

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY/2ND WEEK OF EASTER

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TUESDAY, APRIL 9

12:05 p.m. +Joseph Lies

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

12:05 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

12:05 p.m. +Mary Kathryn Walterscheid

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

12:05 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of
St. Anthony Fraternity of Secular Franciscans

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

4:00 p.m. +Arthur & Isabel Schuetz
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family
11:00 a.m. VN Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: P. Andrews
E. Minister: R. Hartman
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: D. Anton
E. Minister: S. Walcher

PARISH PRAYER LINE

+Jim Mies Jerry Warrell +John Belton
Ukraine and its Citizens Kathy Hunter
Devin Carpenter Marian Eggbert Grace
Johnny Gabe Domimelli Jim Garcia
Azariah Willis Julie Munoz

Good News!

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)
Acts 4:32-35 / 1 John 5:1-6 / John 20:19-31

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Will is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they're good people, but he would like them to have faith. It's been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can't argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about "Doubting Thomas" experienced Will's dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus' wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

Sometimes that's true for us. We've heard the truth, but we haven't experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ●

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OFFERING

March 31, 2024

English: \$ 4,775.00
VN: \$ 22,081.76
Total: \$ 26,856.76

Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in last week's Holy Week and Easter Liturgy: the servers, lectors, our magnificent choir, and the celebrants. It was truly a spiritual experience and made the death, suffering, and resurrection of our Lord incredibly real.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend, the following First Communicants will be making their First Holy Communion: Charles Nguyen; Tina Trinh; Declan Nguyen, Elizabeth Stauffer; Ethan Le, Daliah Hua, Ariana Nguyen, Duong Tran, Quan Nguyen, Trieu Nguyen, Loc Vo, Kristen Do, Mason Do, and Angel Nguyen.

Congratulations as you continue your walk with Jesus Christ.

Next weekend (April 13 and 14), our Vietnamese community will sponsor another of their yummy food sales after all the Masses.

And then the weekend of May 31 and June 1, they will be having their annual Crawfish Festival.

From Salt + Light (Wichita Catholic Young Adults): We would love to have the young adults in your Parish join us for our upcoming events in April & May (21-35 year olds). Registration and further info for the following activities can be found at:

<https://www.wichitacya.com/#events>.

- * Art of Dating Dance
- * May Theology on Tap with Jason Evert
- * Solemnity of the Annunciation Mass & Game Night

Dear Padre

April 7, 2024

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina Kowalska a saint of the Church on April 30, 2000, and in a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that [we] will experience in the years to come."

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 and spent most of her life in Poland, in the Congregation of the Virgin Mary of Mercy. She experienced an extraordinary union with God. She received exceptional graces, revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, the ability to read souls, and the gift of prophecy.

One of the images that was revealed to Faustina was that of the merciful Jesus, touching his Sacred Heart, from which beams of red and white light came forth. This image and her devotion to the divine mercies gathered thousands of supporters throughout the world. We still see the traditional image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many of our churches today. In some churches, we might see the newer image, inspired by the saint. Saint Faustina Kowalska died in 1938 at the age of thirty-three, leaving an impressive mystical legacy. She is a disciple of God's divine mercy for the twenty-first century. ●

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