

"His mercy endures forever."



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020
(2nd Sunday of Easter)

- Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 118: 2

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MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 18 - 24, 2020

Livestream Sunday Mass online [westsacolg.org/live](https://www.westsacolg.org/live)
Weekday Mass join GoToMeeting: (same link used every time)
From computer/electronic device: <https://www.gotomeet.me/FrMathewRappu>
From phone only: call 1-571-317-3122 access code 957761813

SATURDAY (Apr 18)	8:30 AM	Venus De Coy (Birthday)
SUNDAY (Apr 19)	9 AM	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
MONDAY (Apr 20)	8:30 AM	For Lillianna Venegas +
TUESDAY (Apr 21)	8:30 AM	For Doctors Nurses & Medical Professionals
WEDNESDAY (Apr 22)	8:30 AM	For the Departed Souls
THURSDAY (Apr 23)		No Mass
FRIDAY (Apr 24)	8:30 AM	School Mass



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Apr 18 Monday within the Octave of Easter Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Apr 19 Second Sunday of Easter Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31 Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr 20 Easter Weekday Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
- Apr 21 Easter Weekday St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
- Apr 22 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21 Earth Day
- Apr 23 Easter Weekday St George, Martyr; St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
- Apr 24 Easter Weekday St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Pastor's Corner
His Mercy Endures: Scott Hahn Reflects on Divine Mercy Sunday
We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (1 Pt 4:17). We see them doing what we still do devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread." The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them. We must walk by faith and not by sight, must believe and love what we have not seen (2 Cor 5:7). Yet the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on. Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass. Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God. Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (Hos 2:20-25). This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (Rev 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed. In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes. (StPaulCenter.com)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER DUTY REMINDER
April 14, 2020
From the Bishop

Catholics throughout the world are aware of the significance of the Easter Season. This joyous Season awakens in us the spirit with which we are to live the Catholic Faith throughout the year. Jesus Christ, who died for our sins upon the cross of Calvary, has been raised from the dead. He sits at the right hand of the Father and lives among us. He continues to shepherd His Church. The zeal and hope of the Easter Season should abide throughout the year.

While in this holy season, Catholics are reminded of the traditional Easter Duty. All the baptized are obligated to receive Holy Communion during this Season. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2042*) For a just cause this precept may be fulfilled at another time of the year. The current suspension of public Masses is intended to cooperate with public health directives protecting against infection with the coronavirus. I pray God's mercy will soon bring an end to the COVID-19 pandemic but there is no predicting when that will happen. It will come about in the Lord's time. When conditions permit us to safely gather as God's people around the Lord's altar and offer the Sacrifice of the Mass, we will all be able to fulfill the Easter Duty. May the Lord sustain our hunger and thirst for that blessed day.

Catholics are also obliged to confess one's sins once a year. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. #2042*) This precept is not confined to the Lenten and Easter Season, though many of the Faithful traditionally make use of this time of year to approach the Sacrament of Penance. Catholics may fulfill this obligation anytime during the year. They are urged to seek the grace of the Sacrament of Penance with greater frequency. If a member of the Faithful is unable to approach the Sacrament of Penance, I remind them to make an Act of Perfect Contrition (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1452*) with the firm resolve approach the Sacrament as soon as they are able to do so.

These words of counsel are intended to guide and console the Faithful in the Diocese of Sacramento as we journey through this uncertain and agonizing moment for the State, the Nation, and the World. May we respond with faith and charity seeking always the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

Be assured of the prayers of Bishop Weigand, my brother priests and me. We daily offer the Sacrifice of the Mass for all the People of God, especially those in any way afflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic. May the intercessions of Our Blessed Mother Mary and the Communion of Saints be joined with our supplications for God's mercy to bring healing for the infirmed; perseverance and protection for all those caring for them; wisdom for public officials working to eradicate the pandemic; eternal rest to all those who have died and consolation for all those who mourn.

Christ has risen. May His mercy kindle in our hearts the fire of His hope and joy.

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento



COVID 19 UPDATES

IMPORTANT - Schools Update! New Letter from Lincoln Snyder, Superintendent and Executive Director of Schools for the Diocese of Sacramento on April 8, 2020:

Distance learning extended through end of school year for all schools.

To view or download visit <https://www.scd.org/coronavirus/schools>

CHRISTIAN GIVING

Please help us reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
Collection for April 12: \$2,364.00

What about my Sunday offerings?

You can mail your contributions to OLG, 911 Park Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691 or pay by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover and debit cards securely online at [westsacolg.org](https://www.westsacolg.org) - Donate today!

Thank you for your contributions during these challenging times. May God bless you for your continued generosity.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jesus, the Divine Physician, I Trust in You ~

Pat Belding - Sue Belding - Danny Felker - Pat Coughlin - Charles Roberts
Ranee Gunasekara - Nastaka Gunasekara - Marcia Harrison
Stefanie Smith - Susanne Shunk

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please call the Parish Office to add, remove or extend.

The Second Sunday of Easter is **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 19, 2020**
What is the message of Divine Mercy? This message of Mercy is that God loves us, all of us, no matter how great our sins in the past have been. Our Lord wishes us to recognize that His Mercy is greater than our sins so that we call upon Him with trust, receive His Mercy and let it flow through us to others. *Jesus, I Trust in You.* The message of mercy can be broken down into three parts that are as simple to remember as A, B and C.

A - Ask for His mercy. **B** - Be merciful to others. **C** - Confidence and completely trust in God.
So, we enter into that Great Feast of Mercy - Divine Mercy Sunday. We see how appropriate that it is this Sunday - one week after Holy Week with the image of Our Lord's Passion and Death for love of us still fresh in our minds, so that we would contemplate His great Mercy!

COVID-19: A PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decisionmakers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

MINISTRY MEETINGS - Suspended until further notice

- Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wednesdays, Rosary and Novena at 6:00 pm, followed by Mass (Church).
- Bereavement Ministry:** Call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814.
- Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7:00 pm except 1st Tuesday of the month (Parish Center).
- Catholic Faith Formation:** Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 pm (September to May) for K-8th grade, includes first Communion and Confirmation sacrament preparation (School).
- Graced Youth Ministry:** Every other Sunday, 6:00 pm (School Gym).
- Mom's Ministry:** 3rd Sunday, 6:30 pm (Parish Center).
- Mom's Bible Study:** Fridays, 8:45 am (Parish Center).
- OLG Prayer Meeting:** 2nd thru 5th Fridays of the month, 7:00 pm (School Chapel).
- RCIA Adapted for Teens:** Sundays, 10:00 am (Rectory).
- RCIA:** Thursdays, 7:00 pm and Inquiry on Mondays, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).
- Respect Life Ministry:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Rectory).
- St. Vincent de Paul:** 1st and 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Rectory).
- Women's Council:** 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).