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✠ Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy ✠

April 7, 2024



Jesus I trust in You.

Second Week of Easter

April 8 - 13

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+ Beverly Brotton <i>by Nancy & Lesley Levair</i> Intentions of Andre Arsenault <i>by Monique Perry</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+ Deceased Family Members of Gordon & Hannay Families <i>by Karen Yakabuski</i>

+ Third Sunday of Easter +

April 14, 2024

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Howard & Mary Fox <i>by Georgina, Pat, Jean & Irene</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	April 13	April 14
Readings	<i>John Morris</i>	<i>Beverley Glofcheskie</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine Smaglinski</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Jamie Prince</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- that we may be convinced, and joyful witnesses of the Divine Mercy showered upon world by our Risen Redeemer.
- that the Lord Jesus would anoint with the gift of the Holy Spirit the process of calling forth a new bishop to shepherd our diocese.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Carmel Rumleskie*.
- for those who have died, especially: *Basil Gutoskie; Marie Nicholas; Mary Davis; Bill Ryan; Kathy Duggan; Patrick Joseph O'Brien; Ervin Sorensen*.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE: Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His mercy endures forever." Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side (see John 19:34), we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Epistle. Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church - through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent.

As we hear in today's First Reading, the Apostles bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us (see Acts 2:42). We encounter Him as the apostles did - in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's Day (see Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10).

There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments. In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers (see Daniel 10:19; Judges 6:23). He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord." Isn't this what happens in the Mass - where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood? Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made - when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes. ~ *Scott Hahn*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "*throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.*" These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina. During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy, He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord: *This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (Diary 420) . . . tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. (Diary 699)*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$8,860.00; (Envelopes: \$2,487.00; E-transfer: \$90.00; Loose: \$148.00; Visitors: \$30.00; Share Lent: \$3,300.00; Easter Offering: \$2,795.00; Building Fund: \$10.00)
[People at Mass: 10:30 a.m./218]

THANK YOU: I extend my appreciation and gratitude to everyone who worked hard and gave of their time, talent, and personal gifts in making our parish celebrations of the Paschal Triduum a fitting and beautiful expression of worship and faith in our Risen Lord

I especially thank those who donated offerings to beautify the Church; those who contributed time and energy, and assisted us in our Easter liturgies: Choirs, Organists, Cantors, Communion Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers, Decorators, Sacristans, and all who helped co-ordinate the different liturgies over Easter.

Of course, our many efforts were accompanied by many prayers so that they would be made with patience and love! Thank you and may the Lord Jesus bless you for your generosity.

GOSPEL OF MARK STUDY: Meeting time is changing to Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church hall starting April 10th. For more information contact John Morris, 613 729-6647. You are welcome to drop-in anytime.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall.

GOD IS GOOD! Retreat & Potluck from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. on April 20 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Pembroke. Praise & Worship, talks, Divine Mercy, Testimony, Supper, Fellowship, & Veneration of Relics. Guest Speakers: Peggy & Keith Doucette from J/P 2 Centre. RSVP by April 15th, by calling 613-587-4145

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Reverend Mr. Lukas Časta will receive Sacred Ordination to the Priesthood on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Saturday, June 29, 2024, at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

DIOCESAN WEEKLY BULLETIN: There are various diocesan events scheduled for youth and young adults at <https://pembrokediocese.com/weekly-bulletin/> Be sure to check these and other things out!

**And he departed from our sight
and we might return to our heart, and there find Him.
For He departed, and behold, He is here. ~ St Augustine:**