



April 19, 2009 - 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 19, 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 this column a couple of years ago, I shared Bishop Weigand's answers to frequently asked questions about Divine Mercy Sunday. I share them again today:

### **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?**

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](http://www.marian.org). Or visit [www.divinemercysunday.com](http://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 pm today, preceded by confession and the recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy at 2:15 pm. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image and relic of St. Faustina will follow the Mass.

# 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: St. Mark: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20  
 Sun: Third Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

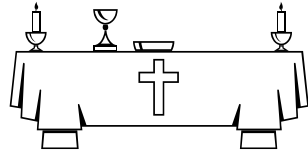


**QUESTION OF THE DAY**

Children: How can you believe in Jesus whom you have never seen?  
 Youth: Jesus' words of greeting were "Peace be with you," followed by the invitation to forgive sins. How does forgiveness bring peace to you? How does it change the world?  
 Adults: What strengthens your faith? Why do you believe in Jesus?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon: Ruth Doutt +  
 Lu Zemba -Int.  
 Tue: Tony Zemba -Int.  
 Wed: Charlotte Celaya +  
 Marshall Kendrick +  
 Thu: Marlene De Meyer +  
 Joseph & Charlotte Celaya +  
 Fri: Maria Bustamante +  
 Henrietta Escovilla +  
 Sat: 8:30 am Mass Aniano Urbano -Int.  
 Sun: 7:30 am Mass Leo Marsolais +  
 9:00 am Mass Pro Populo



**PRAYER CORNER**

Please remember in your prayers:  
*(Names will appear for 2 months unless a call is received by the Parish Office to extend the time or to remove a name.)*  
 Kaden Alayan, Marion Amescua, Lyndon Benson, Elisa Bulhoes, Carl Campagna, Elsie Correia, Scott Crose, Claro DeAsis, Julie Desrochers, Virginia Dulley, Gazella Erickson, Henrietta Escovilla, Olivia Garcia, Bob Gokey, Robert Gonzaga, Carolyn Graham, Madeline Greenly, Sr. Margaret Greenly, Joe Grom, Rita Gularte, Jason Hayes Family, Bunny Herbert, Irene Hertel, Michele Hock, Bill Keenan, Tina Kemp, Kamryn Mafua, Tuesse Mafua, Charlotte Maguire, Kim Malone, Luke McCord, Msgr. Mistretta, Mary Mortensen, Roberta Murphy, Loretta Parsons, Ludo Pereira, Nona Piha, Jennifer Pinnow, Tom Poeschl, Rosanna Raines, Charlie Rasher, Michael Rath, Margaret and Bob Reynolds, Patty Root, Suzanne Rose, Nikelle Schafer, Katherine Schottgen, Jardee Stanley, Mace Stanton, Jo Ster, Connie Sturdevant, Amy Svistoonoff, Xavier Thompson, Jovita Vargar, Sharel Wilson, Jeri Yarchenko

**Stewardship**  
 ~ a way of life ~

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS: THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend, our parish is taking up a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This Appeal supports missions here in the United States. For example, of the 29 counties in the geographically sprawling Diocese of Salt Lake City, only 16 have a resident pastor. These mission dioceses need funding for ministerial training, seminaries, and religious education in order to nurture the faith and administer basic pastoral care in the rural areas of the state. Please give generously in today's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. A portion of the collection will also support the effort by the Church for Black and Native American Indians.

**PARISHIONERS: NEW AND NOT-SO-NEW**

Are you registered at Holy Family Parish?  
 Has your address recently changed?  
 Do you use stewardship envelopes?

Would you like to know more about Planned Giving?  
 Visit the "Parish Life" section of your Parish Website:  
[www.holyfamilych.org](http://www.holyfamilych.org)

**THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE TRUCK IS COMING TO HOLY FAMILY!!**

The Thrift Store truck will be in the Holy Family parking lot the weekend of April 25/26. Please see the special insert in today's bulletin.

**STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE**

**GENERAL COLLECTION**

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$ 11,000.00
Mar 22 .....	\$ 10,062.00
Mar 29 .....	\$ 9,272.00
April 5 .....	\$ 13,495.00
April 12 .....	\$ 11,000.00 *
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	\$ <b>425,042.00</b>
Goal-to-Date (41 Weeks)	\$ 451,000.00
% of Goal Collected	<b>94.24 %</b>
<b>Annual Goal (52 Weeks)</b>	\$ 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. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**TOTAL EASTER COLLECTION: \$21,102.00**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Legacy Restoration Appeal .....	\$ TBD
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*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.*



## Holy Family School

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL** students, faculty, staff, and administrators pray that the blessings of the Risen Christ will be present in the lives of all Holy Family Parishioners and in the lives of those whom they love during this Easter Season! The school community also wants to thank Father Kiernan, Father Ruel, Father John, Deacon Mark and all members of the Holy Family parish Community for their ongoing support. YOU are appreciated!

# Happy Easter!

### **GREAT GIFTS AND MORE!**

First Holy Communion is fast approaching. There are many items available such as boxed memento gift sets, rosaries, ties and veils for purchase at very reasonable prices, in both English and Spanish. **PLEASE STOP IN!**

### **CELEBRATING NEW LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

As we celebrate this blessed Easter Season, we rejoice in Christ's Resurrection. Alleluia! There are a number of adults and children amongst us who have experienced this year's celebration in a very special way. They have become members of the Body of Christ in His Holy Catholic Church. Some have been baptized and all have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. As these adults and children celebrate this most wonderful culmination of their faith journey, please keep them in your prayers.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children:

Summer Chase • Dylan James Decoteau  
Abigail Gallardo • David Muro-Gallardo  
George Gallardo • Rudy Gallardo  
Philip Andrew Pansoy Hernandez • Jordan Fielis  
Nina Huson • Socorro Perez • Raul Perez  
Juan Carlos Quezada • Luis Luna • Adriana Rodarte  
Jordan Sanchez • John Turberville • Ieann Vasquez  
Joshua Vogel

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:

John Armitage • Nena Edwards

## **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

**High School:** We're on Retreat this weekend, so no High School Youth Ministry tonight (Sunday, April 19th)...but join us next Sunday (April 26th) as we discuss Pharm Parties! 7-8:30 PM in the Community Center.

**EDGE Middle School:** Join us Monday (April 20th), as we take on GOSSIP! 7-8:30 PM in the Community Center.

**Teen Drop-In:** Teen Drop-In this Wednesday, stop by do your homework, test your Rocker skills, and hang out with your friends...3-7 PM in the Youth Office...

**YOUNG ADULTS:** Join us this Thursday for Scripture Study...7-9 PM in the Community Center. Contact Victor for more info (916-721-8329).

*We're on Retreat...so no Coffee Cart this week...!*

### **SAVE THIS DATE:**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is proud to announce that Sister Rosalind Moss will be the featured speaker at its Third Annual Dinner to Benefit the Poor on April 23rd at the Radisson Hotel. Sister Moss has spoken world-wide, on radio and television about the Church and has recently been granted permission by Pope Benedict to form a new religious order. For information on sponsorships, advertising, table or single ticket purchases, please call 715-8666 or 455-9112.

### **TO ALL PARISHIONERS:**

Come and help us celebrate the Dominican Laity's Reception and Profession on Sunday, May 3, at the 12:30 pm Mass with celebration to follow in the Community Center.

### **THE CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY**

#### **IS HEADED TO SOUTH LAKE TAHOE MAY 26**

Come join us for fun and games. The bus will leave Tuesday morning at 7:30am to Harvey's. Please be at the church parking lot by 7:15 am as we want to leave on time. The cost is \$25.00 and we will get \$10 back in cash and \$5 in food coupons. To make reservations, call Roz Shafer at 338-4626 or June Bechler at 771-3494 no later than May 16. We hope you join in the fun.

## **The Easter Season is upon us — Begin the Journey!**

Are you or someone you know contemplating a **journey of faith** into the **Catholic Church**? How long have you thought about it? Now is the time to take that first step.

**You are invited to ask questions and begin a journey that will guide the rest of your life.**

Are you a Catholic who has resolved to learn more about your Catholic faith?

Join with others on a journey that will guide the rest of your life. For more information, please call Deacon Mark in the Parish Office at 723-2494, extension 305.

You are invited to **visit us Tuesday evenings at 7:30** in our faith formation classroom in the **Community Center** on the East side of the parking lot, across from the church...



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM CHPD**

Officer Steve Jackson, Citrus Heights Police Department Community Service Officer, attended the last Meeting of the Holy Family Pastoral Council to update the parish about traffic conditions on Old Auburn Road.

Many changes and improvements have been proposed and some have been approved. Details will follow in the days and weeks ahead.

The following items are in effect **immediately** and are **now being enforced**, so they merit immediate attention from Holy Family parishioners and school families:

- **No U turn at Kadota Street** (U turns are not permitted in a business zone within 200 yards of intersecting roads)
- **No parking on roadway** (Parking is not permitted on the street in front of the church and school)

Please observe these new regulations – so far only warnings have been issued but offenders **will be cited**.



## Prayer Opportunities

### **WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA:**

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated the World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army), 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 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 at Holy Family on the first Saturday of each month in St. Mary Hall, 12:30–3:00 pm. Come 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 information call Phyllis Sale, 725-5358.

*“Love to pray. Feel often during the day the need for prayer, and take trouble to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of Himself. Ask and seek and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him”*

**Mother Theresa**

## **NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4964**

Knights of Columbus building a better world....one council at a time....Every day Knights all over the country are given opportunities to make a difference – whether through community service, raising funds or through prayers.

Holy Family parish and Infant Mary Council #4964 Knights of Columbus are actively busy and involved with church and community... Most recent happenings with the Knights of Columbus are....Youth activity Free Throw Contest for Boys & Girls, St. Patrick Parish Dinner, Monthly First Sunday Breakfast (Rosary Makers Benefit), Corporate Communion with a Parish Reception and Easter Egg Hunt for Parish Children....coming up is the Parish Cub Scout Pasta Dinner, fund raiser on April 28 and Knights of Columbus Bowling event.

Consider this your invitation to join the Knights of Columbus, Infant Mary Council #4964. Call one of these Knights that you see at Sunday Mass: Con 723-2355, Mike 784-7581, Paul 721-9752 or Bob 729-3334. We want you and we need you to join our council. Qualifications??? Practical catholic gentleman over 18 years of age and willing to donate as little as 2 hours a month. Annual dues are \$30.00. Call today. We look forward to answering your questions and giving you the opportunity to join your local K of C.

### **BLOOD DRIVE!**

Our next BLOOD DRIVE will be on Sunday, May 3rd. This is your opportunity to give hope and/or save the life of a critically ill or injured person. If you wish to make an appointment, please call Joseph Rath at 729-658 or Larry Larsen at 961-1036. (Appointments are not required, but helpful in planning.)

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND

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## **CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 19**

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (11th & K)

CONFESSIONS 2:15 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet 2:45 pm

Holy Mass 3:00 pm

Veneration of the Divine Mercy image  
and relic of St. Faustina following the Mass

Plenary indulgence granted under the usual  
conditions of confession, communion & prayer  
for the intentions of The Supreme Pontiff  
*Divine Mercy Decree: Pope John Paul II, August 3, 2002*

The soul that will go to Confession and receive  
Holy Communion shall obtain complete  
forgiveness of sins and punishment  
*Jesus' words to St. Faustina (Journal entry 699)*

*The requirement for the sacrament of reconciliation  
can be fulfilled before Divine Mercy Sunday*

## **APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children. For more information about Safe Environment programs in the Diocese of Sacramento visit [www.diocese-sacramento.org](http://www.diocese-sacramento.org).

## **HELPERS' PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE**

Saturday, April 25, 2009 Helpers of God's Precious Infants invites the community to participate in our Helpers' Prayer Vigil for Life on Saturday, April 25 in reparation for the tragedy of abortion taking place in our local neighborhoods. The Helpers Prayer Vigil for Life begins with an 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass at All Hallows Church (5501 14th Ave.) in Sacramento, California followed by Benediction and a Holy Rosary Procession led by Bishop Jaime Soto from the Monsignor Kavanagh Community Center (5905 Franklin Blvd.) to Planned Parenthood (5385 Franklin Blvd.) Please call Elizabeth Pierini at 813-8269 for more information or visit: [www.sacramentohelpers.org](http://www.sacramentohelpers.org).

## **11th ANNUAL CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY 2009**

For the 11th consecutive year, concerned Catholics from all over California will gather on Tuesday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in downtown Sacramento for Catholic Lobby Day 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. Online Registration is available at [www.diocese-sacramento.org](http://www.diocese-sacramento.org) or by calling the diocesan Office of Social Service Ministry 733-0253. The registration fee of \$5 includes the cost of lunch. Your voice counts!

## **ATTENTION ST. THOMAS (SF) ALUMNI**

St. Thomas the Apostle School on Balboa Street in the Richmond District of San Francisco is celebrating its 60th year of academic excellence in Catholic education in the Richmond District. Parents, Students, Alumni, former staff and Friends of STA are invited to attend the celebration on Sunday, May 3, beginning with the 11:00 a.m. Mass, followed by a visit to the school and a reception. Please mark your calendar and email your contact information to [info@sfsta.org](mailto:info@sfsta.org).

## **MAY CROWNING, SATURDAY MAY 1, 7 PM**

The parish community of All Hallows and St. Peter will honor Mary at a multi-cultural May Crowning on Friday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. at All Hallows Church, 5500 14th Ave., Sacramento. The Orchestra and Chorus of the Academy at All Hallows will present selected full symphonic pieces, and there will be congregational singing of traditional Marian hymns with organ accompaniment. This unique event is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. You may reserve one or more seats now by e-mailing [MayCrowning@allhallowssacramento.org](mailto:MayCrowning@allhallowssacramento.org). All Hallows Parish is home to one of the few parish-based full symphonic orchestras in the country, and the pairing of the orchestra with May Crowning will create a memorable experience.

## **LIVING WITH LOSS**

Living with Loss is an interactive, educational and experiential grief and loss program. The 6-week sessions provide education on anticipatory grief, grief, and mourning that make up the constellation of complex feelings and actions associated with the death of a loved one. The sessions are in a closed group format which allows participants to establish trust and more fully share with one another. The sessions are free of charge and donations are accepted. For more information or to register, please call 453-4552. (The next group of sessions is scheduled for April 22 through May 27, and additional sessions are available through October/November.)

## **UNIVERSITY OF SACRAMENTO SUMMER COURSES**

The University of Sacramento is excited to announce the Summer 2009 course offerings for our programs in Catholic Faith Formation:

- Master of Arts in Education with an Emphasis in Catholic Faith Formation
- Basic Certificate in Catechetics
- Certificate in Marriage & Family

If you are interested and have questions, or would like to register for a class, please feel free to contact Lesley Luppino at 443-4760, extension 16, or at [LLuppino@universityofsacramento.org](mailto:LLuppino@universityofsacramento.org).

Applications and Registration Forms for these programs may be located online at [www.universityofsacramento.org](http://www.universityofsacramento.org).

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