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April 11, 2021
Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy Sunday – The Message of Mercy

Second Sunday of Easter - 4/11/21

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration: 3:00PM

On February 22, 1931, a young Polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska, saw a vision of Jesus with rays of mercy streaming from the areas of His Heart. He told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it, "Jesus, I trust in You!". Calling her the Apostle and Secretary of His mercy, He ordered her to begin writing a diary so others would learn to trust in Him.

In a series of revelations, He taught her that His Mercy is unlimited and available even to the greatest sinners, and He revealed special ways for people to respond to His mercy.

By the time of Sr. Faustina's death in 1938, devotion to The Divine Mercy had already begun to spread throughout Eastern Europe. It would help sustain the faithful during the terrible suffering of WWII. In July of 1940, Fr. Joseph Jarzebowski, a Polish Marian priest fleeing from war-torn Poland, prayed to the Merciful Savior to help him escape, vowing to spend his life spreading The Divine Mercy Message.

On the Sunday after Easter in April, 2000, Sister Faustina was solemnly canonized in Rome by Pope John Paul II. Going forward, the Pope also established the Sunday after Easter as *Divine Mercy Sunday* worldwide.

On Sunday April 11th, we will have a Holy Hour here at OLV. We will pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy as part of a Eucharistic Adoration. We will also include prayers from the Spiritual Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska. The time will be 3:00PM, the Hour of Mercy. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered during this hour.

Social distancing and mask protocols remain in place. Please make reservations via the parish website or the reservation phone number: 312-880-7790.



Our Lady of Victory Video

A group of parishoners has started Initial planning for development of a documentary-style video which will capture the history of Our Lady of Victory: our church, our school, our celebrations, sacraments and ministries.

Your help will be needed to help the video present the full depth and history of our beloved church.

More information on the specific ways you will be able to help will be included in the bulletin in the coming weeks. We will need everyone's help to make sure this video both a celebration of the parish as we know it and fitting look back over the years.

We are excited to create this video for you and look forward to your help.

Second Sunday of Easter Extreme Christians

This Sunday's first reading is one of the descriptions of ideal apostolic life. It begins with the community being one in heart and mind. They not only believed in the same Risen Lord, but their love for Him showed in their love for each other. They were not just a community or parish; they were one family.

Acts shows two ways the Christian communities began to change the world. First, they told anyone who would listen about the resurrection "with great power." (Acts 4:33) You can take that as power to do miracles, healings, etc. But it can also mean the power of conviction: They were so excited about Jesus' resurrection, that they couldn't stop talking about it. We could use some of that fervor today. I sometimes think the only reason we don't do miracles ourselves is that we don't really believe we could. God can do miracles any time he wants. But we can't receive them if we don't have faith. Instead of trying to believe that you can do a miracle, try believing that God can do it for you. The second way the disciples stood out was their willingness to give up anything for the Lord. Luke uses the example of selling their property to share with those in need. But some went even further, giving up their lives for the faith. That kind of witness nothing can make me give up my faith. So what am I willing to give up for the Lord? It's easy to throw money in a collection for the poor. How about giving some time to feed the poor, or help build a home for someone, or maybe the time to be a sponsor for a convert? The love you show to others could be their only experience of God's love.

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Tuesday, April 13 from 7-8 pm
Thursday, April 22 from 9-10 am

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STATIONS ON ST. JOSEPH DAY



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN



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when your "squad" includes everyone,
when you celebrate together,
when you feel God's love always,
and, when you know you belong.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

Jesus came and stood in their
midst and said to them,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19

FAITH

What a difference faith makes! The faith of the early community of believers led them to rise beyond the selfishness that so many of us struggle with as they grew in communion with Christ and one another. Their selflessness was a living sign of the impact of their faith in Jesus Christ. They did not find the commandments burdensome, but rather centered their lives on the love of God and neighbor that Jesus taught through his life, death, and resurrection. It is good for us to remember that faith is a gift. The journey of faith is not always straightforward and is often marked by doubt and moments of weakness. The apostles' faith grew as they experienced the risen Jesus. Jesus surely knew they needed the peace he offered and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as do we who have not seen the Lord and yet have come to believe in him.

FROM DOUBT TO BELIEF

The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and "Doubting Thomas" shows us how to move from doubt to belief, knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesus' time with them. Thomas' doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered him physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.

LIVING FAITH

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas' lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:32–35

Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24

1 John 5:1–6

John 20:19–31

This is the 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday. During the week we remember St. Martin I.

REP meets on April 14th for an in-person session. Please continue with studies at home as well. The children have done a wonderful job this year navigating both at home and doing in-person learning. Thank you to all parents who help our children. They need your encouragement and support.



REP will meet on April 21st and May 5th.

First Communion practice is April 27th at 7 p.m. in the upper church. This is for the children and at least one parent. You must register to attend the practice. Please call the REP office to make reservations. We ask that you also call the REP office to make reservations for anyone attending First Communion on May 2nd at 1 p.m.

Our last REP class will be May 5th. Letters will be sent home with instructions on how to proceed to register at another parish for the 2021-22 year.

My hope is that all families will continue with some form of religious education for their children.

Please join us on June 13th at the 10:30 Mass as a farewell to Fr. Michael.

We will also have a street dedication at noon at the corner of Laramie and Agatite. More details to follow.

In Closing.....Please keep our First Communion class in your prayers.

The month of April is a beautiful month. Last year we were unable to do anything, but now with people being vaccinated and everything opening up we can enjoy more.

Thank God for all the goodness that surrounds you each day. Savor the moments at OLV. As the time passes, our time together gets shorter. So make the most of what is left, and look to the future with hope.

Take time to learn from a child. They sometimes teach us more than an adult.

Their enthusiasm and wonder can inspire us.

M.B. Frystak

DRE/Pastoral Associate

M.B. Frystak



OUR LADY OF VICTORY - MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY - April 10

4:30pm Innocenzo & Peter Joseph Costanzo *req. by Family*
 † In Remembrance of Annelis & the Family

SUNDAY - April 11 - Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00am † Joe Gaughn *req. by Clara Spitz*
10:30am † Bill Hackett *req. by Family*
 † Erma Ruddell *req. by Deacon Bob & Joanne*

MONDAY - April 12

8:00am † Stanislaw Włosek - *req. by V. D. & Friends*

TUESDAY - April 13

8:00am † Mr. Jose Rodriguez Sr. *req. by Whiteside Family*

WEDNESDAY - April 14

† Stanislaw Włosek - *req. by V. D. & Friends*

THURSDAY - April 15

8:00am † Elizabeth Ahern *req. by Whiteside Family*

FRIDAY - April 16

† Stanislaw Włosek - *req. by V. D. & Friends*

SATURDAY - April 17

4:30pm † Rosemary Horn *req. by Whiteside Family*
 † Mr. Jose Rodriguez Sr. *req. by Dave & Linda Mendoza*

SUNDAY - April 18

8:00am † Robert Hays *req. by Banks Family*
 Gregory Prete *req. by Mother*
10:30am † Katherine Laxner
req. by Our Lady of Victory Parish Family
 † Ed Schoewe *req. by Decan Bob & Joanne Leck*

Mass Time	Lector
04/17 Saturday 4:30pm	Pat O'Brien
04/17 Sunday 8:00am	Sandro Valdez
04/18 Sunday 10:30am	Lila Jahnke



Our Current Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8 AM Mass

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

7PM - 8PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael without presence of faithful.

Friday

7PM - 8PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael without presence of faithful.

Saturday

3 PM – 4 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM Mass



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“Have you come to
believe because you
have seen me?
Blessed are those
who have not seen
and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

SECOND
SUNDAY OF
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(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021



prayer requests

PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Please pray for all the Sick, Shut-ins, and the
Convalescents of the Parish,
our relatives and friends, especially:**

George Alex, Judy Allen, Phil Anselmini, William Avorywoskie, Pamela Banks, Ted Bauer, Cathy Behof, Virginia Bentley, Paul Bilyeu, James Booth, Jessica Butler, Chuck Conn, Sue Crimmins, Patricia Dineen, Dawn Donovan, Charles Farley, Ed Galus, Gayle George, Mark Goldman, Rose Groya, Nancy Hartline, Laura Hartman, Catherine Henehan, Walter Hoendervogt, Robert Johnson, Tom Johnson, Eleanor Jura, Ann Kaleneasa, Edward Kocal, Eleanor Kost, Patricia Leck, Patrick & Nora Lynch, Paul Masciopinto, Nan Nash, Diane Ockerlund, Judy Ordonez, Roberta Paulson, Elaine Pettersen, Carol Piorek, Louis Rangel, Leonard Rizzo, Elsie Robello, Gertrude Rollinson, Michael Rowland, Carmele Sarno, Barbara Schuler, Gloria Sedlacek, Richard Sieracki, Norb Sliwa, John & Ann Sobun, Rita Stahl, Katherine Snow, Rosetta Taylor, Joe Thomas, Ed Watkowski, Barbara White, Theresa Zavacki.

*Please remember in your prayers all the faithful departed family and friends of Our Lady of Victory, especially for
Patricia DiPrizio, William Daly Jr., Debbi Schiavo, John Jakubosky, Edward Schoewe, Bill Hackett, Walter Bilyeu,
Anna Chodkowska, Katherine Laxner, Elizabeth Ahern, Maureen Keating, and Loretta Wojton,
who have recently passed during the time we have been unable to celebrate as in the past, may they rest in peace.*



VIGIL LIGHTS

FOR THE LIVING

Michelle Albanese, Leilani Anderson,
Ed Belsan, Mary Berens, Nick Buccola, Audrey
Butler, Mary Campanolo, Jocelyn V. M. Chan,
George S. Domaszek, Mary Ann M. Domaszek,
Martha Francico, Elyse Harwick, Michael
Hassett, Claudia & Bill Heiberger, Bob Jones,
Vicki Kost, Cecelia LaPorta, Josephine Lentino,
Patricia Natale, Ostling Family, Gloria Paglini,
Richard Palasik, Helen Pobat, Paul E. Posch,
Stacy Posch, Ann Marie Posch, Ediwn & Natalie
Radwanski, Jake Reed, Janet Santicola, Diane
Schick, Michelle Schmidt, Gertrude Skiba,
Skowronski Family, Josephine Sproch,
Mary Tomczak, Jim Warner, Special Intention,
Halina, Andrzej, Victoria.



FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Marie & Carmen Ambroggio, Adele Anselmini, John
& Ann Anselmini, Gloria Austria, Nicholas & Muriel
Buccola, Charles & Carmela Buccola, Rose & Placio
Buccola, Michael & Robert Buccola, Audrey Butler,
Joseph & Anna Catanzaro, Carol Conn, Rosemary
Colby, Gerald Crowley, Ellen C. DePouw, Leo Dineen,
George P. & Cecelia V. Domaszek, Jaime Figueroa, Bill Hackett,
Paul Jassicki, Wanda Jones, Theresa Juda, Gayle Small-Kopera,
Herbert Kost, Wayne Larsen, Dolores Levar, Marie & Mikie
Lomascolo, Helen Mueller, Gregory Paglini, Alex Pobat, Paul L.
& Anne Posch, Lillian Rymko, Skowronski Family, George Sproch,
Ron Szatkowski, Martha Todd, Henry & Agnes Tush, Frances
& Ignatius Wycislo, Nicolina & Edwin J. Wycislo, Bob Zavacki,
Special Intention for the Souls in Purgatory.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

03/29/20 04/04/21

Stewardship (no info-covid shutdown).....\$ 4,767

Loose.....\$ 1,017

Total\$ 5,784

Envelopes Used.....76

The weekly figures above do not include electronic giving.

Electronic giving for March 2021\$ 3,593

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Please remember our lady of victory in your will.

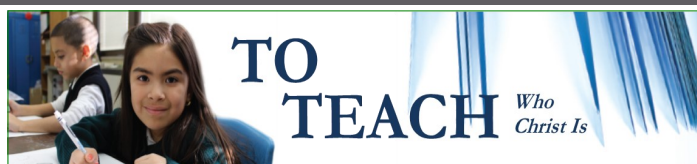
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

Parish Goal: \$24,643

Total pledged: \$8,706

% of Goal 35%

Total Collected thru 03/19/21 \$6,191



**TO
TEACH** *Who
Christ Is*

Parish Goal:\$645,000

Total Pledged:.....\$694,803

Percent of Goal:.....108%

Total collected through 03/15\$481,232

Parish portion collected:.....\$289,965

Arch. portion collected:.....\$193,267

Pope Francis' Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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4:30pm

Sunday Masses

8:00am

10:30am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - Morning Mass

8:00am

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 8:30am – 9:00am

Wednesday, Friday - 7:00pm - 8:00 pm

Rosary

Thursday after the 8:00am Mass

All Fridays in Lent:

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS*

M -F 9:00am-4:00pm

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