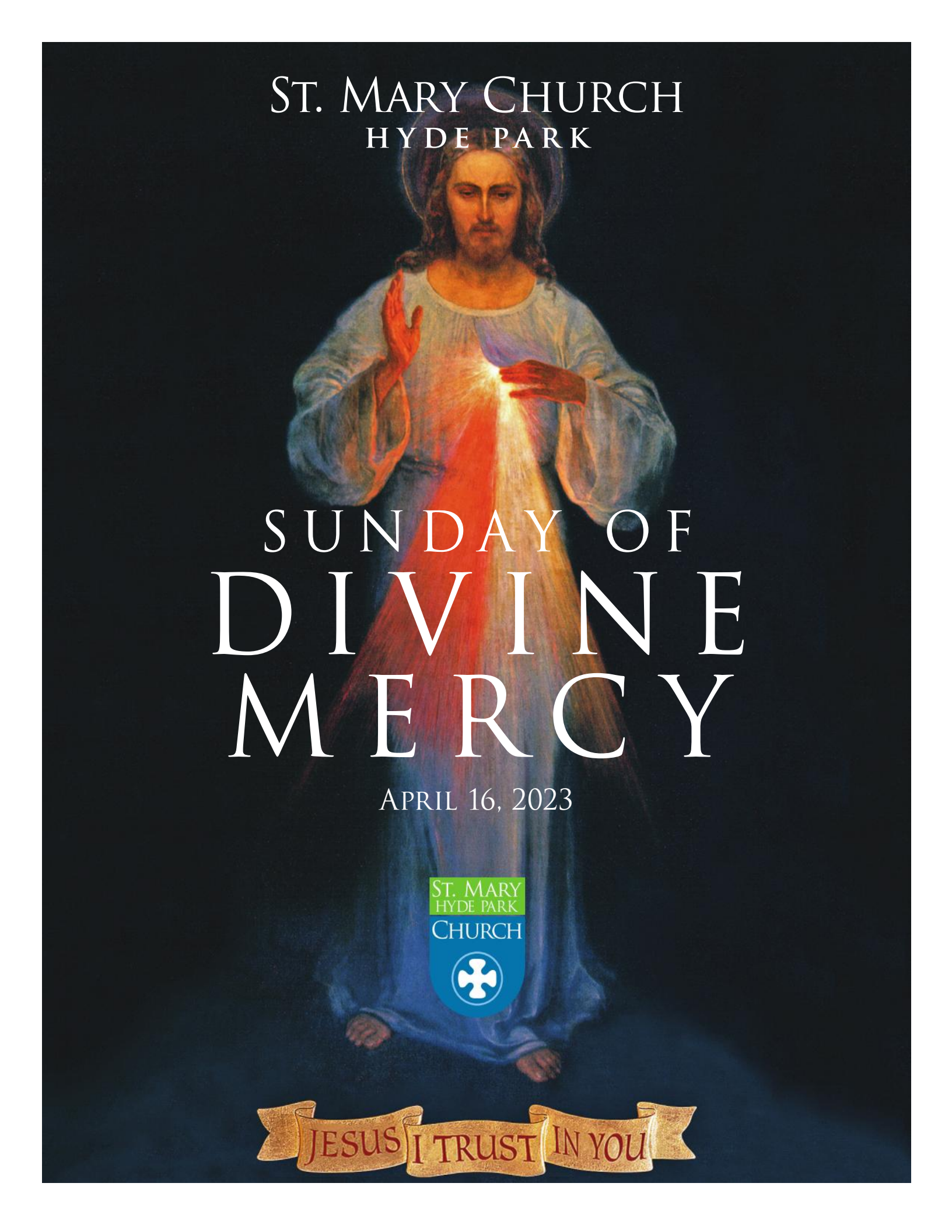


ST. MARY CHURCH
HYDE PARK



SUNDAY OF
DIVINE
MERCY

APRIL 16, 2023



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Worship Aid for the Second Sunday of Easter

Prayer for Vocations



Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,
And striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Rite of Sprinkling

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore
you, we glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us; you take away
the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Entrance Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel
3. Might - y vic - tim from on high, Hell's fierce pow'rs be -
4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, This a - lone can



to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umph - ant go
neath you lie; You have con - quered in the fight,
sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,



Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Praise we him, whose
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose
You have brought us life and light. Now no more can
New - born souls in you to be. Fa - ther, who the



love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
death ap - pall, Now no more the grave en - thrall;
crown shall give, Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Gives his Bod - y for the feast:
With sin - cer - i - ty and love
You have o - pened par - a - dise,
Spir - it, guide through all our days:



Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
Eat we man - na from a - bove.
And in you your saints shall rise.
Three in One, your name we praise.

Text: *Ad regis agni dapes*; Latin, 4th C.; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.
Tune: SALZBURG, 77 77 D; Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

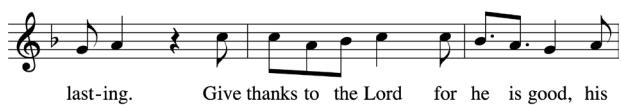
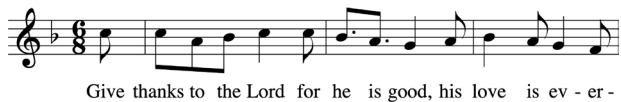
They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Psalm 118



1. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

2. I was thrust down and falling, but the LORD was my helper.
The LORD is my strength and my song; he was my savior.
There are shouts of joy and salvation in the tents of the just.

3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second Reading

1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All make a profound bow:
*and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

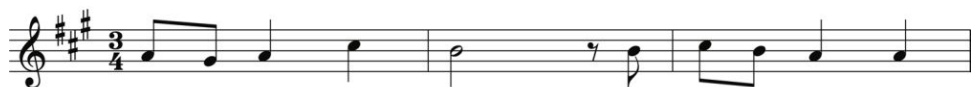
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Offertory Hymn

We Walk By Faith



1., 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight; No
2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4. That, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; But in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on you when
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you



none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve him near.
we re - jice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, And seek where you are found:
as you are, With full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.
Tune: SHANTI, CM; Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Recessional Hymn Sing With All the Saints in Glory

Communion Hymn

Though Not Seeing You

Refrain

Though not see - ing you, still we love you. Though not
see-ing you, we be-lieve. By your ris - ing, Lord Je - sus, you have
giv-en us new birth; you have giv-en us new birth.

Verses

1. You pass through doors that keep us locked in
2. With the breath of your Spir - it you have
3. With your peace you sus - tain us, peace the
4. Though in glo - ry, you show us wound - ed
5. Your hand is up - on us, touch - ing
6. Give us eyes for the King - dom, help our
7. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing

1. fear and de - spair. E - ven when doubt as -
2. made us your own. Make us in - stru - ments
3. world can - not give. May your peace reign a -
4. hands, wound - ed side, one with all the world's
5. wounds, heal - ing pride, and with love now we
6. lack of be - lief. "Blest are those who have
7. praise to the Son, to the Spir - it who

to Refrain

1. sails us, still you are there.
2. of your re - con - cil - ing love.
3. mong us and our war - ring end.
4. suf - f'ring, the Cru - ci - fied.
5. cry out: "My Lord and God."
6. not seen, and have be - lieved."
7. leads us all praise be sung.

Text: Refrain based on 1 Peter 1:3-9; Verses based on John 20:19-31. Text and music © 2006, Bob Hurd.
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1. Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness, we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

2. O what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it;
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead;
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages,
Saints all longing for their heav'n,
Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,
All await the glory giv'n.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amidst earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal,
See that glowing firmament,
Know, with you, O God immortal,
Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

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Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday

Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit eastsidefaith.org or call the appropriate parish office.

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Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, APRIL 17

5:30 PM Motria Stachur & family by Nadia Zogbi

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

5:30 PM Intentions of Greg & Theresa Hogan by Bob & Dianne Donlan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

5:30 PM Mary Jo Hendricks by Fred, Regina, & Catherine Scruggs

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

5:30 PM Catherine Butler by The Butler Family/Theresa Hammonds

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

4:00 PM Steve Bruce by Shannon Holtman

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM Patricia & David Schubert by Michael & Elizabeth Berning

10:30 AM George Stewart by Mark Sweeney

Mass Intentions. If you have any particular intentions for which you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact your parish office. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.

Wedding Banns

No banns this week

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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023

The Easter octave starts on Easter Sunday, opening the doors to heaven. For seven days we walk through the days worshipping God and the gift of the Risen Lord. On the 8th day we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The 8th day represents eternity.

To gain complete forgiveness we are given this promise...

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. ..." – Diary of St. Faustina, Entry No. 699

At 3 PM this Sunday at St. Cecilia, there will be a **special Holy Hour** for our Eastside Family of Parishes in honor of the Feast of Divine Mercy. Fr. Anthony will lead us in prayer, meditations, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Eucharistic Adoration.

Amen? Amen.

Fr. Jessica

Confirmation

Please keep our Confirmandi from St. Cecilia in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament on Sunday, April 16. It is a blessing to have wonderful teachers, parents and all of those connected with our Family of Faith program help these students prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pray for them as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Introducing the Oratory: The Senior Most Member

This week we celebrate the most senior member of the Oratory: Lena Eison, who is 97!

Lena Mary Lackey was born on June 9, 1925, the 3rd of 13 children. Her family lived in the East End, where they survived the great flood of Cincinnati in 1937. On September 29, 1947, Lena married James Eison, Sr. The fruits of the family they created that day include five children, nine grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

Active at St. Anthony for over 60 years, James was a head usher and faithful parishioner until his death in 2006. Lena was steadfast in charity, visiting and bringing Communion to shut-ins around Madisonville, all on foot, since she never drove a car. She cherishes celebrating the sacraments at St. Anthony with her family, including her daughter's wedding and the baptisms of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The highlights of Lena's life have included welcoming grandchildren into the world, witnessing the growth in racial equality over her lifetime, and celebrating her golden wedding anniversary at the Cathedral where she and James participated in a Jubilee Mass celebrated by Archbishop Pilarczyk.

Lena's many years of life have given her wisdom to share. To parents she advises, "Be strong in your faith and make sure your children know and stay close to God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, because the Lord is always here to help." To young ladies, Lena counsels, "Be modest and respect yourselves. Know you are special, valuable and loved by God." To young men she urges, "Be respectful, hardworking strong and kind." Lena's faith has sustained her throughout her life, and we thank God for her witness of fidelity, love, and courage!

In the mission of St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests, please join us this week in praying for: Bishop Joseph Binzer, Fr. Jack Wehman (Good Shepherd) Fr. Barry Stechschulte, Fr.

Elias Mwesigye (St. Susanna) Fr. Gerald Bensman (retired). If anyone would like to be part of a team from the Oratory to send notes of encouragement to these priests letting them know we are praying for them, please talk to Sarah Schmid after Mass.





From the Desk of Fr. Ken

As I am having breakfast in New Orleans, I am sending this message; today is the Second Sunday of Easter, and the Gospel reading is about Thomas. He was not there the first time Our Lord appeared after the Resurrection. He had to see it before he believed it. It wasn't until he touched Our Lord that he would say, My Lord and My God. If we were there, would we have to see to believe?

Fr. Ken Schroy

From the School Office

Thank you to our 8th grade for a moving presentation on Holy Thursday of the Living Stations of the Cross. You inspire us to walk with and strive to live like Jesus. Happy Easter Season!



Fourth Sunday Fellowship

- † NEXT Sunday, April 23, after 8:30 am and 10:30 am masses.
 - † Stop in Robisch Hall for coffee, donuts, rosaries, and prayer cards.
- Hosted by the St Mary Rosary Group*

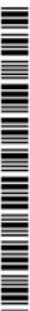
Crafty Lady Spring Sale

- † NEXT Saturday, April 22, after the 4:00 pm mass, and NEXT Sunday, April 23, after 8:30 and 10:30 am masses.
- † The Crafty Ladies will sell handmade items such as baby items, children's aprons, etc. Something for all ages!
- † All proceeds support the life of our parish.

St. Mary FunFest

Weekend of August 18-20

Gifts of time and talent are needed for FunFest 2023. Consider joining the team...lots of ways, big and small, to be a part of this important fellowship and "fun"raising event. Reach out to Dawn at dlpaquette@me.com



“To believe in a God means to realize that the facts of the world are not the whole story. To believe in a God means to realize that life has a meaning.” – LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN

Catechesis (kat’i-ke’sis) n.

Divine Mercy Sunday — why did Pope John Paul begin celebrating this feast? It was revealed in the 1930’s by our Lord to Saint Faustina that He would pour out His Mercy in great abundance before His second coming as the Just Judge. Saint Faustina was to spread the word of His mercy and to seek to have the Feast of Mercy celebrated. This papal act represents the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as request by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

A Day of Mercy and Pardon — celebrating and naming the Octave Day of Easter (Second Sunday of Easter) “Divine Mercy Sunday” recovers an ancient tradition that is reflected in a teaching attributed to St. Augustine about the Easter Octave, which he called “the days of mercy and pardon.” Liturgically, the prayers and readings for this Sunday have always been centered on the theme of Divine mercy and forgiveness. This final day of the octave of Easter points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist.

Why should we, as God’s people, care? Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina that whoever approaches the Fountain of Life seeking His Mercy on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (excerpt from St. Faustina Diary entry #300). In other words, all our sins will be wiped away, including the time needed for restitution of our sins in purgatory. Saint Faustina recorded these words revealed to her by Jesus, “The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.” (St. Faustina Diary entry #99)



**Know Your Saints:
St. Ignatius of Antioch**

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith.

The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. “The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ.”

Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus.



A 12-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO
FRANCE

with Fr. Jamie Weber | Oct 17-28, 2023
www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/eastside-france

— *Explore the sacred* —

A 9-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO
IRELAND

with Fr. Ken Schartz | May 16-24, 2024
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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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Cocktails with the Catechism presents

*What Religious Pluralism
Really Means: Where Truth
Meets Charity*

Tuesday, April 25th
7-9 pm
Big Ash Brewing



The Eastside Young Adult Ministry invites you to join us for our most accomplished speaker yet! Dr. Sandra Toenies Keating has served as a Consultor on the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims, is an inaugural member of the USCCB National Catholic-Hindu dialogue, and is the Director of the Graduate Theology program at Providence College in Providence, RI. Join us as she shares her experience living out *Nostra aetate* and answers crucial questions about what it means to be committed to the truth of the Catholic faith while also dedicated to fruitful dialogue with those from other traditions. Come enjoy a drink, an evening with friends, and the wisdom of our speaker in this can't miss event!

And listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz's podcast, "Catechism in a Year," with us on Spotify, Apple, Amazon Music, and YouTube!

A Celebration of Marriage

Married and engaged couples are invited to relax, laugh, and learn together with Fr. Nathan Cromly as he helps to make sense of the ordinary struggles we face and gives us tools to renew and re-energize our spirit through the celebration of marriage. \$90 a couple includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, live music and talks by Fr. Nathan.

When: Saturday, April 29, 6-10 PM
Where: St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
5720 Hamilton Mason Rd.
Liberty Township, Ohio 45011

Eucharistic Miracles Conference

Will be held at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood this **August 11-13**. Learn about the many Eucharistic miracles around the world. Discover what the Church teaches about this precious gift and why it is pivotal to your spiritual journey. Hear speakers Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Fr. Ryan Ruiz, Fr. Ethan Moore, Fr. Rob Jack and more. Music by The Vigil Project. Learn, pray, adore, and ignite your faith!

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Talitha Khoum

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THE WORD IN YOUR HEART | 11

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts of the Apostles 2:46. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.

How would you like to have been a fly on the wall, observing the apostles as they joyfully spread the good news of Christ? Their enthusiasm, commitment, and witness statements must have been very compelling to persuade the people of Jerusalem, Antioch, and throughout the Roman Empire that Jesus was real and walked among them.

Like Thomas, however, many people have doubt and a tough time believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. Why is that? Is it because they did not see him? Or they cannot reconcile his sacrifices with what they would do in similar situations? Or that he was so wise, in fact "wise beyond his years" (Luke 2:40, 52)?

What are some other things that people believe happened at the same time as Acts (about 70 AD) or even hundreds of years earlier? I don't think people question that great thinkers and writers such as Homer (8th Century BC), Pythagoras (~550 BC), Plato (~400 BC), Socrates (~450 BC), Euclid (~300 BC), Aristophanes (~200 BC), and Virgil (~50 BC) walked the earth. Nor do people doubt things that we can't see with our naked eyes such as protons/neutrons/electrons, gravity, and plate tectonics. Most of us can rationalize that those people and scientific principles were/are real. For the non-believers, the doubters, does the fact that our calendars have had the BC/AD split since about 525 AD convince them?

The second reading, from the first letter of Saint Peter, provides a great response: "Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls." No doubt about it, that's a heck of a message! *~Bill Scoville*

Bill Scoville is a fan of classical antiquity, having taken 4 years of Latin in high school and 3 semesters of Classical Greek in college.

The Word In Your Heart welcomes new contributors. Share your faith and Easter joy with our Eastside Family parishioners! Contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com.

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Weekly Giving	4/2/2023	Sunday Giving thru March	(9 months)
Weekend Collection:	\$5,688	Sunday & Christmas Giving:	\$828,637
Mailed:	\$1,395	FYTD Budget:	\$796,000
WeShare Online:	\$14,835	Over (Under) FYTD Budget:	\$32,637
Total Sunday Giving:	\$21,918		
		FYTD Last Year Actual:	\$877,724
OVER (Under) Weekly Budget:	\$2,418	Over (Under) FYTD Last Year:	(\$49,087)

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