

April 8, 2018

Sunday of Divine Mercy



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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:45am-2:45pm

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Fredy Angel

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Mass Schedule Sunday

English 10:00am

Spanish 12:30am

Classes 11:15am

Mon-Wed Service 12 PM

First Communions

May 6, 2018

Confirmations

May 27, 2018

Adoration

May 5, 2018 from 5pm to
midnight.

Rosary Ministry

Our Rosary makers meet
every 3rd Thursday of the
month at 11:30am. For more
information please contact

Kathy Giddens at
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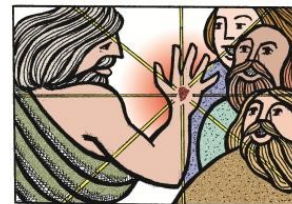
Knight of Columbus

Round table meeting 2nd
Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
Next: April 10, 2018

“PEACE BE WITH YOU”

Our readings this week give us a glimpse of how the first communities of Christians began to understand their purpose and identity. When Jesus appeared to his disciples, he said, "Peace be with you," calling his followers to bring his peace and forgiveness to God's beloved world. The early Church realized it was not a group of individuals each seeking to live virtuously and then go to heaven. Instead, Christians formed communities, empowered by the Spirit, attempting to live in profound trust in God and in each other.

Remembering how Jesus displayed his wounds to his disciples, the church came to realize that it is called to share in the life of a wounded world. When we, the Church today, demonstrate our faith and love in action, we also show everyone who the crucified Jesus really is--the One who knows and accompanies us in our human suffering.

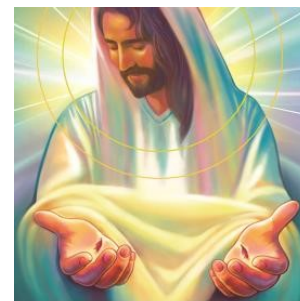


“THE WOUNDS OF JESUS”

In the Gospel passage from John, Jesus appears twice to his disciples, and both times Jesus shows them his wounds from his crucifixion. Thomas touches the wounds. Jesus' wounds did not disappear after the Resurrection. Jesus meant for his followers to know that his sufferings, and ours, are part of our encounter with him. Jesus revealed how God is present in our human suffering, joining us in our most painful moments with consolation and with mercy. Suffering is a great mystery, and we cannot adequately explain or justify the many wounds we experience in life. However, in prayer God can open a way forward. The Holy Spirit might offer wisdom to perceive when or how our sufferings make healing or hope possible for others or for ourselves. When we enter this mystery we follow Jesus, who radically trusted God to transform his sufferings into new life.

EMBODYING FORGIVENESS

In just a few verses, we see that the disciples received not only a new perspective on suffering, but a new energy and a new task in their lives. Their new energy, Jesus' very breath, is the Holy Spirit. Their new task, given in the same breath, is to embody



God's forgiveness and proclaim this forgiveness to all. When Jesus appeared to them, he didn't castigate them for their abandonment and betrayal of him just days before. Jesus gave them the peace of being forgiven. He gave the Holy Spirit, so to forgive others. The experience of being forgiven and forgiving others is at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus came to proclaim and to manifest God's desire to reconcile with God's very sons and daughters, us human beings. God is always working toward reconciliation and rejoices when any broken relationship is healed. When we accept forgiveness from God or from others, we are letting God into our hearts. When we forgive others or ourselves, we are participating in God's work.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: "Pinky," "Boo-boo," and the like. This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view. A long title for the day was Dominica in albis deposita, or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," so no wonder the nickname "Low Sunday" arose. In the old calendar it was also called "Quasimodo Sunday," after the first word of the opening chant, Quasimodo geniti infantes, or "As newborn infants," a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in The Hunchback of Notre Dame was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the feast. -Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



Stations of The Cross

Our Stations of The Cross live had a wonderful outcome. We had people who don't even attend our parish come out to witness Jesus's sacrifice.



St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



Adult Faith Formation Classes

We will be meeting in the Church Conference Room at 11:30am on Sundays. It is open to any adults interested in learning about the Church and our Catholic Faith. For further information, contact our office or Mrs. Lukens at: 229-794-9140.

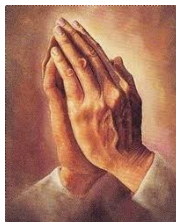


Let us pray for the health of:

Fr. Marvin LeFrois, Nathan, Reyna Soto, Olivia Ursrey, Eva De Angel, Andrew & Mary Carrell Morrison.

For the Eternal rest of:

All Souls



Blessed

April 1, 2018 Collections

Regular Collection	\$1,120.00
Building Fund	\$3,554.00
Bishop Annual Appeal	\$155.00