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I hope and pray that everyone is staying well. I remember all of you in my prayers and in daily Mass. What a difference a year makes. Last year, as you may recall, we were in lockdown, and our Easter celebrations took on a different style. Yet, many countries throughout the world are still experiencing lockdowns this year. May we be thankful

that we were able to gather in Church to come together as a faith community and celebrate Easter joy.

God is greater than we can ever imagine. As we enter into the Easter season, let us be open to God's plan for us. It is not important that we understand His plan. What is important is that we surrender ourselves to it. As we celebrate this Easter season, I would like to share with you a prayer that is attributed to Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero, but was pronounced for the first time by Cardinal John Dearden. This prayer reminds us that God has a plan for each one of us, and that we are invited to participate in that plan:

Every now and then it helps us to take a step back and to see from a distance. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is also beyond our vision.

In our lives, we manage only to achieve a small part of the marvelous plan that is God's work. Nothing that we do is complete, which is to say that the Kingdom is greater than ourselves. No statement says everything that can be said. No prayer completely expresses the faith. No creed brings perfection. No pastoral visit solves every problem. No programs fully accomplish the mission of the Church. No goal or purpose ever reaches completion.

This is what it is about. We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that others will watch over them. We lay the foundation of something that will develop. We add the yeast which will multiply the possibilities. We cannot do everything, yet it is liberating to begin. This gives us strength to do something and do it well. It may remain incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way. It is an opportunity for the grace of God to enter and to do the rest. It may be that we will never see its completion, but that is the difference between the master and the laborer.

We are laborers, not master builders; servants, not the Messiah. We are prophets of a future that does not belong to us.

(Disciples Together on the Road, Words of Pope Francis for Priests. 2016, Liberia Editrice Vaticana)

Bon mot: "What God is to the world, parents are to their children."

—Philo

Have a great week. See you soon.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony



APRIL 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses	
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday & Thu	rsday 8:00am
Holy Day Masses	As Announced
Confession	
Tuesday	5:30pm
Rosary	
Tuesday	6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—8:00pm

Tuesday 2:00pm—8:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm—5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 12, 2021 9:00am Panera

Tuesday, April 13, 20211:00pmAdoration5:30pmConfession6:00pmRosary6:30pmRecitation of Divine Praises7:00pmMass

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:00am Mass 9:30am Needlecrafters

Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:00am Mass 9:00am Swiffers Team #1

Friday, April 16, 2021 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 17, 2021 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 18, 2021 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass



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Today, the Sunday following Easter, is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a relatively new remembrance, instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II on May 5, 2000. Five days after the canonization of St. Faustina,

the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Here is some information adapted from the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, **usccb.org**:

Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, Nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

> —Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)



Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested

that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world:

Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you.

—Diary, no. 1541

Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. [...] Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy.

—Diary, no. 687

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise:

I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. [...] By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls.

—Diary, no. 48 & 742

APRIL 11, 2021

APRIL 16, 2021 IS NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISION DAY!

Written by our Parish Nurses.

We make plans for just about everything in our lives. Some are small—what to wear and what to eat—and some big—who to marry and which job to take. But we often wait until we are sick to make decisions about our own healthcare. Modern medical technology offers many treatment options when we have a serious illness, and it is our right and responsibility to make informed decisions about which course of action is best for us. However, there may come a time when we are unable to make medical decisions for ourselves. It is important to think about this when we are able to, and to make decisions and plans about what we would want others to do for us.

Advanced Medical Directives ensure that your intentions for healthcare are followed if you are unable to make decisions for yourself. In Michigan, this is done with the Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare. This is a legal document completed after reflecting on what is important to you. What are your most important values and beliefs? What past experiences have you had? Who do you wish to speak on your behalf? As Catholics, it is important to make these decisions after prayer and reflection on the teachings of the Catholic Church. This is a form that you complete and have witnessed yourself. It is not necessary to consult a lawyer.

There are resources available to guide you through this process. The Ascension Health *Advanced Directive for Healthcare* document guides you through the process and includes instructions and all the forms you need to complete your plan. The *Guidelines for End-of-Life Decisions: Patient, Physician and Family* from the Michigan Catholic Conference provides additional information based on teachings of the Catholic Church. Both of these documents are available on the table beneath the Health Ministry bulletin board in the hallway outside the Parish Office.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH RECITATION OF DIVINE PRAISES

Please join us in the worship space on Tuesday, April 13th, anytime from 1:00pm until 6:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.



We ask that you please wear a face mask and practice social distancing if you choose to attend.

LECTOR SCHEDULE				
Tuesday Apr. 13, 2021	Wednesday Apr. 14, 2021	Thursday Apr. 15, 2021	Saturday Apr. 17, 2021	Sunday Apr. 18, 2021
7:00pm John Martin	<i>8:00am</i> Annette Mobley	<i>8:00am</i> Barb Milczynski	<i>4:00pm</i> Phil Mina	<i>9:00am</i> Julius D'Ambrosio <i>11:30am</i> Barb Milczynski

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

Sunday

2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

Monday Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

Sunday 3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

OFFERTORY INFORMATION MARCH 28, 2021

Registered Families:	1,386
Envelopes Returned:	245
Amount Offered:	\$10,172.00
Loose Offering:	\$634.00
Online Giving Contributors:	106
Contributions:	\$3,149.00
Total Offerings:	\$13,955.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$13,955.00
Difference:	+\$2,169.00

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If you have any questions, contact Jody at JGazo@sjfparish.org or call 586-977-8080, Ext. 112.

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These past couple of weeks were bittersweet for me, as they were for many. Some are experiencing loss in this season for the first time. Others, like myself, get to celebrate loss for

the first time in a "semi-normal" fashion. This week, my family marked the second year since my father passed, but it was the first time that we were able to attend Mass with each other on the anniversary of his death. During Holy Week, I also celebrated the passing of a great mentor in faith to so many: Deacon Robert Ovies. Unabashed of his faith and seemingly tireless in his ministry, he brought the Gospel message to many and helped people find their path. When visiting the funeral home, I was able to sneak in to see and speak with his wife (with whom I ministered for a few years) and she was a testament to how she and her husband lived their lives—sad in the passing of Bob, but joyous nonetheless, the smile under her mask unmistakable.

Jesus' disciples did not celebrate Lent. Sure, they were getting ready for one of their holiest of festivals, Passover, as was prescribed of them by the Mosaic Law, but I am sure to them (as sometimes happens with us), life carried on around them. Sometimes the celebration of even the holiest days, while important, simply took place along with many other things going on in the moment. They celebrated their Passover meal, as prescribed, and they took their post-meal nap in the Garden of Olives while their teacher prayed. Then came the Temple Guard to arrest the man they had been following for the past few years. (Jesus had tried to prepare his disciples, but even at the meal they had just eaten, they did not understand what it was that He was telling them about.) We know the story. We get 40 days to prepare for the story and to celebrate what comes afterward, but too often we do not really understand the story and its implications for us. Jesus' disciples were thrust headlong into this new reality and the death of their beloved teacher. A man who had convinced them to go against the establishment of the time and take their faith to a whole other level had been taken from them. Jesus was crucified and gone; what were they to do now?

Each of the four Gospel accounts has Jesus appearing to the disciples on that first Easter evening. Each of the four Gospels speaks of the struggle that the disciples had in believing that Jesus had conquered death. Doubt is not necessarily bad so long as we seek out our answer and work toward a better understanding. Doubt *can* be bad (and even a sin) if we allow it to encompass us and rule our lives and how we live. The Apostles were emboldened by their experience of the Risen Christ. Many people attempted to define the events after the fact, and many of these were deficient in their understandings. Our understanding comes from eyewitness accounts, teachings from scholars (who are better-versed than ourselves in these matters), and traditions that we hold near to our hearts. All of these, with the grace of faith, help us to overcome our doubts and witness the truth that was set out for us.

I have sorrow in my heart from losing people who meant something for me. I know, however, with steadfast assurance and Joy, the Easter message: that Jesus came for every one of us. He suffered and died, *but* He rose again, conquering death and bridging the divide between our life on Earth and our everlasting life, joined again with God in the hereafter. Happy Easter! He is Risen—for us!

HOW TO RECITE THE CHAPLET OF MERCY

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

- 1. **Make the Sign of the Cross**. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- 2. Optional opening prayers. You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (*Repeat three times*) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!
- 3. **Pray the Our Father**. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.
- 4. **Pray the Hail Mary**. Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
- 5. Pray the Apostles' Creed. I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
- 6. **Pray the Eternal Father**. Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
- 7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade, pray: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- Repeat for the remaining decades. Say the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then say ten "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.
- 9. **Conclude with the Holy God.** (*Repeat three times*) Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
- 10. **Optional Closing Prayer**. Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

For an explanation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and its importance, see page two.

With Deepest Sympathy

The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal extends support and prayers to the family and friends of:

Conrad Modlinski

Beloved husband of Alfreda. Father of David, Alan, and Julianne. Brother of the late Shirley and the late Bernadine.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PRAYER LIST

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Names added to the Prayer List remain for a period of four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request additional prayers. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 12, 2021 No Mass

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Tuesday, Apr 7:00pm	il 13, 2021 For the Parishioners			
Wednesday, April 14, 2021				
8:00am	Dec. Marino & Guiseppe Gasperoni (Rosa Maiani)			
Thursday, Ap	ril 15, 2021			
8:00am	Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)			
Friday, April	16, 2021 No Mass			
Saturday, April 17, 2021				
4:00pm	For the Parishioners			
	Dec. Ralph Beaufait (Robert & Frances Kraft)			
	Dec. Ron Suwinski (Bernie & Ann Cattivera)			
	Liv. Sarah Buhay (Mom & Dad)			
Sunday, April 18, 2021				
9:00am	For the Parishioners			
11:30am	Dec. Betty Cianfarani (Family)			
	Dec. John Benvenuti (Remo Benvenuti)			



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Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

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Contact the Parish Office to schedule one-time or regular visits.

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