



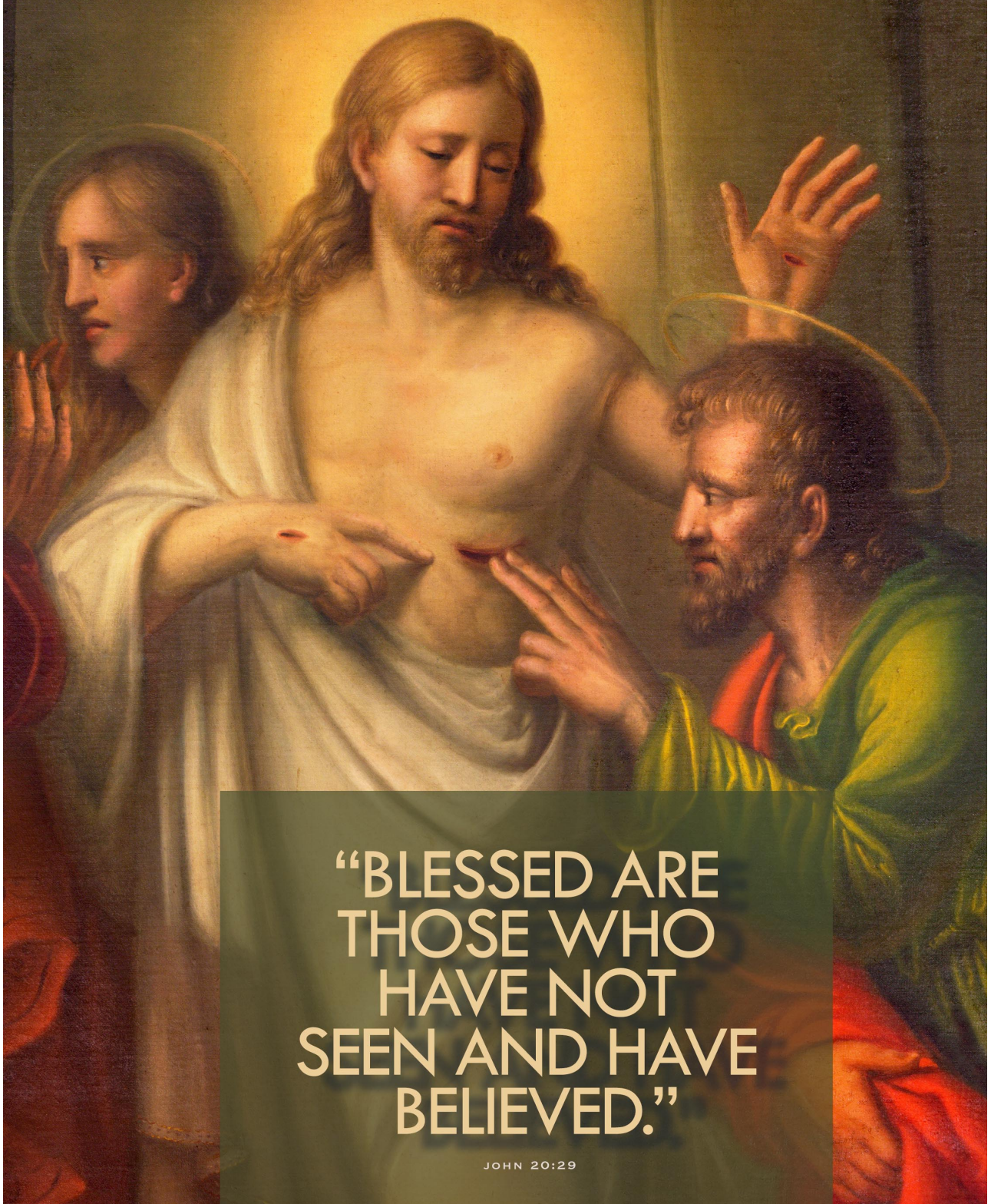
St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020



**“BLESSED ARE
THOSE WHO
HAVE NOT
SEEN AND HAVE
BELIEVED.”**

JOHN 20:29



Sunday April 19, 2020

*Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9;
Jn 20:19-31*

7:30AM Carl A. Lantzy (Children)

9:30AM The Joy Family (Lee and Kevin Joy)

**11:30AM Dr. Dorita Evangelista
(The Evangelista Family)**

6:00PM Fred Hynoski (Micki, Chris and Candice)

Monday April 20, 2020

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

9:00AM John Reilly (The Schlaepfer Family)

Tuesday April 21, 2020

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**9:00AM Christina Hynoski
(Mom, Chris, and Candice)**

Wednesday April 22, 2020

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

9:00AM Kevin Clark (Jane Ehret)

Thursday April 23, 2020

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

9:00AM Floyd Keeler (Connie Liebreich)

Friday April 24, 2020

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

9:00AM Josephine Mrazik (Bob and Sue Mrazik)

Saturday April 25, 2020

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

5:15PM Teresa DeLuca (Lorraine Downs)

Sunday April 26, 2020

*Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt
1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35*

7:30AM Joseph J. Kobol (Mary Ann Kobol)

9:30AM Kayden Kathryn (The McCarthy Family)

11:30AM Harold "Buzz" Taylor (Joan Taylor)

6:00PM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Peter Walsh requested by The Richards Family.



IMPORTANT CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

Effective immediately, all St. Ignatius activities, including daily and weekend masses will be cancelled until further notice.

Fr. Brownholtz will be live streaming Sunday Mass at 10:30am on our Facebook page.

Access to all buildings, which includes the School, Antioch Center, Church Auditorium and Rectory will be restricted to essential personnel only. The Chapel will remain open and sanitized daily, however the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed to the tabernacle. The Rectory office will also be closed. For emergencies requiring a priest, please dial 215-493-3377 and dial 9. For all other important matters that cannot wait until this shutdown is over, dial 215-493-3377 and dial extension 224. Please keep an eye on our website for updates. Thank you.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced that Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez has suspended all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia until further notice. The Archbishop dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Both decisions were made in response to the growing concern over the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the directives provided by government and health department officials at the local, state, and national levels. These measures will be re-evaluated pending future developments. Visit our website to find a news release that has been distributed to the media as well as liturgical directives that have been shared with all clergy in the Archdiocese.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed outdoors under the Blue Canopy of our school from 12pm to 3pm. Monday through Friday. All are invited to drive up and spend some time with Our Lord in the comforts of their cars. This will allow us the opportunity to adore while adhering to the health and safety precautions recommended by officials.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

BAPTISM



The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered on Sundays at 12:45PM. Pre-Jordan class, for the first child only, is required for parents. Class is held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM in room 2B on the 2nd floor of the Meeting Center. Parents, please call the rectory to register for the class or for a Baptism.



St. Ignatius of Antioch

Catholic Cemetery
& Columbarium

Our Outdoor Columbarium Niches, located in the memorial circle in the center of our cemetery, are now available for sale. Double granite front niches are intended to be used for the cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter. If you have any questions, or are interested in purchasing a niche, please visit our parish website at www.stignatius.church or call the Rectory at 215-493-3377.

RCIA

Information is available for those who are considering becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. Please contact the Director of Religious Education, Annmarie Flanagan, at 215-493-5204 or 215-370-5701.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.



Parishioners are encouraged to let the rectory know when they are in the hospital, nursing home, or other medical care facility. Please contact the rectory if you or anyone you know might be ill, a shut in or unable to attend Mass on a weekly basis. The Holy Eucharist will be brought to anyone homebound.

FISCAL CORNER

As you know, the Archbishop has cancelled public masses until further notices, which unfortunately included Easter. Easter is our second biggest collection and is a major part of our annual budget. We ask that you, if you are able, to please make your Easter gift to St. Ignatius if you have not done so already. We will give a report on Easter giving next week.

Next we would like to say THANK YOU to all who continue to support our parish financially during this nationwide health emergency. Many of you have given for the whole month of April and we thank you. This did however, inflate the giving for last week as compared to the prior year. We still anticipate giving for the remainder of the month to be significantly reduced. You have all done a wonderful job so far in helping us through these unprecedented times.

You should know, during this shutdown we are still paying all of our staff, regardless if they are able to work from home or not. While the office staff can work remotely, there are many who by the nature of their positions here in the Church and School cannot. We also need to continue to pay our regular operating expenses for the parish and the school. Because of these financial obligations, your continued support is needed now more than ever.

The best way you can help us through this difficult time is to contribute on-line. St. Ignatius participates in an E-Giving program called Parish Giving. You can make a one-time contribution without having to sign up for a reoccurring donation to help us through this financially difficult time. Please visit our parish website at <http://www.stignatius.church> and click on the Parish Giving logo to make your donation. Click on the "Sign in or Create a new account" link and select "Pay Now" to make your one-time contribution. If you have any specific questions or concerns about the program, you can call Parish Giving directly at 1-866-307-7140.

Weekly Collection

	<u>4/7/2019</u>		<u>4/5/2020</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$16,356.00	377	\$11,179.00	93
Online Parish Giving	\$ 7,200.95		\$11,011.47	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$23,556.95		\$22,190.47	
	<u>4/14/2019</u>		<u>4/12/2020</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$19,132.00	413	\$ 7,928.00	54
Online Parish Giving	\$ 5,221.36		\$ 8,456.36	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$24,353.36		\$16,384.36	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

Please
P R A Y
 for the sick of our parish and
 those that care for them

Lord hear our prayer for the sick in our community that they return to the comfort of good health: Loretta Amerine, Sabrina

Amerine, Marie Brady, Baby Brianna, Patricia Broderick, Lorraine C., Ruthann Carroll, Harris Carvel, Stephanie Carvel, Brynn Clare Connor, Cliff Conway, Evelyn Conway, Mary C. Crawford, Barry Deacon, Nancy Donnelly, David Fry, Colleen Gallagher, Sherry Golden, Tom Golden, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Cathy Hammeke, Charles Jacobson, Ryan Law, Chuck Kane, Michael Katwicky, Andrew Kelly, Monica Kenney, John Kerper, Betsy Keys, George Kinsley, James Malley, Amy Margulies, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Dorothy McMullen, Tracey Meaney, Kathleen Merlo, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Teresa O'Neill, Ryan Rocha, Carolyn Rupprecht, Mary Schnee, Irene Schuka, Walter Shimp, Darwin Stout, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres, Ann Warchol



Pray for our beloved deceased especially, Allison M. Crozier, those who have no one to pray for them, and the Holy Souls in purgatory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Strong, healthy volunteers needed for Martha's Choice Food Pantry. The largest food pantry in Montgomery County, Martha's Choice (run by our Catholic Social Services) has seen a 100% increase in client volume. We are in need of strong, healthy volunteers (under age 60) to help serve those in need during this time. Martha's Choice has been able to serve people from the parking lot, maintain social distancing/stringent sanitizing and limit the number of people present by adjusting service protocols for the safety of all involved.

Volunteer shifts:

Tuesday 9:30am-1:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am-2:00pm & 2:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday 9:30am-1:00pm

Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

Job needs:

~Willingness to commit to a weekly shift or more for the next month or two.

~Dedication to maintaining 6ft physical distancing

~Flexibility to changing priorities as deliveries arrive and food requests occur

~Heavy lifting

If you are able to help with this, please contact Patrick Walsh at Catholic Social Services Martha's Choice Marketplace: pwalsh@chs-adphila.org



Brian Basheda, Daniel Basheda, Matthew Bauer, Melissa Bishop, Christian Blaydon, Erik Bresnahan, Sara Brill, Mark Buckley, Michael Joseph Buckley, Brad Bullman, Evan Cumming, Brent Cummings, Kevin O'Brien Darby, Staten DeTample, Andrew Dill, Ronald Ernst, Anthony Fuscarello, Rick Fuschetti, Jessica Garcia, Shane Gibbons, Stephen Greene, Jonathan Grubb, Edward Hill, David & Christine (Kawoczka) Krueger, Matthew Krall, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Thomas LaMorte, Marty Alexie Leonard, Nels Alexie Leonard, Matt Leonardo, James Limer, Matthew Listner, Michael Lowe, W. Kyle Magrisi, Joseph Marchand, Greg Marolo, Matthew McGurk, Phil Melandez, Chris Merrick, David Morgan, Kevin Nash, Stephen Neder, Fred Olivari, John O'Rourke, John Parente, J.C. Peabody, Laura Perazzola, Gregory B. Procaccini, Jason Propst, Matthew Rieser, Luke Stapleton, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.

JOURNEY OF Faith PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Andrew Lane, Michael Lewis, Philip Cheung, and Erik Reyes to prepare for priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen
 To learn more about our seminarians visit <http://heedthecall.org/poster/>



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A suggestion to our parishioners - see if the company you work for might consider a matching gift to your donation to our Scholarship Fund. We are in need of several donations to the fund in order to assist needy families with school tuition.

Walking With Purpose Defining Moments

Walking With Purpose created a Bible study for women AND men based on the coming Sunday's Mass readings. A new study is available each Monday for the upcoming Sunday Mass.

During this unique time when we cannot physically attend Mass, Walking With Purpose hopes to offer an opportunity to deepen your Spiritual Communion, and bear fruit in your own hearts and homes.

To download Defining Moments, go to <https://walkingwithpurpose.com> and click on Free Printables at the bottom of the page, or go to <https://walkingwithpurpose.com/defining-moments>.

For any questions, contact Marilyn McLane at wwwp.ignatius@gmail.com

ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

In addition to our retreats and Community of Disciples, the mens' program offered their winter program on "Who Am I to Judge" offered via DVD by Dr. Edward Sri; Dr. Sri focused on discernment of self not by what we accomplish, but WHO we are; discussed the virtues and how to acquire them; how to re-learn the Christian worldview and how to live and the 7 Keys on how to approach moral relativism without seeming judgmental. We averaged about 20 men for the 8- 30- minute DVD's followed by pretty lively and interesting discussions. This program, along with many others are available on FORMED and is offered free to all through our parish membership. The parish code is 40742e. Just go to FORMED.org and insert the parish code and have your family join you in many of the programs and movies that are available. We will be offering a men's program again next Fall and hope we will get more men to join us in these studies and discussions as our goal is to prepare and stimulate men of our parish to 'up their games' in being leaders/providers/protectors in supporting their families and equipping them with the weapons for the spiritual combat in which we all engage. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Respect



If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is also available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. We can all achieve forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation; ALL sin is able to be forgiven; not only forgiven, but forgotten, as God does not keep a 'score-sheet' on past sin. He knows what is in our hearts. Now that we have celebrated the Resurrection and now that we know that the price for our sins has been paid; let us seek personal forgiveness, family forgiveness, Church forgiveness and societal forgiveness as all these areas are in great NEED of reconciliation and forgiveness. Perhaps this is one of the messages of the pandemic suffering.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer: May the infinite mercy of our divine Savior reach all who are suffering from participation in abortion, and transform them with His healing, hope and peace; we pray to the Lord

Rose of Life: For all forgiveness, both personal and collective

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

On Tuesday, April 14th, St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church in Yardley recognized healthcare workers at St. Mary's Medical Center.

Recently our parish started a Community Emergency Fund to both collect donations and to aid individuals and families in need who have been affected by results of the recent pandemic. The parishioners and community at large have been most generous contributing to this fund, enabling us to support individuals needing groceries, clothing, medical supplies and necessary household goods. During this crisis, we have provided support to Catholic Social Services as well as a local agency providing support for the homeless, Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need. We also wanted to do something special for the staff of St. Mary's Hospital who have been dedicated to providing care to those individuals afflicted with Covid 19. Through the support of a local restaurant, Verrelli's Yardley Pizza, owner Jim Verrelli worked with us to provide salads and hoagies to approximately 125 members of the hospital staff.

If you would like to make a donation and/or know of someone in dire need, please go to the St. Ignatius Church website for more information on how to donate or apply for assistance. If you have already donated to this fund, we are most appreciative.



From the Religious Education Office ... The PREP office is closed because of the Coronavirus but is usually open from Sundays (after the 9:30 a.m. Mass) through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. on.

Religious Education

SACRAMENTS:

FIRST COMMUNION: First Communion Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 6. The 9:30 a.m. Mass is for St. Ignatius School and Wednesday PREP children. The 12:00 noon Mass is for Sunday and Monday PREP children. If this works out, there will be a rehearsal for each group from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. during the week leading up to the 6th of June.

CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020, at a 10:00 a.m. Mass. There will be a rehearsal for candidates and sponsors on Friday, May 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (if the date stays the same). As of this printing, the Bishop has not rescheduled. I will pass on information of any change in date through email as soon as we hear anything.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP: All St. Ignatius School children and all PREP children, who will be entering grades K to 5 in the 2020 – 2021 school year, received the VBS Registration Form in early March. If you misplaced or still need a Registration Form, please contact Annmarie at aflanagan@stignatius.church. Our VBS program this year is Rocky Railway – Jesus' power pulls us through (how appropriate for these days). The fee is \$50 per child, and the children receive a snack every day, a music CD, Bible Buddies, etc. Vacation Bible School Camp is scheduled for June 22 to June 26, 2020. We need some volunteers – adults and kids from age 12 and up – to help us out. Please consider volunteering. It is a great week! As of this printing, VBS is still happening.

PREP REGISTRATION for the 2020 – 2021 school year has begun. Early PREP Registration continues until June 30. PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) is for children in Grades K to 8. There is no increase in tuition this coming year. All PREP families have received the Registration Form by email. If anyone needs the Registration Form, please go to the Parish website and click on PREP.

Special Needs: Parents, are you aware that we have a PREP class for students with special needs? This class meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. If we could help to give your child a religious education in a small group environment, please call Annmarie at 215-493-5204.

Eighth Grade Students: Parents, please encourage your 8th graders to continue their study of God and his Church. Confirmation is not graduation from learning about God; that's a lifetime commitment.

April 19, 2020

Reading I: Acts 2: 42-47

The post Easter activities of the early Church always included "the Breaking of the Bread and prayers." The ideal community lives out their beliefs. The Holy Spirit works through them, and as a result, the young Church starts to grow.

Reading II: I Peter 1-9

Peter urges the flock to be faithful to Jesus, even though they have not seen Him. They also may have to "suffer through various trials" because of their faith.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

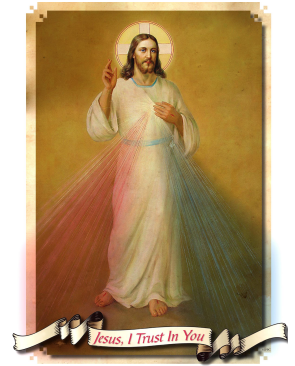
On Easter evening Jesus appears to the disciples, and immediately offers them peace. Then He commissions them to go out into the world and spread the Good News. St. Thomas misses this event, and when told about it, expresses his characteristic doubt. A week later, Jesus again appears and confronts Thomas about His doubting. In return, a humbled Thomas makes a profound and beautiful act of faith.

What to Do on Divine Mercy Sunday?

Are you discouraged that you will not be able to receive the special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday promised directly by our Lord through St. Faustina in the 1930s? Don't be. Even though churches are closed and you cannot go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, you can receive these special graces this Sunday, April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday. And we're going to tell you how. Let's begin by reading what is arguably the most important passage in St. Faustina's Diary, when Jesus tells St. Faustina:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. 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 graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (699).

There it is: Jesus promises that the soul that's been to Confession and receives Holy Communion will be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our soul. Those stains are sin and the punishment due to sin. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul. But how can you receive this complete forgiveness of sins and remission of all punishment? After all, churches are closed and Confession and Communion are not available. There is, however, still a way to receive this grace.



Do these three things on Divine Mercy Sunday with the intention to turn away from sin in your life:

Make an Act of Contrition

Since you are unable to get to Confession, make an Act of Contrition, instead. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is 'sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again'" (1451).

You thereby will be completely forgiven of all sins, even "mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible" (Catechism, 1452).

Make a Spiritual Communion

Since churches are closed and you cannot receive Holy Communion, make a Spiritual Communion instead, asking God to come into your heart as if you received Him sacramentally — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. For instance, you can say this:

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You.

Amen.

Again, do this act of trust with the intent to return to the sacrament of Holy Communion as soon as possible.

Say a prayer like this:

Lord Jesus Christ, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [I'm unable, but I made an Act of Contrition] and the soul that receives Holy Communion [I'm unable, but I made a Spiritual Communion] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please, Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace.

Finally, please remember that this extraordinary promise of Divine Mercy Sunday is for everyone. Tell your non-Catholic friends about it. Everyone can ask Jesus to forgive their sins. Everyone can make a Spiritual Communion. And everyone can ask for this grace to completely wipe their slate clean of not only all sin, but all punishment due to sin. Normally, the punishment is not remitted unless one has absolute perfect contrition. And unlike a plenary indulgence, there is no requirement of having perfect detachment from sin. In other words, as long as we have a desire for this grace and intention to amend our lives, we can be completely cleansed with grace similar to our original Baptism. It is a way to really start over in our spiritual life!

That is why Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, the director of the Association of Marian Helpers, has stated: "I promise you, it will be the most important thing you ever do in your entire life! In fact, it could mean the difference in your salvation. And Jesus told St. Faustina, Divine Mercy is mankind's last hope of salvation [see Diary, 998]. Please don't let this grace pass you by."

Watch Fr. Chris' video, "What To Do on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 19)?":

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/what-do-divine-mercy-sunday>

St. Ignatius Church Community Emergency Fund

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