

COMMENT ON READINGS

The Word of God for this Sunday wants to make us realize anew the importance of our personal confession of faith in Jesus Christ. The Gospel evokes two events in the Upper Room: the appearance of the Risen to the frightened disciples and their joy at the presence of the Master, and their account of the encounter with the Lord given to Thomas, who was not present at the time. Faith in Christ unites the whole Church, as the Acts of the Apostles remind us. This faith is our strength and victory, as Saint Paul says.

PASTORAL MESSAGES

- 1. The second Sunday of Easter is celebrated as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Jesus Christ gave sinners the feast of Mercy as the last resort. The promise of a complete remission of sins and penalties is linked to a well-celebrated confession and Holy Communion, adopted on that day. We are constantly experiencing God's mercy, so we can learn to be merciful to our brothers and sisters. Saint John Paul II encouraged us with these words: "This spark of God's grace must be kindled. The fire of mercy must be passed on to the world. In God's mercy the world will find peace, and man will find happiness! I entrust this task to you, dear brothers and sisters, to the Church in Krakow and Poland and to all the worshippers of God's mercy. Be witnesses of mercy!" (Poland, Kraków-Łagiewniki, 17.08.2002).
- 2. We wish all those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week an abundance of God's graces and the care of the Blessed Mother for every day. Have a nice and blessed Sunday.

APRIL

The month of April is dedicated to **The Holy Spirit**. The first three days of the month fall during the season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of April falls during the **Easter** season which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

IN THE NEXT WEEK IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PRIESTS

Monday 04-12 - Rev. Francisco Sordo

Tuesday 04-13 - Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma

Wednesday 04-14 – Permanent Deacons Thursday 04-15 - Rev. James McSharry

Friday 04-16 - Rev. Francis Hubilla

Saturday 04-17 - Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.



Sunday 04-11 Divine Mercy Sunday

10:00a.m +Estrealla Severino

12:00 p.m. O Miłosierdzie Boże dla Rodzin Betleja,

Łomnicki, Cecuła, Glaab

7:00 p.m. +++Jure, Foska, Milan Percic

Monday 04-12

8:15a.m +++Mary, Joseph, Paul Simpson

8:15a.m. +Gyorgy Mandl

Tuesday 04-13

7:00p.m Catholic Women's League

7:00p.m. For health and God's blessings for Gabrieli

Wednesday 04-14

8:15a.m. 1.) Becky & Ken Marchinda-God's

blessings on their wedding anniversary 2.) Emilia Mandl-God's blessings 3.) For Annie- God's blessings

4.) Zofia & Jan Czajka-God's blessings

and all necessary graces

Thursday 04-15

7:00p.m. 1.) +Marianna Sawaryn + Urszula Babol

2.) +Larry Valeriote 3.) For Parishioners

Friday 04-16

8:15a.m. ++Antonio & Irene Pavan

7:00p.m. O Boze blogoslawienstwo dla Dominiki

Zamojski i Szymon Scaduto

Saturday 04-17

8:15a.m. God's blessings & all necessary graces for

Anna Lomnicki

7:00p.m +Sylvana Belsito

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 04-18

10:00a.m +Siegfred Severino

12:00 p.m. +Edmund Sienkowski & zmarli z rodziny

Sienkowski

7:00 p.m. God's blessings & all necessary graces for

Teresa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 3, 143.00 Easter Offering: \$ 3, 685.00 Needs of Canadian Church: \$ 565.00 Share Lent: \$ 50.00 Initial Offering: \$ 20.00

Thank you and God bless

LITURGICAL SERVERS

Saturday 04-10 7:00 p.m. –altar servers

-Lector: A. Marchione-Faragher

- E.O.M: T.Heffernen

Sunday 04-11 10:00 a.m. - altar servers:

-lector: C.Maiocco

APRIL 11, 2021 - SUNDAY OF DEVINE MERCY

- E. O. M.: A.M Maiocco/P.Stradiotto

Sunday 04-11 12:00p.m. – ministranci

- Lektor: J.Rusiniak

- Kolektorzy: H.Mieczkowski, K.Rogowsk

Sunday 04-11 7:00p.m. – altar servers:

lector: L.ReyhipolitoE.O.M.: A.Marchione-Faragher

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY – APRIL 11, 2021

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

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APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 11
Tuesday 13
Sunday of Divine Mercy
St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr
Third Sunday of Easter
Feast of Saint George
Sunday 25
Fourth Sunday of Easter

- St. George Memorial Mass at 10:00 am

Thursday 29 - Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna

Friday 30 - Saint Pius V, Pope

ONE HEART ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN

GOAL!



Our Campaign here at Sacred Heart Parish is in its one-month stage. We currently have received 34 gifts totally \$79, 190 – this is a great start! We know most of our parishioners have been discerning on how they can contribute to this important campaign.

Sacred Heart Parish is a place we can all come together to worship, be encouraged, and learn from God's words for spiritual growth. We come together for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord

through Mass. We come together as a community to seek nourishment through our many ministries and to help those in need through our community programs.

This is why we ask you today to help us achieve our goals of the campaign. We ask you to continue to come together to keep our Parish Community alive for you today and for those that come in the future by contributing financially to this endeavour. Help us to continue to make Sacred Heart a vibrant Parish.

LIVING THE MESSAGE OF MERCY

The devotional practices revealed through St. Faustina were given to us as "vessels of mercy" through which God's love can be poured out upon the world, but they are not sufficient unto themselves. It is not enough for us to hang the Divine Mercy image in our homes, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every day at three o'clock, and receive Holy Communion on the first Sunday after Easter. We also have to show mercy to our neighbours. Putting mercy into action is not an option of the Divine Mercy message and devotion; it is a requirement! How strongly Our Lord speaks to St. Faustina about this! I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love of Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbours always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse yourself from it (Diary 742). Like the Gospel command, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,"

this demand that we show mercy to our neighbours "always and everywhere" seems impossible to fulfill. But the Lord assures us that it is possible. When a soul approaches me with trust, He explains, I fill it with such an abundance of graces, that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls. (1074). How do we radiate God's mercy to others? By our actions, our words and our prayers. In these three degrees, He tells St. Faustina, is contained the fullness of mercy (742). We have all been called to this threefold practice of mercy, but we are not all called in the same way. We need to ask the Lord, who understands our individual personalities and situations, to help us recognize the various ways we can each live his mercy in our daily lives. *Taken from The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion*



You expired, O Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for
souls
and an 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.
O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the Heart
of Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us,
I trust in You.

Amen.

MEMORANDUM-STAY AT HOME ORDER

The Province of Ontario announced a "Stay –at-Home Order" to take effect throughout the Province on **Thursday**, **April 8**, **for 28 days**.

Please note that the announcement <u>does not</u> change the current restrictions on places of worship. Attendance is limited to 15% capacity of the worship space (including those assisting –priest, cantor etc.) for sacramental celebrations. The use of masks and physical distancing must be observed at all times.