



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) ✕ APRIL 28, 2019



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First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;
Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21 or, for the Memorial,
Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

First Friday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

First Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21



Sunday, April 28	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Intention of Billy Long Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Long
Monday, April 29	8:00 am	In Memory of Mr. Richard D'Arcy Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy
Tuesday, April 30	8:00 am	In Memory of C.J. May, Sr. Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Cyril May
Wednesday, May 1	8:00 am	In Memory of Aurian Lotter Req. by Joe & Sue Francis
Thursday, May 2	8:00 am	Intention of Bertha Broadnax Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Rollins
Friday, May 3	8:00 am	Special Intention
	7:30 pm	Intention of the Bunch Family Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Bunch
Saturday, May 4	8:00 am	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	Intention of Michael Creegan Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy

Upcoming Second Collections

Today	Catholic Home Missions Appeal
May 5	Building Fund
May 12	Special Parish Needs
May 19	Diocesan Retired Priests

Divine Mercy 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**...

*** Parish Schedule ***

Thursday, May 2
Choir Practice, 7pm

Friday, May 3
First Friday Mass, 7:30pm
Followed by devotion

Saturday, May 4
First Saturday Mass, 8:00am
Followed by devotion

Next Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, May 5
May Crowning during 10:30am Mass

Thursday, May 9
Choir Practice, 7pm
Knights of Columbus: Rosary, 7pm
Meeting, 7:30pm, church basement

Saturday, May 11
First Holy Communion, 10:30am Mass

*** Religious Education News ***

Regular classes, today, April 28th
May Crowning at conclusion of May 5th 10:30am Mass,
followed by End-of Year Ice Cream Social

Saturday, May 4th – 8th graders
Confirmation retreat, 9:30am-3:00pm
Church basement

Sunday, May 5th – 2nd graders
First Holy Communion Practice between Masses

Saturday, May 11th – First Holy Communion
10:30am Mass followed by Reception in the Church Basement



Remember to bring flowers to present to our Blessed Mother at our **May Crowning** on **Sunday, May 5th during the 10:30am Mass.**



Come to the CCD End-of-Year Ice Cream and Awards Party on Sunday, May 5th.

Please pray for our students preparing to receive First Holy Communion on **Saturday, May 11th, 10:30 Mass.**



Parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and the reception, which immediately follows in the classrooms.

7th Graders: Earn Community Service hours by helping set up, serve and clean up at the First Communion reception on **Saturday, May 11th, 10am – Noon.** Contact Deacon Mike if interested.

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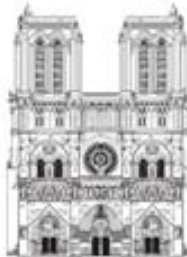
Divine Mercy Sunday - Today Immediately following 10:30 Mass

All parishioners are invited to participate in a beautiful uplifting devotion to the Divine Mercy that will include a procession of the Divine Mercy banner by Fourth Degree Knights and singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction and confessions.



Notre Dame Cathedral Fire Restoration

Notre Dame de Paris



The Diocese of Arlington will be supporting the restoration of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris following the recent devastating fire. If you would like to donate toward the restoration efforts, there will be a Collection Box in the church vestibule from Sunday, April 26th until Sunday, May 5th.

Mother's Day Celebration Mass



Please join us in honoring our Mothers with a mass on **Sunday, May 12th**. They will be remembered at the 8:00 & 10:30 AM masses as Fr. Lehning celebrates in observance of Mother's Day. Available in the vestibule are special Mother's Day cards for you to utilize. Please be sure to fill out the intention envelopes and drop it in the designated box by **Tuesday, May 7th** so the names may be inserted in the bulletin.

Youth Music Ministry



Thank you to all of our wonderful Youth Music Ministry participants who made our Easter Celebration so joyous. Whether reading, singing, playing an instrument, or ringing bells, we are grateful to all who worked so hard and shared their talents so beautifully with the people of Saint Clare to make it a very special day. Thank you,

Mary and Pam



The Rosary, one of the most beautiful prayers, is recited **Monday through Saturday after the 8am Mass.** Please feel free to participate even if you are unable to attend Mass.



Mass to Pray for Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Join Bishop Michael Burbidge as he celebrates a Bilingual Mass to pray for the healing of victims/survivors of sexual abuse. Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Nativity**, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. We invite our community of faith to come together in prayer for victims/survivors of sexual abuse, their families and friends, and the entire Catholic Church. If you have questions, please call the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Victim Assistance at (703) 841-2530.

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“Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon’s portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them.”

The story of the early church, as related in the Acts of the Apostles, not only records what happened, but motivates us today, to continue the apostolic work. We sometimes fail to see that our hands are the hands of the apostles, or even the hands of Christ working in our world today. Do you remember the story of the reconstructed chapel destroyed by bombs in Europe? American GIs restored almost everything, but a shattered statue of the Sacred Heart lacked fingers and hands. They wisely placed a sign in front of the icon reading ‘I have no hands but yours.’

We are the hands of the Lord, because we are baptized, missionary disciples. A kind word, a gracious invitation, a gentle reminder of the love of Jesus to one who is hurting or lonely, can restore the church in the heart of someone. Reach out! Today, the Spirit of God asks us to hit the streets and find those seeking, waiting and yearning for God’s gift.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS