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# **WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2020**

## **– DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

### **This week's readings:**

*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. We celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection in every Eucharist.*

**ACTS 2: 42-47** – The new disciples of Jesus shared all things. Their ardour was expressed in their fellowship.

**1 PETER 1, 3-9** – Jesus, through his death and resurrection has given us a new birth.

**JOHN 20:19-31** – Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

### **Pope Francis' Prayer For These Times:**

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,*

*joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O  
glorious and blessed Virgin.*



## REFLECTION FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

I am sure that we will all remember this past Easter and how unsettling it was. Perhaps some of us have had questions and doubts. What does the resurrection of Jesus have to do with all that we are going through? How can the Easter story help me find hope and strength to get through this crisis? Fortunately, the next seven Sundays of the Easter season are intended to help us not to understand the resurrection, but to experience the good news of Easter in our lives here and now. The first disciples share their experience of the living Lord so that it can encourage us.

This Sunday of Divine Mercy, Jesus comes into the lives of real people: how like us they are, full of questions, doubts, suspicions, and frailties; how we, like they, are afraid of the future. The first thing Jesus does is bring them peace. When we are at peace, we see things much more clearly; we discover answers and solutions; hope is strengthened.

Jesus also shows us the importance of community. Together we can do a lot more than when we are alone. Most of all, Jesus takes us as we are. He never judges us. Look at how he welcomes Thomas. He simply loves us and this love helps us to grow, to become better.

Lastly, Jesus asks us to help him. He gives us the task of continuing his work. He has much confidence, trust, and hope in us. This is the meaning of Divine Mercy.

God always has the last word. Look at our parish. We are going through difficult times, but we see that many of you are continuing to support us. The wardens are working hard to find government help. Some are working to restore the heating in the rectory. All these are just a few signs of the presence of the living Lord. In the coming week, may all experience His loving presence in our lives!

- Fr Pierre Chabot

## DAILY MASS

During these difficult times, when attending Mass in person is not possible, we offer three different resources to hear and watch daily Mass.

- Vision TV, Mass is on Mon-Sat at 8 am and noon; on Sundays at 9 am – please check your local listing.
- Via internet, Bishop Robert Barron will celebrate Mass every day in his private chapel. <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>
- <https://dailytvmass.com/>

## THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR:

Carmen and Ronald Callender

## LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Jean & Joseph Gabriel, Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Theresa Hannan, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy. Anyone affected by the virus.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who, through this difficult time, have reached out to support their parish by continuing their donations through PAD or leaving their envelopes in the church mailbox (which is checked daily). We realize that many of you are suffering financially during this time and we pray that this time of struggle will soon be over. God keep you safe, well and sane.

## **- HOW TO MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

- **What is spiritual communion?**
- **It is Communion with Christ present in the Eucharist, not by receiving him sacramentally, but by the sole desire proceeding from faith. The value of spiritual communion rests on faith in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist as the source of life, love and unity. It is a privileged means of uniting with Christ for those who cannot commune physically. (John 4:15) The Samaritan woman says to Jesus, "Lord, give me some of this water, that I may not thirst any more..."**
- **A simple little method for living spiritual communion**
- **1. Make an act of faith (say a prayer of your choice).**
- **2. Make an act of desire, making oneself totally available to His Word and to what He wants to tell us. Desire that the Lord make his dwelling place in us. Here we recommend reading the Gospel of the day, meditating on it, and saying the inspired prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori (below).**
- **3. Give thanks in the same way as if we had really been in communion with the Body of Christ, giving thanks to the Father and asking him by his Spirit to unfold in us all the fruits of charity.**
- **Christ is always there with His Church (the people of God), especially in liturgical actions. He is there present in the sacrifice of the Mass. He is present, by his power, in the sacraments to the point that when someone baptizes, it is Christ himself who baptizes. He is there present in his word, for it is he who speaks while the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings the psalms, he who promised: "Where two or three are gathered together (spiritually) in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20). (From the Conciliar Constitution on the Liturgy SC7)**
- *Prayer inspired by St. Alphonsus Liguori*
- *Lord Jesus, I believe in your presence in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything else and I desire that you come again today in my soul. Like many other Christians in the world, I cannot receive you sacramentally today in my Heart. Far from my community, however, I am with each one of my brothers and sisters, available today to Your Word. I know that You are there, truly present, listening to the clamor of the world. Come and visit me spiritually. Come and speak to me as to each one of your friends. Hold me in the communion of all the saints. Keep me united to the whole Church in heaven and on earth. I want to unite myself to you entirely. Do not allow me to be separated from you. Amen*