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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24, 2022



*Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
pray for us!*

‘Father Forgive’

Following the bombing of the mediaeval Cathedral in 1940, Provost Howard had these words inscribed on the wall behind the Altar of the ruined building.

“Father Forgive” is used as the response in the ***Coventry Litany of Reconciliation***, which is prayed in the new Cathedral every weekday at noon and is used throughout the world by the Community of the Cross of Nails.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

*The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive.*

*The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive.*

*The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Father, forgive.*

*Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, **Father, forgive.***

*Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Father, forgive.*

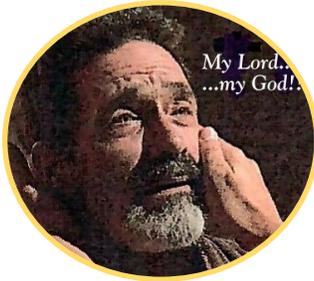
*The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
Father, forgive.*

*The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Father, forgive.*

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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We prayed the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation during the Holy Week Service, 2022.



Morning Church!

It's unlikely that most people would deem doubt a valuable part of their faith journey. Throughout the Scriptures, faith and doubt teeter-toodder back and forth in the hearts of humanity. They push and pull at proven and yet-to-be-believed encounters with God. Doubt and faith bug ar our souls to make a choice.

Doubt and faith are part of your human psyche. Both have a tremendous impact on how you grow, learn to discern God's will, and deepen your faith in God. Doubting, like believing, is a learned practice. Children are notorious for their brash believing, their ability to trust and to take risks. By the time you are a young adult, cynicism and doubt have pushed believing and trusting to the side, because believing is difficult.

Jesus showed compassion and mercy to The Doubters who struggled with faith. He knew to believe is no small thing. Seems to me Jesus delighted in leading a doubter to faith. It's easy to see why the disciples doubted Mary Magdalene's message ~ that she's seen and spoken to the Risen Savior. The empty tomb bewildered them and caused them great anxiety.

Jesus knew how his disciples felt, how guilty and embarrassed they must have been for abandoning him in his worst hour. Instead of chiding them for their cowardice, he offers them forgiveness. Jesus' first word to his disciples is, "Peace." Then he breathed on them the Breath of Risen Life. He commissioned them to forgive others in his name as he showed them his wounds.

The disciples anchored their faith in the Risen One, then, centered their lives on his mission. Believing did not come easy for them. They needed *Mary Magdalene's prophetic witness* to shake them out of their fears; they needed *Thomas' challenging skepticism* to motivate them to profess their faith in Christ's Resurrection. Finally, they needed the Spirit's forever presence, ongoing guidance, and grace to stay faithful till the end.

If you're a cynical by nature, pray every day for a deeper faith. Pray for all who struggle to believe in Christ's saving presence. Your conviction of faith will strengthen you to proclaim the gospel by living your faith out loud.

Seeing is believing. Believing is seeing when your mind and heart have no visible evidence.
Today, centuries after the Resurrection, you are asked to believe without ever having seen
Jesus. You are asked to show your belief in the Risen Christ by acting on your faith,
through forgiveness, joy, healing, encouragement, and generous service.

Today Reyna Hernandez celebrates her Baptism.
She relies on the good example of our generous service, community life, and shared faith,
One day she will gloriously proclaim with us,
"I have seen the Lord!" and profess, "My Lord and my God!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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A P R I L	
	24 2nd Sunday Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday BAPTISM: Reyna Hernandez-Reyes
	25 RCIA
	26 Communion Service, 12:15p
M A Y	
	01 3rd Sunday Easter
	02 RCIA
	03 Communion Service, 12:15p
	08 4th Sunday Easter Mother's Day
	09 RCIA
	10 Communion Service, 12:15p

PROCLAIMERS of the WORD		
2 nd Sun of Easter 4/24	Peggy R	Ronnie K

Daily Readings ~ <https://bible.usccb.org/>

A P R I L	
24	+ Yaira DeJesus (daughter of Sonia & Sixto)
M A Y	
01	+Marian E. Diorio r/b her mother +Patrick Conte
08	All Mothers, living and deceased

Easter Flowers	
 Donor	In Honor/Memory
Diana Gallagher	Christina & Joseph A. Gallagher
Joe Gallagher	The Gallagher Family
Wendy, Jason, & Lukas McClamrock	Mary Elizabeth Cain, Buddy Gough, Susan Martin, Jeff Stout

If you wish to donate Easter flowers, please use the envelopes provided. Print the names of your loved ones and the back and give the envelope to S. Janis. Thank you!

Thank you
...Phillip for the beautiful arrangements at the church doors and for removing the dead shrubs...to the ladies who maintain our plants and Easter flowers during the week...and those who prepare our altar linens...
God's blessing to you!!

Parish Celebrations



27 Luis Rodriguez 30 Vanessa Lopez



27 Julie & Patrick Colglazier

Reflecting and Acting on the Word

*How has the Resurrection changed how you live your life?
How do you "resurrect" others' spirits?*



If you were Thomas, what would you say to Jesus?

Pope Francis ~ Walking the Word

The risen Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions. He patiently soothed their troubled hearts. Risen himself, he now brings about "the resurrection of the disciples".

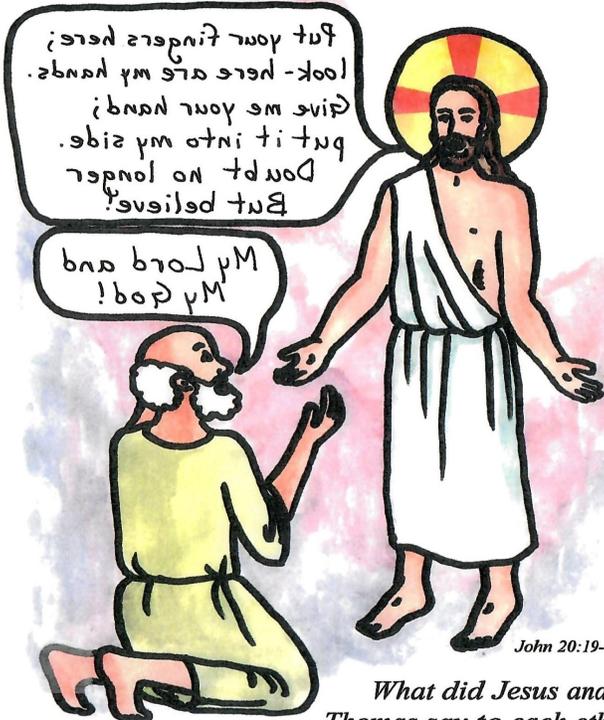
He raises their spirits and their lives are changed. Earlier, the Lord's words and his example had failed to change them. Now, at Easter, something new happens, and it happens in the light of mercy.

Jesus raises them up with mercy. Having received that mercy, they become merciful in turn. It is hard to be merciful without the experience of having first received mercy.

"Blessed are the merciful, mercy shall be theirs."

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 24th, 2022



John 20:19-31

What did Jesus and Thomas say to each other?

Look in the mirror to find out!

True or False: When Jesus Came to the Apostles

1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?

2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?

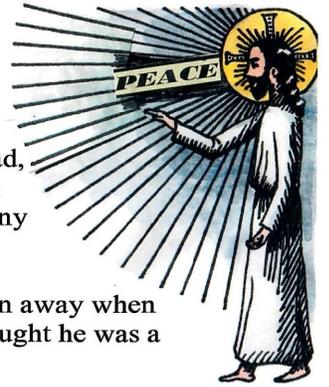
3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?

4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?

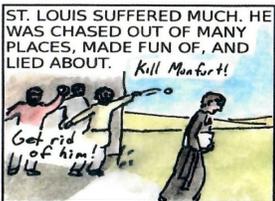
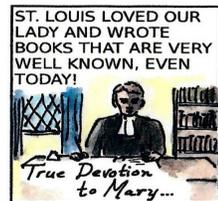
5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?

6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?

7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?



Saint Louis Marie de Montfort April 28



SAINT LOUIS DIED WHEN HE WAS 43 YEARS OLD. HE HAD WORKED VERY HARD TO HELP EVERYONE TO TURN TO GOD. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE TOLD THE PEOPLE WAS THE BEST WAY TO GROW CLOSE TO GOD? THROUGH MARY! NOBODY WAS EVER CLOSER TO GOD THAN MARY WAS. TALK TO MARY TODAY!

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Divine Mercy

In today's gospel, we hear about the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after he rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. We have the Sacrament of Reconciliation so we can celebrate that God's forgiveness and mercy. God's mercy is God's gift to us.

The Second Sunday of Easter is also the Feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated with love even when you don't deserve it. Our God is so merciful and want to forgive us every time we make a selfish, unloving choice. All we have to do is be sorry and when we can, go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that God offers divine mercy and forgiveness to everyone. Every night before you fall asleep, ask yourself two questions:

What loving choices did I make today? Think about them and then thank God for your good choices.

What selfish choices did I make today? Think about them, then ask God's forgiveness and help to do better.

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Answers to True or False:
1.true 2.false 3.true 4.true 5.true 6.false 7.true

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