



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

MONDAY, MAY 2 –

Saint Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Claudia Hayes (RIP) by Dave & Kim Chupka

TUESDAY, MAY 3 – Saint Philip and Saint James, apostles

9:00 a.m. Joe MacKinnon (RIP) by the Enke Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

9:00 a.m. Ruth Dittoe (RIP) by Barney Smith

THURSDAY, MAY 5

9:00 a.m. Jim O'Reilly (Anniversary) (RIP) by Family

FRIDAY, MAY 6

9:00 a.m. Harrison Morris (RIP) by the Morris Family

SATURDAY, MAY 7

5:00 p.m. Joyce Willman (RIP) by Jerry & Janis Altmann

SUNDAY, MAY 8 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:15 a.m. Living and Deceased Members
of St. Edward Parish

10:45 a.m. Jean Mary Gavin (RIP)
by Rick & Carol Lawson

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Natalie Thompson, Justin Thompson,
Kaley Rentz

8:15 a.m. Michael Theibert, Andrew Walczak,
Daniel Wolfe

10:45 a.m. Joe Pappas, Luke Pappas, Jason Reding

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. John Martin, Fleur Metzger

8:15 a.m. Kaitlyn Wolfe, Jason Winterhalter

10:45 a.m. Eric Guerin, Sheila Heist

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Alex Deak, Lisa Deak, Monna McCabe,
Bruno Purnode, Mark Seamon

8:15 a.m. Kathy Stukus, Phil Stukus, Carla Wolfe,
Rita Baldwin, Lisa Cannon

10:45 a.m. Phyllis Barton, Patricia Belhorn,
Lorraine Carlson, Margo Downing,
Von Downing, Gina Ehlers, Chandra Elder,
Lynn Harden, Mark Harden

GIFT BEARERS:

5:00 p.m. Volunteer

8:15 a.m. Volunteer

10:45 a.m. Gavin Family

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MAY 1, 2011

Entrance: Alleluia! Alleluia! (#174)

Sprinkling Rite: I Saw Water Flowing (#33, p. 147)

Gloria (p. 4 & #864)

Sequence: Christians, To the Paschal Victim (#34, p.151)

Responsorial Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

Preparation of Gifts: We Walk By Faith (#533)

Heritage Mass Setting: (#865-#871)

Communion Song: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (#95)

Sending Forth: The Day of Resurrection (#170)

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

1. With Easter Sunday behind us now, we can look forward to our fifty-day observance of the Easter season – days which will see in our parish, the celebrations of Holy Communion and Confirmation, and the diaconal ordination of our own Michael Hinterschied, Denison's commencement and the beginning of the wedding season. At the heart of these upcoming observances, will be our Risen Lord and His new life, which animates our own lives. Alleluia!
2. Thanks to all who made our Lenten observances, Holy Week Services and Easter Sunday so grand this year. This includes all involved in the ministry of the altar – our Clergy, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, our new Director of Music and Organist, Bill Miller; instrumentalists, our fine Ushers, all those who prepared the food and served at table for our Lenten Fish Fries, Soup Suppers and receptions involving our Denison students, and those involved in our RCIA process and the celebration of the Easter sacraments. We can't do it without you.
3. We say good-bye to John Lang, our Director of Maintenance, whose family obligations force him to leave us. He has done an excellent job for us and we shall miss him. And we welcome Floyd Lahmon, who will assume John's duties. Please welcome him to St. Edward.
4. We've pushed back the 2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal one week to next Sunday. Appeal Sunday will occur the weekend of May 7th and 8th. I will be speaking briefly at the Masses this weekend asking for another wonderful response.
5. Finally, I ask that you remember in your charity, the repose of the soul of Fr. Ted Thomas, Pastor of St. Mary Parish, German Village. Teddy and I go back to our grade school days at Holy Name Parish. He died on Easter morning after a yearlong illness. I will miss him dearly as will his family, many friends and parishioners from Ada, Mt. Vernon and Columbus. Requiescat in pace.

WELCOME!

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS ~ 8:15 a.m.

Dale Panko and Phil & Kathy Stukus

SUNDAY NURSERY

The Nursery/Playroom for young children is open during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. To be added to the Sunday schedule of volunteers, contact Melissa or Dave Lammert at 740-927-3656 or e-mail melissamtc75@aol.com.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular Sunday Collection for April 17th was \$8,797.12. The EFT draft on April 20th for regular Sunday Collection was \$7,160.33 and St. Vincent de Paul was \$545.00. The Holy Thursday Collection was \$1,842.32. The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land was \$1,097.10. The Easter Collection was \$22,066.65.

EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 1

Welcome Sunday – After both Masses – Hall
St. Vincent de Paul Collection
PSR – See schedule
Choir Rehearsal – 9:25 a.m. – Choir Loft
Teams of Our Lady Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – Lounge
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – 12:00 noon – Classroom 7
Catholics Returning Home – 1:30 p.m. – Lounge
Ignite Youth Group – 7:30 p.m. – Hall

Monday, May 2

Eucharistic Adoration – 9:30 a.m. Monday until
9:00 a.m. Tuesday – Church
Woman of St. Edward – 7:00 p.m. – Lounge

Tuesday, May 3

RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Hall
Handbells – 7:00 p.m. – Choir Loft
Men's Group for Rediscovery – 7:30 p.m. – Lounge

Wednesday, May 4

Rosary Making – 9:30 a.m. – Lounge
PSR – See Schedule
Men's Faith Sharing Group – 7:00 p.m. – Lounge

Thursday, May 5

Scripture Study – 9:45 a.m. – Lounge

Saturday, May 7

First Holy Communion – 11:00 a.m. – Church
Natural Family Planning Workshop – 2:00 p.m.

RCIA

We congratulate and welcome our "New Catholics" received into the Church at the Easter Vigil: *Ray Ashcraft, Tim Collins, Jonathan Hicks, David Hughes, Carrie Mumma, Kathy Sommer, and Rob Wright*. Congratulations also to Denison student, *Kim Humphrey*, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and to the following children: *Claudia Warstler*, who was baptized, *Carter Warstler*, who was baptized and received First Holy Communion, and *Cobi Warstler and Eva Vivero*, who received First Holy Communion. The Period of Mystagogia for our adults begins this Tuesday, May 3rd, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall, and anyone is invited to attend

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (P.S.R.)

The upcoming schedule is:

Today, Sunday, May 1

Grades 5-7...classes from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

15-minute break for dismissal and arrival

Grade Pre-K/K...class from 10:45 a.m. to end of Mass

Note: No class for Grade 8 students because of yesterday's Confirmation Retreat.

This Wednesday, May 4

Grades 1-A, 3-A, 4-A...classes from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

15-minute break for dismissal and arrival

Grades 1-B, 3-B, 4-B...classes from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Note: Grades 2-A and 2-B have a combined First Communion Mass Rehearsal in the church from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. First Communion Mass is Saturday, May 7, at 11:00 a.m.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Do you know of someone who has left the Church and might be interested in finding their way home to an active practice of the faith? Once again, St. Edward will offer a five consecutive Sunday series, *Catholics Returning Home*. It begins **today, Sunday, May 1st, at 1:30 p.m., in the Lounge**. Please invite anyone seeking more information to contact Mike Millisor (587-4160 or reled@saintedwards.org).

AID TO THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, where **great needs remain**. This Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more and please, be generous in next week's Collection.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come one and all to the 28th annual Granville Ecumenical Vacation Bible School! This year's program will be hosted here at St. Edward, Monday-Friday, June 13th-17th (8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, each day). The theme this year is ***Shake It Up Café – Carrying Out God's Recipe***. All children age 4 through 6th grade are invited! Registration forms are now available in the back of the church and in the Religious Education Office. **Many adult and teen (Grade 7 and up) volunteers are needed, and you can sign up to help on the flip side of the registration form! Because we are the host site, the VBS Planning Team would like to see as many St. Edward parishioners as possible volunteer.** Anyone with questions can find contact information on the form, or by calling the Religious Education Office (587-4160). The Planning Team Chair, Tess Wigginton, can also be reached at techlady911@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MAY 1 – EASTER PARTY

7:30-9:00 p.m., at St. Edward (**note time change**). Come celebrate the end of Lent and beginning of the Easter Season with a bonfire and good food! It's going to a great time, so you won't want to miss it!

SUNDAY, MAY 8 – GUY'S AND GIRL'S NIGHT

It's a night tailor-made for guys and girls. No matter where you are in your faith, you won't want to miss it! 7:00-8:15 p.m., at St. Edward.

SUNDAY, MAY 15 – IGNITE

7:00-8:15 p.m., at St. Edward. Come and see what all the excitement's about!



Bishop's Annual Appeal * 2011

2011 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal will be introduced this weekend, April 30th and May 1st, and pledge envelopes will be available in the pews on May 7th and 8th. Every year, the funds raised through this effort are a source of hope and inspiration for many within our diocese. Our parish family has been asked to raise \$75,930.28 for the Diocese and \$100,000.00 to be applied to our parish debt. I am asking each family to please consider a gift of \$500.00 or more over 10 months. When we exceed our diocesan goal, we will use the money we receive back from the Diocese to continue to pay down our debt. As a parish, we rely on each and every family to join together to help us do our part for the vision and mission of the Church. Thank you and God bless.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION SUNDAY

Conference members will be at the doors of the church to receive your generous donations after all the Masses this weekend.



JOIN IN THE SONG – CHRIST IS RISEN!

The singing by all gathered at St. Edward the Confessor Church through the Triduum and Easter Day was without a doubt *gusto with passion!* Each of us contributes to a sound that is unique. Nowhere else will the sound be the same. Our parish is blessed with outstanding musical talent, which is obvious when we sing of the Risen Christ. May each of us go forth from the walls of the church and share the songs we have in our hearts with those who do not know the Gospel.

This is an ideal time to consider joining the Parish Choir. We rehearse Sunday mornings at 9:25 a.m., prior to the second Mass. The Choir Gallery can accommodate 50 folks. It would be thrilling to fill that space with voices singing of the Risen Christ. Contact Bill Miller at 614-439-0096 or wmkmiller@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.

EDWARDIANS

Join us on May 10th for a boat cruise at Buckeye Lake, lunch at the lake and tour of the Buckeye Lake Museum. We'll leave our church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$12.00 per person, plus the cost of lunch. Contact Rick and Rosie Rieser at rrrieser@aol.com or 740-964-6224 with your reservations by **May 8th**.

A NOTE FROM THE CHANCERY

Dear Msgr. Enke

I am pleased to inform you that I have received, reviewed, and accepted the local level child protection self-audit that you submitted on behalf of your parish. As a result, it has been determined, based on your report, that your parish is compliant with the standards set forth by the Charter and Norms for the Protection of Children and Young People.

I want to thank you and your staff, especially Michael T. Millisor, for your hard work and your commitment to participate in the Diocese of Columbus' efforts to assure the protection of the children and young people whom we, as Church, serve.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Regina E. Quinn, Safe Environment Coordinator

SPRING ANNUALS SALE

Thank you to everyone who ordered annuals from the Women of St. Edward. The flower pick-up is Saturday, May 14th, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., in the church parking lot. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

TEAMS OF OUR LADY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On SUNDAY, MAY 1st, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. (between Masses), there will be an informational meeting in the Lounge for couples who might be interested in knowing more about TEAMS of Our Lady. "TEAMS" is a movement of spirituality for Catholic married couples; the teams comprise groups of married couples who wish to achieve holiness in and through marriage, gathered around Christ to help one another to progress in the love of God, to build themselves up in Christ, and to place their love at the service of His kingdom. St. Edward has FIVE TEAMS already, and throughout the world, there are some 8,600 teams in 48 countries, including Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, North America, and South America. Please join us to learn more! Questions? Please call Scott and Barb Scholten at 587-2459.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell will ordain Nicholas Droll and Michael Hinterschied to the Sacred Order of Deacon of Our Lord Jesus Christ through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Most Holy Spirit on Saturday, May 14th, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus. All are invited to attend. There will be a reception for Michael here at St. Edward on Sunday, May 15th, after the 10:45 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

2011 FATHER THOMAS J. LOWERY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2011 award of the Father Thomas J. Lowery Scholarship are available through the Parish Office. The scholarship was established to honor the memory of our former pastor and is presented annually to any member of St. Edward Parish who is pursuing a post-secondary program at an accredited institution. Persons interested in applying should submit their application to the Parish Office by **May 10th**.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the kitchen counter for dishes from the Fish Fries and recent receptions. There is a box of Lost and Found items on the coat rack in the Hall. Also, we found a set of finger puppets left in the church (please pick up from the Parish Office).

WELCOME SUNDAY (DONUT SUNDAY) ~ MAY 1

Welcome Sunday is today after both Masses. The Knights of Columbus will be providing the coffee and donuts. This month, the **Men's Faith Sharing Group** will host the Welcome Table. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, plan to visit. Members of the **Men's Faith Sharing Group** will also be available to welcome and register new parishioners.

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

There is a Stewardship binder available on the Welcome Table at Donut Sunday for anyone wishing to sign up for new Ministries. Please stop by if you have new interests and/or want to begin serving our Parish Family in a new Ministry.

EQUAL EXCHANGE

INTERFAITH COFFEE PROGRAM

The Women of St. Edward will have Fairly Traded Gourmet coffee, hot chocolate and chocolate candy bars for sale in the Hall. As part of the Equal Exchange Interfaith Coffee Program, the sale of fairly-traded coffee helps small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa, and Asia build a better economic future for their families and communities.

CELEBRATE AND REVERENCE GOD'S VISION FOR MARRIED LOVE AND LIFE

Whether you're hoping to achieve or postpone pregnancy, Natural Family Planning (NFP) can help you and your spouse live God's plan for love and life, while strengthening your marriage relationship. A Diocesan NFP Workshop, offered through the Marriage and Family Life Office, will begin **Saturday, May 7th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., here at St. Edward. The four-session workshop will continue on June 4th, 25th, and July 30th.** The registration fee is \$60.00 per couple and includes instructional materials; financial assistance is available. For more information or to register, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or FLOMailbox@colsdio.org.

FISH FRY THANK-YOU

As we reflect on this year's successful Lenten Fish Fry Dinners, I want to thank all of the "Dessert Divas," who worked so tirelessly on serving the desserts. The supply of baked goods from parishioners was overwhelming. St. Edward Parish has some terrific bakers and your goodies keep the diners coming back for more. The divas this year were: Chris Montis, Suz Shook, Rosie Rieser, Teresa Jakob, Nancy Hughes, Pat Wilson, Rita Brinkley, Marty Puckett, Sandy Wolfe, June Plute, Nolie Wagner, and the "faithful keeper of the ice and water pitchers" – Jaron Shook. Thank you all, Lenna Leo.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SAINT VINCENT HAVEN

The Saint Vincent Haven Men's Shelter seeks Executive Director candidates for the shelter located at 115 Wilson Street, Newark. The job description, information about Saint Vincent Haven and the address for submitting a résumé are available at <http://stvincentedpaulcenter.org/>. Please submit résumé no later than May 9, 2011.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us at Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 378 East Main Street, Newark, on May 1st, for the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**. Eucharistic Adoration starts following the 10:30 a.m. Mass until 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation is from 1:00-3:00 p.m., and the **Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction are from 3:00 p.m.**

LADIES CARD PARTY

Calling all fun-loving ladies to attend the 11th Annual Card Party at St. Francis de Sales Church Lamy Center, 40 Granville Street, in Newark, on Thursday, May 5th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30), sponsored by the Women of St. Francis. Tickets are \$5.00. Games offered: Euchre, Progressive Euchre, Tripoli, Uno or bring a game you and your friends wish to play. Delicious Refreshments. Great Door Prizes. For more information, contact Chairperson Kathie Killeen at 740-522-2050. Tickets available by contacting Nancy Gifford at 740-366-3957.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT

Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center presents a Mother/Daughter Retreat on May 14th-15th. Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. The Retreat Leader is Elizabeth Ficocelli. The Saturday schedule includes: The Age of Mary Presentation from 10:00-11:00 a.m., lunch at 12:00 noon, and The Gift of Reconciliation Presentation from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Fr. Steven Fitzheney will hear Confessions at 3:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m., and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Breakfast will be served on Sunday Morning. The cost is \$60.00 per Single Room or \$80.00 per Double Room. For reservations, please call Pam or Cathy at 740-928-4246.

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY CELEBRATION

The 34th annual Diocesan Senior Citizens Day Celebration will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, at St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Boulevard, Columbus. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a luncheon. Registration for the celebration is \$15.00. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Registration forms are located on our parish bulletin boards. For questions, call (614) 241-2540 or e-mail socmailbox@colsdio.org. Registrations are requested by **May 13**.

THIRD ANNUAL SEEKHOLINESS SEMINARIAN DIOCESAN BIKE TOUR EVANGELIZATION ON WHEELS!

Seminarians and priests from the Columbus Diocese will be riding their bikes through the Diocese, May 16th-20th, and stopping to visit 14 schools/parishes to talk about Vocations. Please visit www.seekholiness.com for more information about their schedule from Logan, through Lancaster, Columbus, and concluding at Mt. Vernon. Bring your bike and ride a mile or two with them on Friday, May 20th – meet at McNamara Park in Westerville at 9:30 a.m. More info? E-mail lori@seekholiness.com.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES 16TH ANNUAL CSS GOLF CLASSIC

The 16th Annual Catholic Social Services Golf Classic is June 9th at the Scioto Reserve Country Club. The schedule for the day is: 12:00 noon, Golf Clinic; 1:00 p.m., Shotgun Start; and 6:00 p.m., Dinner and Awards. The cost is \$375.00 per person/\$1,500.00 per team, which includes golf, lunch, dinner, beverages, tee gifts and awards. To reserve your foursome, please contact Karen Washbush at kwashbush@colscss.org or 614-857-1236. Corporate sponsorships also available. *Special Bonus! Each participant will receive an additional free round of golf!*

CATHOLIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP 2011

Open to all students entering grades 6-12 next school year, this six-day resident camp features high adventure activities, including Jet Skiing, Tubing, Canoeing, Archery, Paintball, Climbing Wall, Zip Line, Water Blob, Zorb, and High Ropes Course. In addition, campers participate in daily Mass; enjoy inspirational talks and presentations about the Catholic Faith, with the opportunity to enjoy hiking trails, sacred arts, and campfires. Any student, regardless of race, religion, or cultural background, is welcome to attend. Dates: June 26-July 1, July 3-8, and July 10-15 for High School students entering grades 9-12; July 25-30, and July 31-August 5 for Middle School students entering grades 6-8. Additional information, including a registration form, is available at www.cysc.com, or contact Bob Moraine, Camp Director, at bob@cysc.com.

BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

Join EWTN on Sunday, May 1st on the Feast of Divine Mercy, as Pope Benedict XVI presides over the much-anticipated beatification of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, live from St. Peter's Square. Beatification is the last major step before possible sainthood. Visit www.ewtn.com for more information or to watch coverage online.

ST. CHARLES UPCOMING ATHLETIC CAMPS

Cardinal Football Camp

For boys entering grades 1-8; June 13-16; 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cost is \$100.00. Please contact Coach Jeff Pharion ('86) at jeffpharion@hotmail.com or 614-825-6694

St. Charles Baseball Camp

For boys ages 7-14; June 20-23; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Cost is \$80.00. Please contact Coach Ray Benjamin ('91) at benj33@aol.com or 614-778-2052.

St. Charles Soccer Academy

For boys entering grades 4-9; June 27-30; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Cost is \$85.00. Please contact Coach Rick Ey ('94) at richard_ey@yahoo.com.

Cardinal Basketball Camps

Please contact Coach Jacob Daniel ('95) at coachjdaniel@gmail.com or 614-595-6220 regarding the following opportunities...

- Camp (1): For boys entering grades 5-7; July 5-8, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Cost is \$100.00.
- Camp (2): For boys entering grades 8-9; July 11-14, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Cost is \$100.00.
- Shooting Camp: For boys entering grades 5-9; July 19 and 21; Session I, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., and Session II, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Cost is \$50.00.

MASS OF COMFORT

Bethesda Healing Ministry invites all those who grieve the death before birth of their child or children to a Mass of Comfort, Monday, May 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., at Christ the King Parish. The Celebrants are Fr. Dean Mathewson, Chaplain of Bethesda Healing Ministry, and Fr. Craig Eilerman. Refreshments following Mass will be served at Five Porticoes, home of Bethesda Healing Ministry (former convent on the west side of Christ the King Church). For questions, please call Bethesda Healing Ministry Office at 614-718-0277.

This Sunday completes the Octave of Easter, one concentrated celebration of joy and thanksgiving for the good news of Jesus' Resurrection, His victory over sin and death. In particular today, we celebrate God's steadfast love that remains constant, even when we are weak or unfaithful. The Hebrew word used in Psalm 118 is translated both "love" and "mercy" for it includes more than any one English word can convey. God's mercy includes the forgiveness of sins, and we rejoice that Jesus gave that authority to the apostles. But it also includes God's promise of an imperishable inheritance kept in heaven for us, "the salvation of your souls," as St. Peter wrote. How then should we respond? Meeting the risen Christ inspires a reaction like the one St. Thomas had, "My Lord and my God!" It then gives us a whole new way of life, which affects the way we use our Time, our Talent, and our Treasure. Committed to "the communal life," the Christians in Jerusalem "devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes." Looking at the whole world in a new way, we'll want to sing, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

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SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:





2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

May 1, 2011

Jesus Reveals the Resurrection

Acts 2:42-47
 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20:19-31

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Rejection to triumph, sin to redemption, despair to new life, death to resurrection—all of these are themes that resound during this Easter season. Today’s psalm, a hymn of thanksgiving, expresses confidence in the love of God, which we trust will last forever. The New Testament interprets the rejected cornerstone as descriptive of the death and Resurrection of Christ. It is fitting to rejoice in the Christ who has become the cornerstone not only for the early community of believers, but also for us as we attempt to be faithful followers.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples after his Resurrection and offers them peace, just as he did at the Last Supper. Jesus tells them he is now sending them forth just as the Father sent him. Breathing on them, he gives them the Holy Spirit so they might carry out his mission of peace, healing, and forgiveness of sins. This part of the Gospel will be proclaimed again on the solemnity of Pentecost as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit upon the Church.

The stone the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / By the LORD this has been done; / it is wonderful in our eyes. / This is the day the LORD has made; / let us be glad and rejoice in it (Psalm 118:22-24).



SHARING FAITH

- ◆ What does it mean to break bread as a sign of unity and a way to continue to live out Christ’s mission?
- ◆ What words would you use to describe God’s mercy in your life? When have you been particularly aware of God’s mercy and love?
- ◆ How is Jesus Christ the cornerstone of your life?

LIVING THE LITURGY

- ◆ This Sunday is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a commemoration of the mercy Christ’s death and Resurrection poured on us. The themes in the readings focus on mercy, trust, and forgiveness of sins and we are encouraged to practice mercy and charity to celebrate this. With your family or a group decide on a practice you could do together. You might help at a local pantry, collect items for a shelter, or plant flowers in your neighborhood. There are many ways in which we can act in gratitude of God’s mercy and love.
- ◆ The disciples in the Acts reading shared what they had with those in need. Bake something to share or make a meal for someone who might need help or is alone, such as a college student, homebound person, or family with a new baby.
- ◆ Pray this week using these words from Psalm 118: “God’s love endures forever” (Psalm 118:2).



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“CHRIST WAS CALLING ME TO SERVE HIM AS A PRIEST”

I am often asked, especially by young people, why I became a priest. Maybe some of you would like to ask the same question. Let me try briefly to reply. I must begin by saying that it is impossible to explain entirely, for it remains a mystery, even to myself. How does one explain the ways of God? Yet, I know that at a certain point in my life, I became convinced that Christ was saying to me what He had said to thousands before me: “Come, follow me!” There was a clear sense that what I heard in my heart was no human voice, nor was it just an idea of my own. Christ was calling me to serve Him as a priest. And you can probably tell, I am deeply grateful to God for my vocation to the priesthood.

Nothing means more to me or gives me greater joy than to celebrate Mass each day and to serve God’s people in the Church. That has been true ever since the day of my ordination as a priest. Nothing has ever changed it, not even becoming pope.

POPE JOHN PAUL II
Los Angeles, Sept. 15, 1987