

Second Sunday of Easter – Devine Mercy – April 28, 2019

Why is today **Divine Mercy Sunday**?

- On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II **canonized** the Polish nun who had received from Christ the amazing **revelations of the Divine Mercy** in the early years of the twentieth century, Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska [koh-VAHL-skuh].
- During that ceremony, the pope fulfilled one of the **requests** that Christ had made through those revelations: that the entire Church reserve the Second Sunday of the Easter Season to **honor and commemorate** God's infinite mercy.

Where do we see this mercy revealed in today's Readings?

First of all, we see it in the reaction Christ shows to those men, his chosen Apostles, who had **abandoned** him just two nights before.

- They had abandoned Jesus in his most difficult hour, but **Jesus wasn't going to abandon them**.
- He passes through the locked doors, passes through **their fears, regret, and guilt**, and appears to them.
- He **hasn't given up on them**. He brings them his **peace**. And he reaffirms his confidence in them by **reaffirming their mission**: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

We also see God's mercy in Christ's reaction to the men who had crucified him.

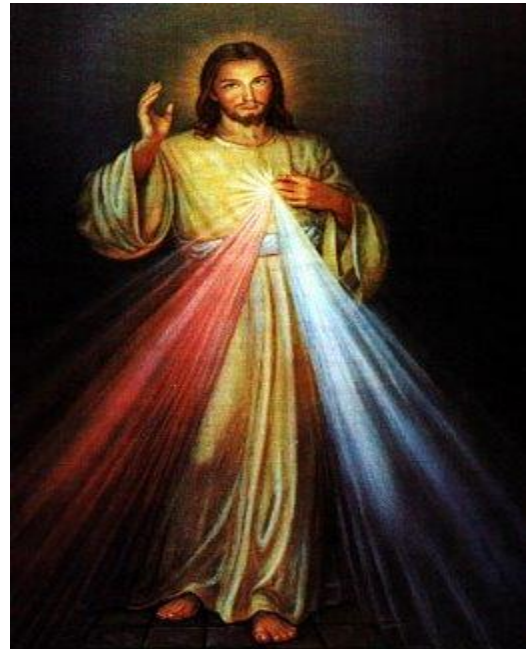
- Does he **crush** them in revenge? No.
- Instead, he sends out his Apostles to tell them - and the whole sinful world, the world that had crucified its God - that they **can be redeemed**, that God **has not condemned them**: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And then, just to make sure that the Church is **fully armed** to communicate this message, Jesus gives the **ultimate revelation** of God's mercy - he delegates to his Apostles his divine **power to forgive sins**: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

This is the explicit institution of the sacrament of confession, the sacrament in which **the limitless ocean of God's mercy overwhelms the puny ocean of our misery**.

It was the ultimate revelation of the Divine Mercy.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Divine Mercy ABC

Ask for God's Mercy in Confession. **B**e merciful to others, especially those who have hurt or wounded you pray for them ask God to be merciful to them. **C**= have Confidence in God! More than a passive Jesus I Trust in You that prayer should be active powerful and willful. He does actively CARE for you so we should actively TRUST in His love and mercy.



Rest in Peace

Bro. Bruno Busatto, SDB, 86, passed away early on April 24 at Montefiore Medical Center in New Rochelle, NY after a brief illness. Professed Salesian brother since August 16, 1949. For two years he served on the staff of Nativity Parish (2002-2004).

Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord!

Catholic Daughters. Our Lady of the Americas, Court 2344, will meet on Sunday, April 28th All Catholic Daughters are encouraged to arrive promptly at 7:30 am. After the Litany and Mass, the CDA Court will meet in the Lounge for regular meeting.



Sacred Heart League will meet, in the lounge, on Friday, May 3rd after the Noon Mass.

Mass Intentions

April 27 -May 4, 2019

Sat. 4/27	8:00 am	No mass
	5:30 pm	Fr. Vince Rigdon
Sun. 4/28	8:00am	McKinnon family
	10:00am	+Theophane & Emilie Diogo
	1:00pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 4/29	12:00	Cardinal Daniel DiNardo
Tue. 4/30	12:00	+Cindy Stracener
Wed. 5/1	12:00	No Mass
Thu. 5/2	12:00	Fr. Ricky Gancayo
Fri. 5/3	12:00	Ruth Zalewski & family
Sat. 5/4	8:00 am	Fr. William Gurnee
	5:30 pm	Msgr. Oliver McGready

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege, *Kevin Fagan, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Fr. William Gurnee, *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, * Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Emilio Lowey, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Clarence Morris, *Gina Myers, *Iris Newman, *Father Everett Pearson, *D. Cynhia Peters, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Auristela Roman, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Suzie Thompson, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

Keane Council #353

Is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the St. John Paul II Shrine on Saturday, May 4, 2019, from 10:00AM - 2:00PM. Self-Guided tour of St. John Paul II exhibit, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Noon Mass are included. All are welcome to attend. For those interested, please RSVP to Grand Knight, Derrick Lucas at 202-726-1850

Attendance Report

	4/14/19	4/21/19
Attendance:	577 souls	578 souls
Offerings & Tithes:	\$10,179	\$8,835
Spanish Mass:	\$667	\$674
Utility fund:	\$153	\$401
Easter flowers	\$267	\$650

The rectory office will be closed on Wednesday, May 1st. There will be no noon mass



Nativity Senior Advocacy Ministry. Is sponsoring a one-day retreat with Holy Redeemer Church at the Washington Retreat House* on May 11, 2019 from 9:30 am to 2:30pm. Under the direction of Fr. David Bava. The theme will be “Mary, Mother of God” The cost per person is \$40.00 which

includes coffee, pastries and lunch. Checks payable to Washington Retreat House. More information contact: Agnes Akwarandu (202) 726-6830; Ann Peterson (202) 722-1040 or Rita Matory (202) 903-3811. Flyers at both entrances to the Church.

Washington Retreat House,
4000 Harewood Rd NE, Washington, DC 20017

Nativity Sodality will meet on Sunday May 5 after the 8 am Mass for their regular business meeting in the church lounge. Please arrive by 7:30 am for the praying of the Rosary. Parishioners are invited to join us. Sodalist attire will be white with blue Sodality sash.

Save the Dates – May 19. 1st Communion. Sunday; June 1. Confirmation Day at the Basilica; June 15. Father Ebuak's Ordination at the Basilica and June 16. First Mass at Nativity on Father's Day

Question of the week: When have I experienced God’s mercy in my life? How can I pass on that mercy to others?

SAINT
JOHN PAUL II
NATIONAL SHRINE
3900 Harewood Road, NE. Washington, DC 20017

The Saint John Paul II National Shrine invites you to a half-day retreat for couples and families. This event will be part one of a three-part series on the *Theology of the Body*. The day will include engaging catechesis for adults, teens, and children, the opportunity to pray together as a family, a heavy snack, and fun family activities. Saturday, May 4th from 1:30 – 6:30 pm.