### Monday

APRIL 4 Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10–14; 8:10 Heb 10:4–10 Lk 1:26–38

### Tuesday

APRIL 5 Easter Weekday Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15

#### Wednesday

APRIL 6 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21

#### Thursday

APRIL 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36

### Friday

APRIL 8
Easter
Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

### Saturday

APRIL 9 Easter Weekday Acts 6:1–7 Jn 6:16–21

#### Sunday

APRIL 10 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Rv 5:11–14 Jn 21:1–19

or 21:1-14



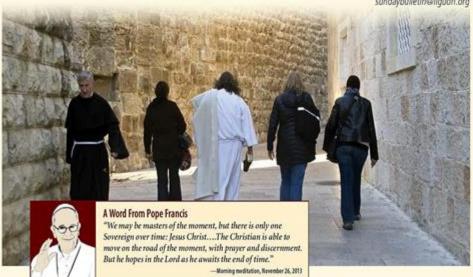
Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday + April 3, 2016 Acts 5:12-16 + Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 + Jn 20:19-31

n our time, seven days have passed since we celebrated Christ's rising. But in the Church's reckoning, it is still Easter. We may have gotten on with our earthly lives, but our spiritual calendar (and reality) remains steeped in awe, wonder, and gratitude that God incarnate walked among us and gave his life for us. The readings of the Easter Octave offer a taste of what it is like to live in God's timein his presence and kingdom-as he calms our fears, strengthens our faith, and fills us with the Spirit. Much happens after Mary Magdalene visits and leaves the tomb. Other women who come to anoint Jesus meet him, embrace him, and obey his command to spread the Good News. Mary herself obeyed and ran to tell the apostles-though she mistook the Lord for a

gardener until he spoke her name. Two disciples on the road out of town listen to Jesus' teaching and finally know him in the breaking of bread. Jesus eats with others and assures them of the Father's promise. There is another miraculous catch of fish and a breakfast with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee.

Within the scriptural context of this weeklong feast, we realize that the risen Christ is everywhere, with all of us, and existing throughout and beyond time. He appears when we least expect him; he is our teacher and our master; he feeds us with heavenly food; and he is there when we break bread together. May this knowledge strengthen our faith that Christ lives and will in time carry us home.

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# Divine Mercy Sunday



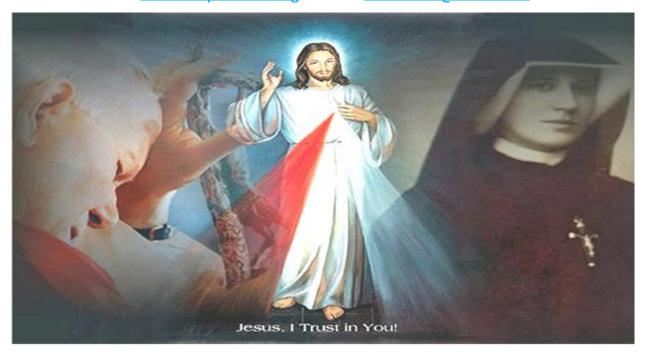
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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 5:00 pm Our Parish Family
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am Special Int Tues 8:00 am Special Int Wed 6:00 pm Special Int Thu 8:00am Special Int Fri 8:00 am +Raymond & Anna Yost

### From Father Khoa's Desk...

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Each year, on this Sunday within the octave of Easter, we are so very blessed to hear this story from Saint John, the Gospel writer, of the resurrected Lord's first appearance to the disciples, since He rose from the tomb. Saint Thomas, as we learn from Saint John's account here, wasn't present on that occasion, and, consequently, was given a verbal account of this encounter with the resurrected Jesus, by his fellow disciples. Very understandably, Saint Thomas is withholding belief in this report, and conveys precisely, to the other disciples, what will absolutely have to take place before he will believe what the others have shared with him. I don't know about you, but I know that I absolutely identify with Saint Thomas, and if Saint Thomas has been renamed "doubting Thomas", based on the need to behold, with his own eyes, the scene that has been described to him, then I, too deserve to also wear that designation, "doubting", in front of my name as well!

It is only fair to Saint Thomas for us to take into consideration the fact that resurrection from death had not previously even been part of the vocabulary of any of earth's citizens! This was an entirely new and unprecedented happening! Saint Thomas, though, in his utter and unabashed genuineness and candor, invites each of us, alongside him, to approach the Risen Jesus, and to persist no more in our unbelief, but to believe! This beautiful and compelling story, from the hand of Saint John the Evangelist, challenges us to accept and embrace our brothers and sisters, regardless of the level of their faith, as we meet and encounter them! The disciples withheld judgment of Thomas, their brother, and

instead, accompanied him back to that very place where that unforgettably sacred encounter with The Glorified Lord had transformed and transfigured them!

Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, established by Pope John Paul II when he canonized the Polish Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000. This day recognizes the abundant mercy of God offered to us through Christ. With great faith and joy, John Paul II understood the Resurrection. He described it as a "miracle of mercy", which "radically changed humanity's destiny". As we continue to celebrate this holy season, let me happily say to all of you again Happy Easter!

### May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

Last weekend at the Easter Vigil our RCIA Candidates Scott Bertram, Megan Eiselen, Karmon King, George Steiner, Vicki Bryan, and Wayne Clarks were received into Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church after making a Solemn Profession of Faith, celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and sharing in the Holy Eucharist. As we welcome them into our church community let us pray that they continue to grow in understanding of the paschal mystery.

Altar Society: meet next Sunday.

**Knights of Columbus**: meets this Sundays.

### The Word Among Us Easter Reflections

The Word Among Us Easter Reflections is available at the Church entrance. Pick up your copy today.

Parish Council: meet third Saturdays.

| MASS               | LECTOR             | EUCHARISTIC MIN.                              | SERVERS           | USHERS           | GIFT B.                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Sat April 2<br>5pm | Kathleen<br>Cuevas | Doris Snowden, Henrietta,<br>Kay Van Pelts    | Austin Scarengoas | Doug<br>Augustus | Frankie & Emma<br>Ladner   |
| Apr 3 7:30am       | Sandra Ammons      | Daniel Squillante                             | (OLC)             | Terry Mitchell   | (OLC)                      |
| Sun Apr 3<br>9am   | Sharon Leimer      | Kim Wood, Robin<br>Peterson, Valerie Ladner   | Keegan<br>Conner  | Robert<br>David  | Thomas &<br>Brandi Lassabe |
| Sat Apr 09<br>5pm  | Henrietta          | Ellen West, Mike Mays,<br>Diane Mays          | Austin Scarengoas | Doug<br>Kermit   | Jim & Jan<br>Estrada       |
| Apr 10 7:30am      | Sandra Ammons      | Daniel Squillante                             | (OLC)             | Terry Mitchell   | (OLC)                      |
| Sun Apr 10<br>9am  | Lisa Cuevas        | Dale Babin, Carolyn<br>Brewer, Robin Peterson | Will<br>Nicholas  | Robert<br>Pat    | Danny & Kim<br>Wood Family |

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

<u>Lizana Light:</u> For more info, please contact Doris or Diane. Thank you

**Church Cleaning:** Thank you Marlow and Valerie Ladner for cleaning the church on Mar 27 and Apr 3. Bootz and Mitzie will clean the church on Apr 10 and 17 Thank you.

<u>VISITATION OF THE SICK</u>: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**ST.** ANN STEWARDSHIP: \*\* 57 Identifiable: \$6757.00; Loose: \$1,706.00; Total: \$3,025.00; Children: \$117.75, AC: \$3.00; Holy Thursday: \$95.00 and kids: \$3.00; Good Friday: \$310.00, Easter: \$831.00.

## OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable: \$100.00; Loose: \$329.00; Total:

\$429.00. Easter: \$190

\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84. Thank you for your generosity.

### ST. ANN ACTIVITIES. SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

<u>Bible Study:</u> We study The Decision Point. Please join us. Classes are on **Tues at 9am and Wed at 6:30pm**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta**.

<u>Clean Up Day:</u> We invite everyone to help cleaning the buildings on the campus. Please contact Marlow for more information.

### PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Elizabeth Necaise, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, and Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, Monroe Holland, and Breanna Ladner, Richard Dunlap, Sydney Lizana.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.