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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), Year B, 7th April 2024

'My Lord and my God!'

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the readings invite us to believe and trust God's mercy. According to the ways of the world, mercy does not really make sense, but this is the very faith Paul speaks of as that which 'conquers the world': forgiveness begets forgiveness, mercy begets mercy, love begets love (Second Reading). Our need for, and joy in, such graces is echoed in the Psalm, where we can join with the psalmist in saying: 'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever!'

The Acts of the Apostles (First Reading) shows that the mercy of the risen Lord continues to be poured out through the ministry of his apostles, while in the Gospel we see Jesus himself being the model for mercy for his fearful and doubtful friends.

The US journalist Cathleen Falsani wrote: 'justice is getting what you deserve; mercy is not getting what you deserve; grace is getting what you don't deserve.' This coming week, let's pray that, though completely underserving of such a gift of grace, God's divine mercy will have its effect in us, freeing and opening us to love ever more deeply.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday 9 am & 5 pm
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday
& Thursday - 9 am
Tuesday & Friday - 7 pm

Sacrament Of Confession

Saturday 9.30 am - 10am
4 pm - 4.30 pm
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday To Friday

10:00am - 4.30pm
Lunch Break 12pm - 1pm

Saturday

10.00am - 12:00 noon

Office is closed on
Monday



In his intention for April 2024, Pope Francis prays:

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

Altar Servers Ministry

Be The Light Ministry

Coordinator: Noli Pangilinan

Catechetical Ministry

PREP Winnie Bernardo

Catholic Women's League

President : Cecile Cartago

Knights Of Columbus

Robert Yang

Legion Of Mary

Fidel Carolino

Ministry Of Hospitality

Coordinator: Jose Cruz

Ministry Of Lectors

Coordinator: Armando Cordova

Music Ministry

Dr. Audrey Zylmans
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

BAPTISM: Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Course. This is for parents and godparents. It is held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1pm to 3pm. Baptism is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm

MARRIAGE: Arrangements are to be made through the pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date. A marriage preparation course is a requirement of the Archdiocese. Secure a spot at all Marriage Prep courses. Go to registration webpage: <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>

CONVALIDATION: If your marriage was not celebrated as a Sacrament and you wish your marriage to be recognized by the Church, then call the parish office to make an appointment to see **Fr. Jack**

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK : Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

FUNERALS: Please contact the office before making any arrangements with the Funeral Home.

MASS INTENTIONS: Did you know, Catholics can "offer" Mass?

We do so for multiple reasons such as thanksgiving, for another person/s such as a birthday, graduation or wedding anniversary or as is most common, for the repose(peace) of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church

Parish Events

1. Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting.

The Knights of Columbus are holding their monthly meeting on Sunday, **14th April, 2024**, at 2:30pm in the Parish Centre. All members are urged to attend.

2. Parish Council and Youth Ministry.

Fr. Jack is planning to start a **Parish Council and a Youth Ministry** in the parish. There are sign-up sheets for both of these groups in the church foyer. Anyone who is interested in either of these Ministries, please put your name and phone number on the respective sheet and **Fr. Jack** will contact you.

3. Volunteers.

The lectors ministry is seeking volunteers for all the Masses, especially the 5:00pm Saturday Masses. If you are interested in volunteering for this, or any other ministry, please talk to **Fr. Jack** or the ministry coordinator, or call the parish office.

4. Any ministries, committees or groups that would like to have their meetings or events announced in the bulletin, please let **Fr. Jack** know the time and date at least two weeks ahead of time, to allow for two publications of them.

Archdiocesan Events

Catholic Faith in Plain English

About this Event

Register Free

Learn about the rich teachings and practices of our Catholic Faith from Father Vincent Hawswell and Maureen Creelman in their course The Catholic Faith in Plain English. This free, 36 week long course is offered both in person and online. The current course ends on 19th May, 2024, and the next one will start at the beginning of September, 2024. Each lesson is self contained, so you can start or stop at any time, or just take the lessons that you are interested in. This course is suitable for all adult learners, whether Catholics or non-Catholics.

Location Weekly until May 19, 2024 on Sundays and Mondays - All Day

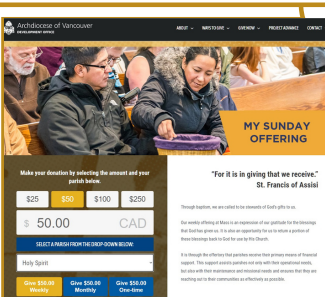
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

THE DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE AND DEVOTION

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple.

It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by **remembering ABC:**

- **A - Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- **B - Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- **C - Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

<https://www.passionistnuns.org/>



Saints for April

Saint Isidore of Seville

The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before



Isidore's birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths). Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints—Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina—he was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville.

An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called “The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages” because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons, Isidore has been suggested as patron of the Internet. Several others—including Anthony of Padua—also have been suggested.

He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.

Reflection

Our society can well use Isidore's spirit of combining learning and holiness. Loving, understanding and knowledge can heal and bring a broken people back together. We are not barbarians like the invaders of Isidore's Spain. But people who are swamped by riches and overwhelmed by scientific and technological advances can lose much of their understanding love for one another.

Saint Isidore of Seville is the Patron Saint of:

Internet users
Computers users

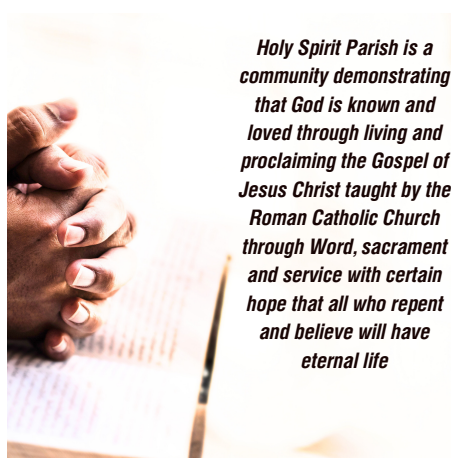
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

Mission

Holy Spirit Parish is a community demonstrating that God is known and loved through living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught by the Roman Catholic Church through Word, sacrament and service with certain hope that all who repent and believe will have eternal life

Vision

1. We see a parish that is diverse, Spirit-filled and vibrant, joyously worshipping together.
2. We see a parish generously caring for each other with our time, treasure and talents.
3. We see a parish with relevant, active and well-led ministries that are mission-oriented.
4. We see a new parish hall built in the next 3-5 years that serves as a gathering space for parishioners to learn, connect, grow and celebrate our faith.





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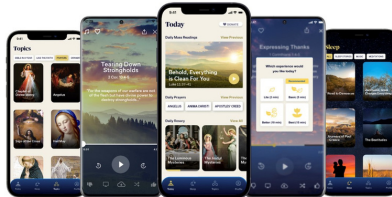
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