different camping sites each night. Trips are scheduled for different lengths and difficulties to meet the needs of different ages (11 and older) and experiences. Whatever the program, campers are encouraged to live in, understand, and respect the wonders and beauty of the world around them. For more information and registration materials, please call 916-PEN-DOLA (736-3652).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

What are you doing this summer? -Making a difference in the lives of youth! The Diocese of Sacramento is looking for energetic young people (18+ years) to work this summer as trip counselors with youth between ages ten and seventeen in the great outdoors, and within the Catholic spirit! Positions begin in mid June and finish in August. Applications are available now! Please call Camp Pendola (916-PEN-DOLA) for more information and an application.

WORK WEEKENDS AT CAMP PENDOLA

May 18 - 20, 2007 and May 25 - 28, 2007

Projects include:

- Install shower partitions in female dorm (Tekakwitha)
- Camp site clean up
- Create emergency exits in cabins
- Unload trailer/storage unit
- Treat wood decks/porches/ramps
- Remove old decking from Dining Room/kitchen

Enjoy giving to Pendola - supporting youth, and creating community! Interested? Please call 916-PEN-DOLA or 916-733-0141 by May 1 to tell us how many in your group will be joining us. Don't be shy! This is perfect for student, teen, college or family groups!

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

April

Debunking Revelations: a four part series on the book of Revelations presented by Dr. Sam Mussro, Presentation Catholic Church, Sacramento, April 18th & 25th, May 2nd & 9th; Cost: \$25 per series. For more information call 359-5062.

LAY FORMATION INSTITUTE: Christian Prayer: What We Pray, presented by Rev. Brian Atienza. Diocesan Pastoral Center, Sacramento, April 20th (6:30-9 pm) and April 21st (8:30 am-4:00 pm). Course will fulfill 8 hours of credit towards Basic Catechetical Certification. Cost: \$25. For more information contact Kathy at 733-0139.

Prayer Opportunities

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army.) It is now officially associated with the Pontifical Council for the Laity in Rome. We are happy to offer these prayers here at Holy Family. All are welcome to join us Mondays after the 8:30 am Mass in St. Mary Hall. For information, please call Phyllis, 725-0218 or Phyllis, 725-5358.

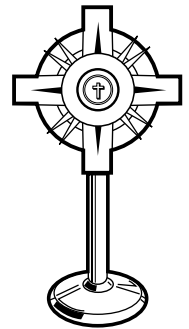
VOCATIONS CROSS



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 returns the cross and another family is presented the cross to pray for vocations. If you are interested in taking the Vocation Cross home, please contact Young Stewart at 332-8732.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Jesus stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament, blessing us with the grace that encourages us, consoles us, strengthens us, guides us and inspires us to place our trust in Him. We stay with the Real Presence of Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration to be more personally involved with Him and to keep the Eucharist central in our lives. Spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist enables us to build a truly personal relationship with Him. Come into His presence in our beautiful chapel - He is looking forward to your visit!



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VISITING HOURS:

Monday – Friday	9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Sunday	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Also in the chapel: Each day at 9:00 am a community Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy are prayed, and at 3:00 pm the Chaplet of Mercy is prayed.

DOMINICAN LAITY AT HOLY FAMILY

The Dominican Laity meets here at Holy Family on the first Sunday of every month in St. Mary Hall from 1–3 pm. Come and join us in a way of life of prayer, both private and liturgical, the study of the sacred truth, the sharing of our spiritual life with others in the community, and in our apostolic outreach. For further information call Phyllis Sale at 725-5358.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE . . .

DINNER WITH BISHOP FRANCIS QUINN

You are invited to The St. Vincent de Paul, Sacramento Council, Annual Benefit for the Poor, Thursday, April 26th, 6:00 pm at the Sacramento Hilton, 220 Harvard Street. Individual tickets are \$150 and Tables are available for \$1500. For reservations or more information, please call 492-6396.

OUTDOOR PASSION PLAY - LAKE COUNTY

An outdoor presentation of the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Passion Play Grounds, off Highway 29, are the setting for this annual re-enactment. More than 150 players re-enact this most touching of dramas. The Passion Play is not a spectacle. Rather, it is a prayerful expression of the faith of the people involved. May 19th and 20th, 2007, at 4:00 pm. The play is presented in its entirety on both days. The Passion Play Grounds are located at 7010 Westlake Road, Upper Lake, CA 95485 (off Highway 29, about 7 miles north of Lakeport in Lake County). Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, call 707-279-0349 or 800-525-3743.

BUS TRIP TO NUGGET, SPARKS

The Roseville Knights of Columbus #4540 are sponsoring a bus trip to the Nugget, Sparks on Sunday, April 22nd. The cost is \$25 per person, prepaid, with approximately \$15 returned at the casino. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus #4540. Please call Sue or Dave Mirtoni for reservations and details at 782-3242.

SDCCW 74TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

"Lord, Your Servants are Listening" is the theme of this year's Convention of the Sacramento Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to be held Sunday, April 22 – Tuesday April 24, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento. On Sunday at 6:00 p.m. - hospitality followed with a program presented by Jan Dalske on Kateri Tekaweitha and by Philip Calder with America Needs Fatima. The Convention concludes Tuesday with Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph Madera, installation of officers and Woman of the Year awards. For more information and to register, please call Gloria Burgett at 966-2230.

MARTY HAUGEN & TONY ALONSO IN CONCERT

Pastoral Musicians, Liturgists, Catechists, & Youth Directors World-renowned composers MARTY HAUGEN & TONY ALONSO are presenting a concert and workshop at St. Clare Catholic Church, Roseville, on April 20 & 21. You will want to be present at both events! The concert on Friday, April 20 begins at 7 pm. The workshop on April 21 is from 9am to 4pm. Tickets for the workshop and concert are \$60-- for the concert only \$30-and for the workshop only \$40. Any ticket purchased before April 6th may be discounted \$5. An additional discount of \$5 per ticket may be taken if purchased in groups of 10 or more. For information call Nina Malone at 772-4717 or e-mail slcliturg@surewest.net

CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY 2007:

On Tuesday, April 24, at 9:00 a.m., 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 the Diocesan Office of Social Service Ministry at 733-0253. The registration fee of \$5.00 includes the cost of lunch. **Your voice counts!**

CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL SACRAMENTO PRESENTS THE SECOND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER:

VIVA CRISTO REY -

A NIGHT OF DINNER, DANCING AND GENEROSITY!

Wednesday, May 2 - 6 P.M. - 10 P.M. - Tickets: \$75 each

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Center, Sacramento

Featuring: "Dancing with the Czars" - a unique dance competition featuring Sacramento's finest professional dancers paired with talented business leaders and religious contestants! For Ticket Information Please Call Cristo Rey Development Office 916.733.2660 .

Cristo Rey High School Sacramento opened in the fall of 2006 with a freshman class of 100 students. Cristo Rey is specifically designed to provide a co-educational, college preparatory education and innovative Work-Study Program to promising students with limited opportunities.

GET ON THE BUS

Get On The Bus brings children and their caregivers from throughout the State of California to visit their mothers and fathers in prison. An annual event, Get On The Bus offers free transportation for the children and their caregivers to the prison, provides travel bags for the children, comfort bags for the caregivers, a photo of each child with his or her parent, and meals for the day, all at no cost to the children's family. On the bus trip home, following a four hour visit, each child receives a teddy bear with a letter from their parent and post-event counseling.

Again this year, the Office of Social Service Ministry is organizing the annual bus trip to the women's prisons in Chowchilla for local children whose mothers are incarcerated. The visit takes place on May 11, the Friday before Mother's Day.

Part of the experience is that each child receives the gift of a new, huggable bear for the bus ride home after they have left their Moms. If you would like to donate a bear (or two) to this project, we would greatly appreciate it. They need to be new, very huggable, and age-appropriate. Children who participate in this event range in age from 2 months to 29. For more information, contact the Diocesan Social Service Ministry at 733-0253.
