CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 19, 2020

MASSES ON THE LORD’S DAY
5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
7:00 am (Mon-Fri)
8:00 am (Mon-Sat)
12:05 pm (Mon-Fri)

OPEN WEEKDAYS
6:30 am – 5:00 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS
Evening Prayer
4:30 pm (Sat)

OPEN SATURDAY/SUNDAY
7:00 am – 6:30 pm

CONFessions
7:30–8:00 am
(Monday through Friday)
3:30–4:50 pm (Sat)
9:00–9:50 am (Sun)
11:00–11:50 am (Sun)

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
Following 8:00 am &
12:05 pm Mass (Tues)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
3:30 pm–4:30 pm (Sat)
8:30 am–11:45 am
(Every First Friday)
Mass Intentions
Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Every effort is made to accommodate times or dates as requested but when not possible, the intention will be kept as soon as there is an available opportunity. Requests for Mass intentions should be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.
Dear Parishioners,

Thank you all for your prayers and support during these difficult days. On Easter Sunday, we had a little over 16,000 viewers for our Live Stream Mass that included people from all 50 states. These are incredible statistics and says a lot about the Cathedral Parish and the faith of those who have tuned in to watch. Don’t forget that we must continue to storm the heavens with our prayers for healing and end to the Pandemic.

This Sunday concludes the Octave of Easter. It is a unique day "made by the Lord", distinguished by the outstanding event of the Resurrection and the joy of the disciples seeing Jesus. Since antiquity this Sunday has been called in albis, derived from the Latin word alba, which refers to the white vestment worn by the newly baptized at the Easter Vigil and then taken off after eight days. That is today. Saint John Paul II entitled the same Sunday "Divine Mercy Sunday" on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Mary Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000.

Pope John Paul II, “motivated by an ardent desire to foster in Christians this devotion to Divine Mercy as much as possible in the hope of offering great spiritual fruit to the faithful, in an Audience granted on June 13, 2002, to those Responsible for the Apostolic Penitentiary, granted the following Indulgences: a plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for sin, even venial sin take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus.”

This Sunday, we will have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. You are invited to join us from your homes in this time of prayer on our Live-Stream. This time of adoration will be a time for private prayer and devotion. In addition, confessors will be available during this time in the Cathedral Basilica.

At 3:00 pm we will have the Divine Mercy Chaplet on our Live-Stream. You will find a copy of the Divine Mercy Chaplet in this bulletin and are invited to join us in prayer. As always with a Plenary Indulgence, the most important part is that one must be detached in your heart from the love of sin.

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BEFORE THE CROSS | We each have the choice to accept the invitation to faith

The example of Nicodemus shows us how we can grow in faith

We hear about Jesus’ encounter with Nicodemus this week. Jesus speaks about the need to be “born again” from above, of water and the Spirit. The conversation starts out on a positive note, but as it progresses it leaves Nicodemus more and more confused.

This pattern is echoed many times in the Gospel of John. We see it with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4). What starts out as a simple conversation takes a deeper turn, resulting in some confusion. Through several steps, however, the woman gradually comes to faith in Jesus.

The same pattern occurs in the episode of the man born blind (John 9). What starts out as a straightforward healing turns into a cause of division. Gradually, through several steps, the man comes to faith in Jesus.

The same pattern is repeated in the raising of Lazarus (John 11).

In fact, this is one of the special characteristics of the Gospel of John: giving an account of the process by which people come to faith in Jesus. In that process, when people encounter difficulties, they either hang in there with Jesus or they walk away.

The difference with Nicodemus, however, is that the process of growth doesn’t come to its conclusion in one chapter. Instead, it runs the entire length of the Gospel! When Nicodemus first appears (John 3), John is careful to tell us that he came to Jesus at night. Nicodemus is, on every level, in the dark: physically, intellectually and spiritually. When he shows up next (John 7), the Pharisees are plotting to arrest Jesus. Nicodemus asks: “Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?!” That’s not discipleship, to be sure. But Nicodemus is coming into the light. The next time we see him (John 19), Jesus is being taken down from the cross. There’s Nicodemus, “the one who had first come to Him at night,” bringing 100 pounds of spices to assist in the burial. He’s publicly and prominently associating himself with Jesus at the foot of the cross. He’s all in.

By contrast, this week, we hear an extended account of the interaction between Peter, John and the Sanhedrin in the Acts of the Apostles. This is not a story of the process of growth in faith; it’s about the persistent rejection of faith. We also hear the very beginning of the “Bread of Life” episode from John 6, and we know how that ends: “As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him.” It’s a stark reminder: It’s possible to reject the offer of faith.

If the Gospel of John specializes in teaching about growth in faith, Nicodemus is one of the most hopeful characters for us. Like him, maybe we don’t get it all at once. Maybe it takes us several steps, across a long time, before we’re all in. In the character of Nicodemus, John tells us: it’s OK. Just keep wrestling. Don’t walk away.

But we need to remember, after that first episode, when Nicodemus is in the dark, he has a choice to make. So do we. At that point, will we be like Nicodemus and accept the invitation to faith, or will we be like the Pharisees who persistently refuse? The choice is ours.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for April 20-26 and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/35qOXR.
PRAY FOR THE SICK

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

Margaret Auberman
William H. Bachmann
Alex Burns
Sydney Cole
Sandy Dubuque
Sidney Edwards-Cole
Alvin Griffin
Paula Littleton
Lenore Molloy
Marie Mosher
Janice Noack

Dorothy Quinn
Terri Reason
Teresita Sanchez
Sr. Patricia Sevik
Rita Sheftall
Rose Teran
Willa Washington
Richelle Weisbrod
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, “be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.” * Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is also available. Select “Find Help” from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
*“Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion”

Assistance for Parishioners

The St. Vincent de Paul Society reminds us that emergency assistance is available to parishioners and others living within parish boundaries by calling the SVDP HotLine at 314-373-8288. Vouchers for food, clothing, and medicine, as well as assistance with utilities and rent, may be provided by the Vincentians; they may even be able to assist with home repairs or funeral arrangements provided they are contacted before any arrangements are made. Private meetings are set up to discuss individual needs and available resources to preserve the privacy of those they help.

Daily Readings for the Week...

The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Readings for the Week
April 19, 2020 through April 26, 2020

1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

Mercy

In the Gospel, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, authorizing the Apostles to forgive sins in the name of Jesus. It is no coincidence that Jesus says, “Peace be with you” more than one time to them as he greets them. When was the last time you went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? What beautiful peace in our hearts is found in this sacrament! Through the priest, Jesus forgives us of our sins when we are truly contrite. We receive sanctifying grace and actual graces that will help us to overcome sin in the future. Although sometimes we may still be restless and doubt God’s forgiveness, we must remember the words of Christ to St. Faustina: “I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it.” God’s mercy is always greater than our sins. Let us approach the throne of grace and mercy, trusting in the goodness of the Lord. For more, visit archstl.org/live-the-faith.
Stewardship Alive!

Divine Mercy Prayer Card

Prayer of Divine Mercy

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen

Cut along the dotted line and then fold in half for your own Divine Mercy Prayer Card!

Offertory

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Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (Jn 20:19)

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or 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. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way.
HOW TO PRAY
THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

1. Sign of the Cross
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

2. Our Father
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil, Amen.

3. Hail Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death, Amen.

4. Apostle’s Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator
of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His
only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and
was buried; He descended into hell; on the
third day He rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty; from
there He will come to judge the living and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and life everlasting. Amen.

5. On each of the Large Beads
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and
Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in
atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

6. On each of the Small Beads
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on
the whole world.

After Praying All 5 Decades
7. Concluding Doxology (Repeat 3x)
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us
and on the whole world.

8. Closing Prayer (optional)
Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion
— inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that
in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but
with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love
and Mercy itself.

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Andrew Austermann & Libby Kimutis given by Robert & Regina Austermann
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The Cathedral Clergy & Staff given by Salvador Alatorre
The Chan Family given by Dora Cuddihoe
The Cuddihoe Family given by Dora Cuddihoe
The Chris & Jenn Newgent Family given by Barbara Murray

In Memory Of...
Vivian M. Alatorre given by Salvador Alatorre
Rick Alatorre given by Salvador Alatorre
Dorothy S. Arnold given by Verona Bowers
Helen Aubermann given by Margaret Aubermann
Ingrid Aubermann given by Margaret Aubermann
Stefan Aubermann given by Margaret Aubermann
Ann Bowen given by Alisa Goessling
The Caraher Family given by Sue Metheny
The Churchman Family given by Sue Metheny
Joseph & Constance Clifford given by Karen Clifford
H.D. Cowper given by Jerry Pastore
John Crenin given by Lois Crenin
Bernard J. Cuddihoe given by Dora Cuddihoe
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Doyle given by Susan Doyle
Mr. & Mrs. George Doyle given by Susan Doyle
Arthur Eultgen given by Wayne Eultgen
Virginia Eultgen given by Wayne Eultgen
John Gerst given by John & Linda Gerst
Patricia Gerst given by John & Linda Gerst
Rob & Kay Gillooly given by Bob Gillooly
Joseph J. Guumersbach given by Janice Noack
Sharon Hoffman given by Barbara McElroy
Ginny Hufker given by Barbara McElroy
Martha Hundelt given by Paul Schweitzer
Jennifer Anne Janson given by Ben & Eleanor Janson

In Memory Of...
The Koudela Family given by Al & Andrea Parker
The Kubicki Family given by Al & Andrea Parker
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Laschka given by Susan Doyle
Frank & Lorena Mangus, Jr. given by Dan & Nicky Mangus
King McElroy given by Barbara McElroy
The Metheny Family given by Sue Metheny
Diane Mori given by Al & Marsha Rennieker
Stephen Michael Murray given by Barbara Murray
George & Helen Noack given by Janice Noack
The Benedicto Nocella Family given by Paul Schweitzer
The Parker Family given by Al & Andrea Parker
Michael & Virginia Pastore given by Jerry Pastore
The Rice Family given by Al & Andrea Parker
Vernel E. Rogers given by Ben & Eleanor Janson
Ernest & Catherine Saege given by Jerry Pastore
Fred & Helen Schraeder given by Ivan & Anna Schraeder
Joseph P. Schweitzer given by Paul Schweitzer
Paul & Violet Schweitzer given by Paul Schweitzer
The Joseph H. Schweitzer Family given by Paul Schweitzer
JoAnn Skaggs given by Ivan & Anna Schraeder
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