

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2017

*Divine Mercy*

*Dear Parishioners,*

Rejoice. (1 Peter 1:8)

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It's a special day for us to reflect on and rejoice in the merciful love God has for us. It's an opportunity for us to celebrate the eternal inheritance Jesus has won for us, an inheritance that is "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" (1 Peter 1:4).

We all know what mercy looks like. It's the judge who knows you are guilty but pardons you anyway. It's the mother who has caught you in a lie but forgives you. It's Jesus saying, "Your sins are forgiven. . . . Go in peace" (Luke 7:48, 50). It's the mercy that brings you "an indescribable and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1:8).

The Old Testament tells us about God's merciful love. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, he promised to show mercy to everyone who loves him and obeys his word (Exodus 20:6). King David sang about the Lord who "pardons," "heals," and "redeems" us because he is "merciful and gracious" (Psalm 103:3, 4, 8). Even the prophets, who regularly spoke about doom and destruction for the "rebel Israel," also recalled God's desire to pour his merciful love on his people (Isaiah 63:9; Jeremiah 3:12; Hosea 14:3; Micah 7:18).

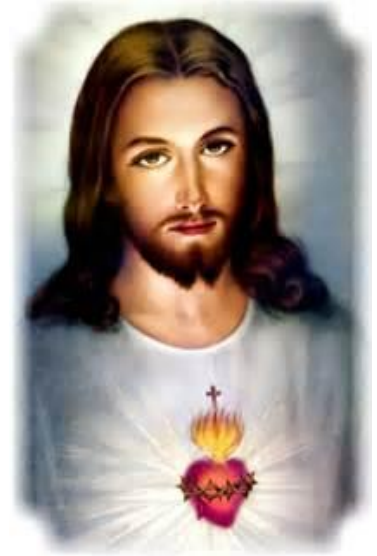
The teaching of God's merciful love shines even brighter in the Gospels. It runs through every one of Jesus' parables, miracles, and teachings, until it reaches its climax on the cross, when he prays, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34).

Pause for a moment and picture God's merciful love flowing into you. See yourself as the imperfect, sinful person you know you are. Now, see Jesus washing you clean and embracing you.

If we were to forget about God's mercy, the guilt and shame of our sins could weigh heavily on us. If we were to forget that we are sinners in need of mercy, we would risk being blinded by our sins and unable to enjoy God's wonderful fountain of merciful love. May we never forget! May we always rejoice!

"Jesus, I rejoice in your mercy! Help me become an instrument of your mercy to the people around me."

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*



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## EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

*We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving for Easter.*

*Envelopes are at the church exit.*

*The envelopes will be placed on the altar for prayer in Memory of or in Honor of your love ones.*

# DID YOU KNOW?

## New abuse prevention brochure available

April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, is a time to recognize that we all play an important role in protecting our children and young people. Each year, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles publishes the *Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse* brochure, which provides a listing of policies, programs, resources and other information on how the Catholic Church is working to help prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the 2017 brochure are available in the parish vestibule or visit

<http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

### ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. Every Catholic Woman is a member and there are no dues. The next gathering will be **Friday, May 19, 2017** at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 6028 Victoria Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043. The day begins at 9:30 AM with registration. Rev. Anthaiah Madanu, S.V.D. is the speaker, Mass, lunch and ends at 1:30PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome.

### Mother's Day Novena

In the month of May, there will be a special Novena of Masses for the intentions of mothers. If you wish to enroll your mother, please take one of the cards located at the exit of the church.

### Stewardship thought

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,  
'Peace be with you.'"* JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

### Virtus Recertification

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a Virtus Certification session. Recertification is required every four years. There will be a Recertification training session on Saturday, May 6 at Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, at 10:00 AM. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years will be admitted. The session lasts 1 ½ hours. Please call 213.680.5215 to reserve a place.

### Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 2:42-47, Ps 118:2-24, Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	1Pt 5:5b-14, Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:3-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 2:14, 22-33, Ps 16:1-11, Lk 24:13-35

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 22</b>
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 23</b>
8:00 AM	Soul of Lillian White
10:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan Jr.
12:15 PM	Intention of Robert & Sarah Johns
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 24</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of Mabel Walton
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 29</b>
5:15 PM	Intention of Iris Turner
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 30</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Intention of the Knights of Peter Claver Court & Council
12:15 PM	Soul of Veronica Warner

### Weekly Offering

**April 16, 2017**

\$8,561.45 Tithe and Offering  
260.00 Building Fund  
26.50 "We Care"



### Your help is needed...

A parishioner is looking to rent a 1 or 2 bedroom house or duplex. If you know someone with such a place please call 323.292.8520. Movers are also needed if you can help.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emerson Young.