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Sunday April 12, 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday



Reflections

by Fr. Njoku Canice
Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp

Today is the second Sunday of Easter. It is also Divine Mercy Sunday. On this special Sunday, the Church rejoices in the joy of the resurrected Christ. She calls us to celebrate the resurrected Christ, the first fruit of all those who have fallen asleep, the hope of Christians, and the Cause of Our Joy.

Today's first reading recounts the new zeal, love, and spirit of the early Christian community. People who used to fear the Jewish authorities and persecution have been transformed into courageous people. They are now proud of themselves and their new heritage.

This heritage is their sharing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is the cause of their joy, love, unity, and strength. This is what the resurrection of Christ did for us also. It restored our confidence as the people of God. It lifts us from the dust and places us exactly where we belong. In short, it reinstates us.

In today's gospel, Christ presented himself to his disciples. During this crucial visit, He dispelled their fears and doubts. He restored their peace and commissioned them as ministers of the sacrament of reconciliation and mercy.

It suffices to note that it was not easy for Thomas to believe that Christ had risen. As we witness the resurrected Christ, we shall undoubtedly encounter those (some Thomas) who will doubt our testimony. Let us not be bothered by their unbelief and stubbornness. This is because God will convince them through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We must pass on the message and leave Christ the risen Lord to convince them. So, like the disciples of Christ, let us continue to announce the good news to the world that Jesus Christ, our Lord, has risen from the dead.

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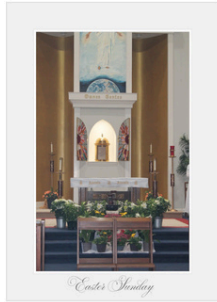
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Indeed, our salvation is guaranteed through the resurrection of Christ. However, according to Peter, our Faith is the necessary tool for taking this salvation. "Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared for you is revealed at the end of time. So, only faith can guarantee our salvation in the resurrected Christ.

As we celebrate divine mercy Sunday today, the church reminds us that God extended his mercy to us by allowing his son to pay the ransom for our sins. Christ accomplished this through his paschal mystery.

In the second reading, Peter draws our attention to the mercy of God towards us. In his mercy, God has given us a new birth by allowing us to share in the resurrection of Christ: "So that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be destroyed." So, what we celebrate this season is also God's incredible mercy.

Finally, we, too, must extend this mercy to others. Hence, we are called to be apostles of mercy. So, as we spread the good news of Christ's resurrection, we must thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is because his mercy and generosity endure forever.

Peace be with you all!

Maranatha!



OUR NEWEST CHURCH MEMBERS
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Virtues, Explained!



"When you go out to war against your enemies and you see horses and chariots and an army greater than your own, you shall not be afraid of them," we read in Deuteronomy 20:1. "For the Lord, your God...will be with you."

The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him; in that way, it is distinct from patience and perseverance. Christ shows perfect fortitude as he endures his Passion and death, of which he was indeed afraid; it is likewise shown by martyrs. But fortitude doesn't require a cinematic battle. Fortitude can be shown by someone who is afraid of losing his job or of being in bodily danger simply for adhering to the laws of God. What is important is that the courage shown is in pursuit of the good, not just bearing with an attack.

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ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE INTENTIONS AND EVENTS

Saturday April 11, 2026

Adoration 3:00- 4:00
Confession 3:30- 4:00
4:00 Mass

Sunday April 12, 2026

Adoration 8:-8:30
8:30- Mass INTENTION: FOR THE PARISH
BREAKFAST IS SERVED

Wednesday April 15, 2026

ADORATION: 4:00- 5:00
CONFESSION: 4:30-5:00
MASS 5:00 VINCENT CONFORTI R.I.P.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- 5:30



Thursday April 16, 2026

MASS- 9:30 a.m.
DAVID GOSS - SPECIAL INTENTION
PAUL WALTERS - R.I.P.

April 18/19

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Month of the Holy Eucharist APRIL Anniversaries



Bob and Ora Graham- 11

Birthdays



Carolyn Blackburn- 2
Jim Randolph - 15
Richard Pippin - 21
Mortina Munoz -23
Gary Holland -23
Deacon Steve - 25

APRIL MASS INTENTIONS

Milicent Neubel R.I.P. - 8,9
Robert Hannibol R.I.P. -11
Vincent Conforti R.I.P -15
David Goss (Special Intention) - 16
Paul Walters R.I.P. -16
Mary & Richard Monroe R.I.P. -18
Nancy Virginia Lee Crist R.I.P. - 22
Susan Francis Miller Statton R.I.P. - 23
Vincent Conforti R.I.P -29

Daily Readings with Saints & Occasions

Prayer Requests

April 13-19

Monday April 13, 2026

Martin I. Pope, Martyr
First: Acts 4: 23-31
Psalm: Psalms 2: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9
Alleluia: Colossians 3: 1
Gospel: John 3: 1-8

Tuesday April 14, 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-37
Psalm: Psalms 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5
Alleluia: John 3: 14-15
Gospel: John 3: 7b-15

Wednesday April 15, 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading: Acts 5: 17-26
Psalm: Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Alleluia: John 3: 16
Gospel: John 3: 16-21

Thursday April 16, 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading: Acts 5: 27-33
Psalm: Psalms 34: 2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
Alleluia: John 20: 29
Gospel: John 3: 31-36

Friday April 17, 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading: Acts 5: 34-42
Psalm: Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14
Alleluia: Matthew 4: 4b
Gospel: John 6: 1-15:

Saturday April 18, 2026

Easter Weekday
1st Reading: Acts 6: 1-7
Psalm: Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
Gospel: John 6: 16-2

Sunday April 19, 2026

The Third Sunday of Easter
1st Reading Acts 2: 14, 22-33
Psalm: Psalms 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21
Alleluia: Luke 24: 32
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35:



*John Petrick
*Catherine Young
*Katie Charfauros
*Payton Newman
Jim Winton
Danny Gutierrez
Art Gutierrez
Linda McGraw
Roseanna Hassett
Elaine Garrett
Heidi Holland
Diane Barry

Verne & Bernice Clapp
John Barry
Clara Magushak
Harry Dennis
Karen Norris
Pat Wilson
Andrzej Konwinski
Anita Borski
Margaret Massa
Anna Barry
Dan Clayton

May the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

