

April 11, 2021 | Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35 | 1 Jn 5:1-6 | Jn 20:19-31

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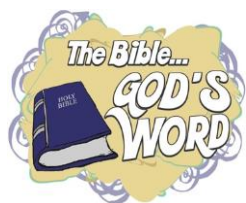
Do you ever have times – at the dinner table or at a gathering of friends – where all seems right with the world? I often hold my breath, conscious of the fragility of those moments, fearful that saying something might jinx things. It's a little like rooting for a pitcher cruising into the bottom of the ninth with a no-hitter – that feeling that we are on the verge of perfection. Well, as Christians, we are on that verge, although perfection will not come in this life but the next. And so, as fleeting as these human moments feel, and can actually be, we are reminded in today's psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting ... Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His mercy endures forever.'" As we celebrate this Divine Mercy Sunday, and enter the second week of Easter, let us give thanks for the gift of God's great mercy, and pray for the grace to be as loving and merciful to others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm taken by the story of doubting Thomas. For a long time I've focused on the "doubting" part of his name, the fact that he demanded to place his fingers in the nail marks and his hand in Jesus' side. However, when Jesus addresses Thomas, Thomas' response is immediate and unqualified: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas has recognized the divine nature of Jesus; he sees him not just as the man he has followed, but as God. As Catholics, we may sometimes face questions about how the Church has come to believe and teach certain things. Thomas' ultimate affirmation encourages us to be steadfast in our faith, and to be patient with any of our own and others' questions. That is because Christ will come to meet us where we are. As the Incarnation of God's divine mercy, Jesus Christ is the one who hears our doubts and insecurities, and he answers them: "Here I am. Look at me. Touch me. Feel my presence." Thomas was not afraid, and we need not fear either. God's mercy is upon us, "and the victory that conquers the world is our faith." Let us witness to our faith as Thomas did to his.

PRAY Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a day when we are reminded of God's immense love and mercy for us. Learn more about this day and how to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet: uscbb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday.



Il domenica di Pasqua

Tommaso passa dall'incredulità alla splendida esclamazione: "Mio signore e mio Dio!" Il suo cammino di fede è salutare per tutti noi perché in esso anche noi incontriamo il Risorto che dichiara beati quelli che, pur senza averlo visto, sanno incontrarlo nella fede; fede che è sempre dono di Dio.

New Covid-19 Restrictions: The provincial government announced changes to the restrictions on places of worship currently in the Grey (Lockdown) Zone. As of Monday, March 15, 2021, churches in this designation (in the archdiocese, currently Toronto and Peel Regions) will be permitted 15 per cent capacity for religious services. The percentage includes anyone assisting with the service.

(Changes to these restrictions may be made after the printing of this bulletin)



Vocation Seeds

Easter Sunday April 11, 2021

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon.

Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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In order to attend weekend Mass at Holy Angels, you must go to our website and register. If you do not have access to a computer, please call the office and you will be assisted.



Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for April 4th was not available at time of printing.

Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L'offertorio della domenica 4 aprile non è stata disponibile al momento della stampa.

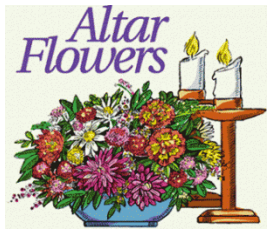
Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund: Second collection for April 4 was \$335.00.

La Seconda Raccolta per il Nuovo Tetto della Chiesa: Seconda raccolta della settimana 4 aprile era \$335.00.



Sanctuary Lamp Prayer is available each week for \$20.

La lampada del SS. Sacramento è disponibile ogni settimana per \$20.



The Altar Flowers, week by week, are a welcome offering to our worship. Flowers are alive. They are of God's creation. They are a fragrant offering to the God who created them. They are a symbol of new life in Christ. For all of these

reasons, we give thanks to everyone who has already given flowers on a particular Sunday. People have given flowers in thanksgiving to God for a family member's birthday, wedding anniversary, or other blessing. They are also given in memory of a departed loved one or friend.

The times that altar flowers are not purchased is during Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter Day, Advent and Christmas. Easter and Christmas are Holy Days observed with lilies and poinsettias.

The cost for the altar flowers is \$100.00. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Holy Angels Masks: We have more masks available for purchase at \$15 each. If you are interested, please ask one of our volunteers when you enter the church or call the office.

Mass Intentions April 12th to April 18th

Monday April 12th

8:00 am No intentions for this Mass

Tuesday April 13th

St. Martin I
8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday April 14th

8:00 am † Federico Santaluce by Leonardo & Domenica DiFranco
† Filippo Menecola by Moglie Giuseppina

Thursday April 15th

8:00 am † Leonardo Falcone by Moglie & Famiglia

Friday April 16th

8:00 am No intentions for this Mass

Saturday April 17th

5:00 pm No intentions for this Mass

Sunday April 18th

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30 am † Carmela e Pietro Andreana by Figlia Saveria

11:30 am † Elsa & Eliserio Rendo by The Tumbagahan Family

7:00 pm For All Our Parishioners

Please welcome our newest little parishioner... Colton Glen Antero Melo



Contact the office for more information on the Baptismal Preparation process. We require 3 months advance notice.

Congratulations to our newly married couple...



One year in advance notice. A Marriage Course is required. No date may be set before meeting with the Pastor.