

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: APRIL 10 TO APRIL 18

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Saturday	Apr 10	
4:00 pm	Italo Falcone	Family
5:15 pm	Genowefa Latkowska	Di Marco Family
Sunday	Apr 11	Second Sunday of Easter
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Maria Del Carmen Exposito-Ojeda	
Monday	Apr 12	
8:30 am	Crisanto Buan	Rita Buan
9:30 am	Sick of the Parish	
Tuesday	Apr 13	
8:30 am	Emidio Campanella & Maria Giuseppe Priolo	The family
9:30 am	Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday	Apr 14	
8:30 am	Guglielmo & Adele Bertoli	The children
9:30 am	Healthcare and Pastoral Care workers	
Thursday	Apr 15	
8:30 am	Albanese Family	The family
9:30 am	Educators	
Friday	Apr 16	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho & Douglas & Peggy Meneses	Pat & Donny
9:30 am	Youth of the Parish	
Saturday	Apr 17	Third Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm	Gerry Emsley	
5:15 pm	Families in need	
Sunday	Apr 18	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	George Dziarmaga	Wife & daughters

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

April 11: Thomas D'Angelo, requested by the Di Stefano cousins

April 18: Brenda Fitzpatrick, requested by Geraldine Zemanovitch

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 3&4 will be published in the bulletin of April 18.

WIDOW(ER) SUPPORT GROUP

Change of date: The meeting will take place on Monday, April 12th at 9:30 a.m. (instead of the first Monday of the month). If you know someone who is grieving the loss of their spouse, they are welcome to join the group. Call Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183 for info.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



1. What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

It is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy. It also has links to the Bible and the readings of this day.

2. When was it made part of the Church's calendar?

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'."

3. If this is based on private revelation, why is it on the Church's calendar?

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) wrote: "... private revelations often spring from popular piety and leave their stamp on it, giving it a new impulse and opening the way for new forms of it. Nor does this exclude that they will have an effect even on the liturgy, as we see for instance in the feasts of Corpus Christi and of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. From one point of view, the relationship between Revelation and private revelations appears in the relationship between the liturgy and popular piety: The liturgy is the criterion, it is the living form of the Church as a whole, fed directly by the Gospel. Popular piety is a sign that the faith is spreading its roots into the heart of a people in such a way that it reaches into daily life."

4. What does the Church do to encourage the celebration of devotion to the Divine Mercy on this day?

Among other things, it offers a plenary indulgence, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbour, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters. . . . a plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) 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 a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour 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 (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

5. What is the Divine Mercy image?

It is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy". The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!"

6. What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?

It is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion, usually said using a standard set of Rosary beads, often at 3 p.m. (the time of Jesus' death), but with a different set of prayers than those used in the Marian Rosary.

7. How is the Divine Mercy devotion linked to the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Easter?

The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is recorded in John 20:19-31, which is the Gospel reading for this Sunday. This reading is placed on this day because it includes the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas (in which Jesus invites him to touch his wounds). This event occurred on the eighth day after the Resurrection (John 20:26), and so it is used on the liturgy eight days after Easter.

8. Did Jesus empower the apostles to forgive or retain sins?

Jesus empowered the apostles (and their successors in ministry) with the Holy Spirit to either forgive or retain (not forgive) sins. Because they are empowered with God's Spirit to do this, their administration of forgiveness is efficacious: it really removes sin rather than just being a symbol of forgiveness a person is already thought to have obtained. Because they are instructed to forgive or retain, they must discern which they are to do. This means that they need to know about the sin and whether we are truly repentant of it. As a result, we must tell them about the sin and our sorrow for it. Hence: confession.

~ *By Jimmy Akin*

HOW TO SAY THE CHAPLET OF MERCY:

This chaplet only takes a few minutes to say, on ordinary rosary beads.

First, say one "Our Father," one "Hail Mary," and one "Apostles' Creed."

Then, on the large beads of the rosary, say the prayer:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

R in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the ten small beads, pray:

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion . . .

R have mercy on us and on the whole world.

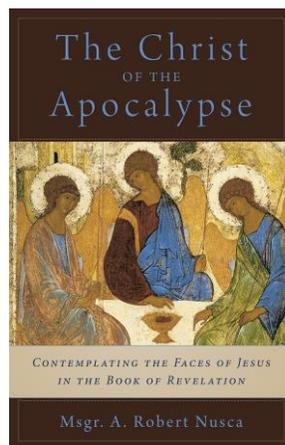
After reciting all five decades this way, end by repeating, three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One:

R have mercy on us and on the whole world.



WORTHWHILE READING



That the Apocalypse of John is a "Revelation of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:1) is a fact too often overlooked by interpreters of this last book of the Bible. As Msgr. A. Robert Nusca's *The Christ of the Apocalypse: Contemplating the Faces of Jesus in the Book of Revelation* proposes, beyond predictions of earthquakes and falling stars, St. John articulates from start to finish a multifaceted and compelling portrait of Jesus Christ. Nusca offers an exegetical reading of selected verses of the Book of Revelation, incorporating rich spiritual and pastoral reflections. *The Christ of the Apocalypse* above all affirms that St. John's God- and Christ-centered, symbolic universe offers our contemporary world a spiritual place to stand amid the shifting sands of postmodernity.

PARISH INFORMATION

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish administers all parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2021)	620-6643	Siro Di Marco (2020)	620-6788
Peter Cook (2022)	620-2019	Michelle Figueredo (2021)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2020)	624-8753	Michael Sciotto (2022)	626-9550

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers:	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team:	Parish Office	626-4111
Children's Liturgy	Parish Office	626-4111
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Greeters:	Norma Cook	620-2019
Ushers:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Lectors:	Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team:	Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Weekday Sacristan:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator:	Lino Viegas	626-0750
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sycamore	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222.
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Becket Pantry:	Parish Office	626-4111
Catholic Women's League:	Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ:	Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Healing Ministry	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Group: (Thursday 9:15 a.m.)	Louise Eberwein	825-5198
Prayer Line:	Christine Charron	694-3958
Seniors:	Audrey Cassidy	626-3586
Social Club:	Rina Callard	695-6995

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Tel Aide (listening line)	935-1101
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010
West Island Women's Shelter	620-4845

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Anointing of the Sick: upon request

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Jaison Joseph

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath