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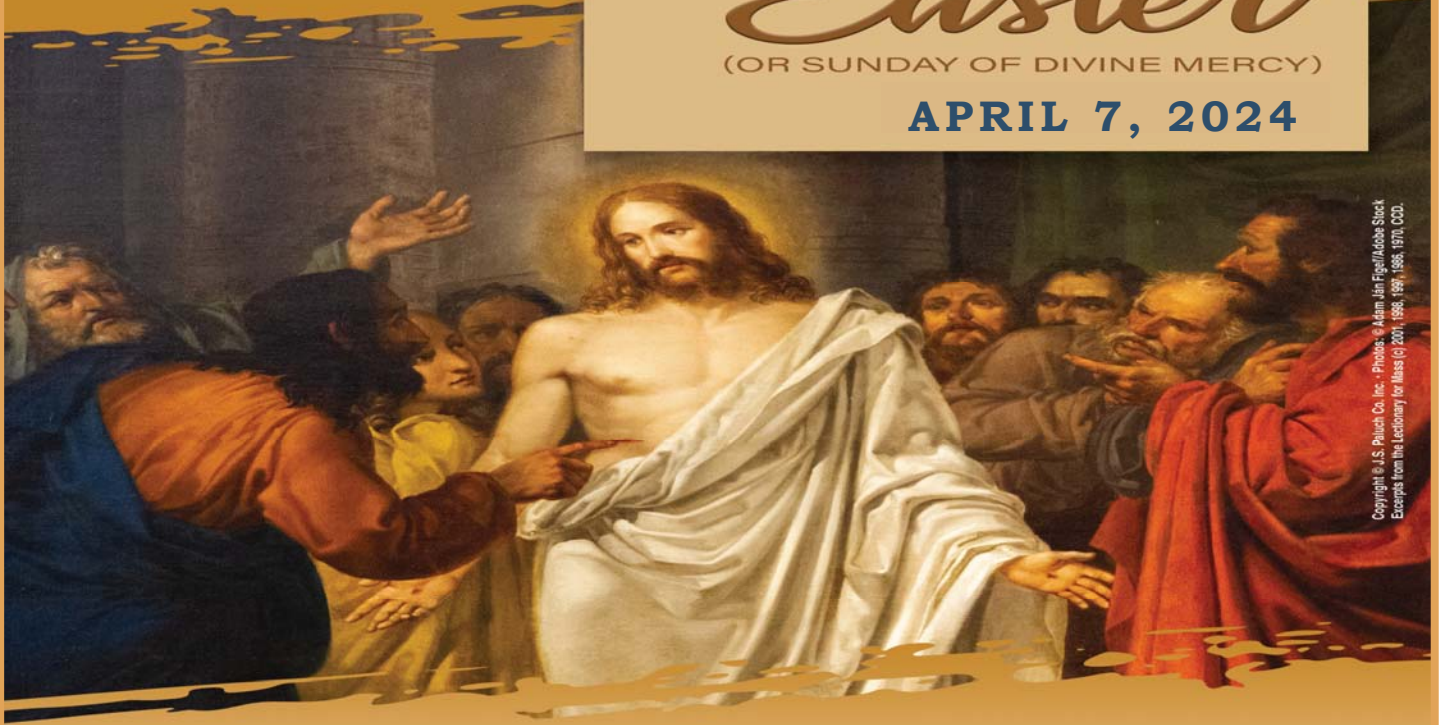
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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 7, 2024



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

John 20:29

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9 am - 9:30 am

Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Library Hours:

Wednesday 9 am - 12 pm

Parish Staff

Pastor : Rev. Leonard L. Marrujo

Priest in Res.: Rev. George DaRoza

Bookkeeper : Aileen Baker

Housekeeper: Martha Sanchez

Organist: Sheila Wilkins

Cantor: Gina Downen

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Last week we enjoyed one of the highlights of the church's liturgical calendar, that is the Triduum and Easter Sunday, the Lord's resurrection from the dead.

This week we observe a devotion I am only now appreciating. Divine Mercy is a devotion that has many throughout the world praying and as I get older and view things that are outside of my realm, that is the various evils that are manifesting itself in many forms, I've come to understand the power of this devotion.

Divine Mercy has been called "the greatest grassroots movement in the history of the Catholic Church" and has changed millions of lives. But what exactly is it? If I'm going to devote myself to something, then I need to know what is it I'm giving of myself and to whom.

Divine Mercy gets to the heart of Sacred Scripture. In fact, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church points out, "The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners". That summarizes it. Divine Mercy is the Gospel. It's the good news. And so, it gets to the very center of our faith. Moreover, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but an integral dimension of Christian faith and prayer. Benedict even goes so far as to say, "Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message."

So what is Divine Mercy? What is this thing that gets to the heart of Sacred Scripture and to the very center of our faith? To begin with, mercy is "love's second name," as St. John Paul II said. It's a particular kind of love, a particular mode of love when it encounters suffering, poverty, brokenness, and sin. Divine Mercy is when God's love meets us and helps us in the midst of our suffering and sin. In fact, because this side of eternity we're all sinners and because suffering is our lot in life, God's love for us here always takes the form of mercy. It's always the Lord stepping out in compassion to help us poor, weak, and broken sinners. From our perspective, then, every good we receive is an expression Divine Mercy.

What is so great about Divine Mercy Sunday? Let's look at it in this way: What's the most important feast day of the year? Easter, right? And how many days is Easter? We celebrate it for eight full days, which is why we call it the Octave of Easter. But the last day is the greatest of all. The eighth day. It's the climax of the whole feast.

Divine Mercy Sunday is the eighth day of Easter, the climax of the entire Easter celebration. In a sense, it's the most important day of the most important feast!

Divine Mercy Sunday has existed before St. Faustina. In fact, it has its roots in the Easter celebrations of the early Church. When Jesus told Faustina that He wanted the feast celebrated, she asked some priests and theologians about it, and they told her, "There already is such a feast." So, Faustina went back to Jesus and told Him, "They tell me that there already is such a feast, and so why should I talk about it?" Jesus responded, "And who knows anything about this feast? No one!". In other words, the great feast of mercy had been forgotten and was almost completely unknown.

Now we as the Universal church celebrate this feast with much fanfare and enthusiasm. We celebrate with the knowledge of its importance during this octave of Easter and we come to devote ourselves even more so during this time. May you experience - as I have - the greatness of the feast.

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, April 9th

Men's Ministry—Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 10th

Bible Study resumes —10:30 am
Parish Hall



Why we kneel after the Lamb of God After the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) is sung/spoken, the faithful will kneel, as they are able, until it is time to rise and join in the Communion Procession. Upon returning to their place after receiving Holy Communion, the faithful are free to kneel, sit, or stand. Why we kneel after the Agnus Dei "Therefore...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth." (Philippians 2:10) We believe the liturgy we celebrate here on earth is a participation in the heavenly liturgy. The last book of the Bible – the Book of Revelation – describes the worship in heaven. When the Lamb of God (Jesus) is presented before the throne of heaven, everyone falls down in worship before him (Rev 5:1-14). As we kneel, we acknowledge that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, and we kneel down in worship before Him because Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of Lords.

PARISH FINANCIALS

March 2024	
Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests-March	\$31,807
Monthly Goal	\$31,850
YTD shortfall	(\$348)
YTD Dev Fund – March	\$7,081

Thank you for your generosity!

The Environment Committee, on behalf of the entire congregation of St. Anne's Parish, would like to thank

Michael Marrujo for his generous donation of palm and flower arrangements to enhance the beauty of our church during Palm Sunday, Passiontide and Easter.

We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and we appreciate the beauty and joy that the wonders of nature bring to all as we celebrate this glorious time of the liturgical year.

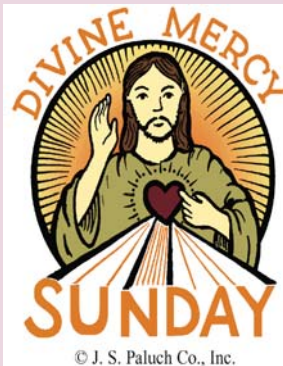
Many blessings,

The Environment Committee

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4/6	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 4/7	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	† Michael Kelly † Cecilia Hodgens
Monday 4/8	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members – Sommers & Pfautsch Families
Tuesday 4/9	8:15 AM	† Danielle Hall
Wednesday 4/10	8:15 AM	† Kenny Burkhart
Thursday 4/11	8:15 AM	Special Intentions— Sylvia Narvaez
Friday 4/12	8:15 AM	† Patrick Falconer
Saturday 4/13	8:15 AM	† Josefina Valmonte

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION - APRIL 7



St. Mary Parish, Walnut Creek would like to invite you to join us for our special annual prayer service.

Divine Mercy
Sunday, April 7
3:00 to 4:00 pm.

The service will include recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, adoration, benediction, and blessing of Divine Mercy images.

"The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

(Words of Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary 699)

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St. Anne's Society	Joe Cellucci	843-870-6683
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*Thank
you,
Sheila*

After 17 years of gracing us with her beautiful music, Sheila will play her last note on St. Anne's organ on Easter Sunday Mass on March 31st.

Please join us as we honor her with a retirement reception.

April 7, 2024

12 noon

St Anne's Parish Hall

THIS PARISH LIFE Please visit our parish website www.stanneswc.org for parish information, calendar of events, copy of the bulletin, lectures and audio recordings of "This Parish Life" by Fr. Leonard.



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Musicians Don't Retire

Musicians don't retire.
They don't hang up their strings.

For musicians' hearts with song are filled,
And they live for what they do.
Musicians don't retire -
They stop when the music's through.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrea Puccini	Cathy Bridges	George Slinsen	Linda Podesta	Richard Bradbury
Ann Enright	Daniel L. Cuban	Irene Haggerty	Lois Belmessieri	Richard Daniels
Bob Pape	Debbie Campbell	Jannet Tuvilla	Mark Suprachauna	Robert DeGraca
Brittany Zuniga	Don Corempas	Jeff Westerfield	Martin Keegan	Robin Duggan
Bunk Sicotte	Edward Regan	Jim Reardon	Maryellen	Robert Kraftschik
Caroline George	Elaine Chiou	Joe Cellucci	Megan Smith	Ron Barajas
Carter Whitlatch	Ellen Stevens	Josay Hayes	Michael Dunn	Ron Wallace
Cass Candell	Ev Eaton	Kathleen Rose	Mike Abell	Tom & Vicki Hughes
Cathy Grimesey	Felice Santos	Karen Salchett	Pamela Maria	Wayne & Maria Sylvia
Chris Ramirez	Fr. Anthony Chang	Karl Kropp	Patricia Carey	

If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151