

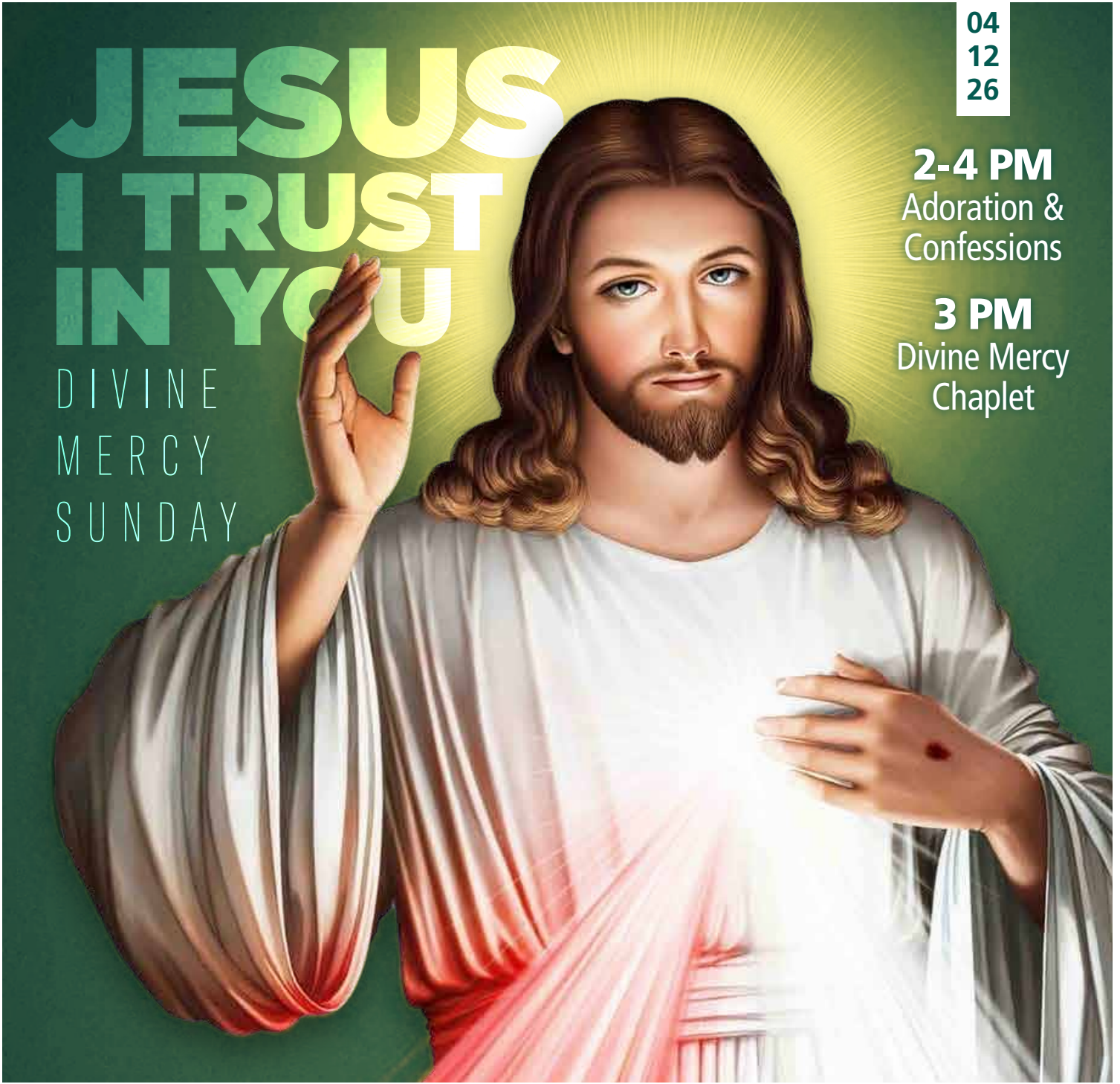
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JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

DIVINE
MERCY
SUNDAY

2-4 PM
Adoration &
Confessions

3 PM
Divine Mercy
Chaplet



It's Kairos cookie-baking time!

Pick up bags with instructions this weekend after Masses. Find details inside the bulletin.

Holy Mass*

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 PM

SUNDAY 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM

Daily Mass*

MONDAY 6:30 AM, 8 AM, 5:30 PM

TUES./ THURS./ FRIDAY 6:30 AM, 8 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:30 AM, 5:30 PM

SATURDAY 8 AM

Reconciliation*

WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SATURDAY Following 8 AM Mass

Or, schedule a Confession with one of our priests, by calling the parish office.

**Regular Mass and Confession times may change. Find this week's calendar in the weekly bulletin or on our website.*



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NEW MEMBERS – Fill out a New Member Registration form at stbrendans.net/welcome or 614-876-1272 / parish@stbrendans.net

MARRIAGE – Marriage Request form: stbrendans.net/marriage (fill out at least six months prior to your wedding.) Marriage prep is required. Email Valerie Scheel, weddingplanner@stbrendans.net

BAPTISMS – 12 PM most Sundays. Visit stbrendans.net/baptism or email baptism@stbrendans.net for questions or details. **Baptism Preparation Class:** 2 required, 1st Sundays monthly, 12 PM.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK – Contact the Parish Office.

POD NURSERY – Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass (for children 6 months-4 years old) Questions? Email nursery@stbrendans.net

OCIA – (*Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*) Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Wendy Ferkany at 614-876-1272, ext. 291 or wferkany@stbrendans.net

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MASS INTENTIONS – Fill out a Mass Intention envelope (in the church gathering area) with \$10 cash/check and drop off at the Parish Office.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR – To remember a loved one or for a special intention: \$75 donation (cost is \$109/extra is welcome.) Donors/intentions are published in the parish bulletin.

CANDLE DONATIONS – \$2 for large candles / 25 cents for small ones.

MINISTRY OF CARE FOR HOMEBOUND – To receive Eucharist at home or at a facility, email Nell at doconnell@stbrendans.net

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN – Register at www.virtus.org

NAVIGATOR NEWS / PARISHSTAQ – To receive our weekly parish e-newsletter, visit stbrendan.cbchurch.com and create your account in ParishStaq. Log in to be automatically added to our email list.

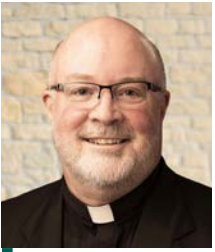
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Sunday, 10:45 AM; Monday/Wednesday, 5:30 PM; and Tuesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday, 8 AM

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From Our Pastor

ON THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, THIS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,

as we read in *The Columbus Dispatch*, watch any of the network or cable news programs, or go to a news web page, we might be asking ourselves why there is such a lack of peace in the world. Actually, the answer is quite simple: There are a great many in this world who do not take God seriously, nor do they humbly approach Him to receive His mercy. There is a lack of peace in the world because some still want to place their opinions on the same plane as God; for whatever reason, they feel compelled to play God

by redefining right from wrong based on their opinions, or imposing their will upon God rather than submit to the will of God, and refusing to turn back to Him to beg His forgiveness and receive it. And the longer we refuse to acknowledge our need for God's mercy, seek it and share it, the worse it gets. For peace, we have to recognize our need for God's mercy, ask for and receive that mercy, and then share that mercy with others. This typically involves three steps:

- † **Recognize our need for God's mercy.** Like the familiar *Parable of the Prodigal Son* (Luke 15), we have to realize that we have sinned, and that without God's forgiveness, we will die in our sins. But God does not desire the death of the sinner, but that the sinner return to Him and live, which leads us to the second step.
- † **Trust in, humbly ask for, and receive God's mercy.** In this world, Jesus established only one ordinary way for us to receive this mercy for all the sins we've committed after our Baptism – through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confessing our sins to Christ through the priest. There are a lot of people today, including some Catholics, who say, "I can confess my sins directly to the Lord." Out of genuine love for you and for your soul, please let me be very clear: You can confess your sins to whomever you want — to your best friends, husbands or wives, parents and children, coworkers, social workers, counselors, bartenders, radio call-in show hosts — to anyone you want. But you cannot receive true, authentic, sacramental forgiveness there, which is the point. The only means in this world in which we can be certain that the Lord forgives us is when we confess our sins to a priest who is acting *in persona Christi* – in the person of Christ – whom Jesus has ordained for this purpose. I will say this — based on the great number of Confessions we heard during Lent, Holy Week and on Good Friday here at Saint Brendan's, I'd say our parishioners here have very good understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We also had many visitors who had heard of our multiple opportunities to hear Confessions at Saint Brendan's. We are here to serve, not to be served, and making ourselves available to hear Confessions, as your parish priests, is a priority.
- † **We're called to be merciful with others.** Jesus said, "Be merciful, as your heavenly Father is merciful... The measure with which you measure will be measured back to you" (Luke 6:36-38). Elsewhere, the Lord says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" (Matthew 5:7). The Lord's point is that the prerequisite for our receiving mercy is our showing mercy to others. After having taught us the Lord's Prayer (the "Our Father") in which we pray, "forgive us our trespasses as we have forgiven those who have trespassed against us," the Lord instructs us, "If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their sins, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your sins" (Matthew 6:14-15).

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let us remember what the Lord said to Saint Faustina: "I want... the first Sunday after Easter ... to be the Feast of Mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow."

Pope Saint John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. In his second encyclical, *Rich in Mercy*, Pope Saint John Paul II offered an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (*Dives in Misericordia*, 13); the document *Dives in Misericordia* is available via the Vatican web site: www.vatican.va. He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate, and on two occasions, said:

"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world." + *Pope Saint John Paul II, Regina Caeli message, April 3, 2005*

"What is mercy if not the boundless love of God, who confronted with human sin, restrains the sentiment of severe justice and, allowing Himself to be moved by the wretchedness of His creatures, spurs Himself to the total gift of self, in the Son's cross ...? Who can say that he is free from sin and does not need God's mercy? As people of this restless time of ours, wavering between the emptiness of self-exaltation and the humiliation of despair, we have a greater need than ever for a regenerating experience of mercy." + *Pope Saint John Paul II, Regina Caeli message, April 10, 1994*

God bless,

Fr. Mike

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

Living as a Resurrection People

Article by Constance Hull, O.P.,
courtesy of The Catholic Exchange.

We are now in the last days of the Octave of Easter – we celebrate Easter Sunday for eight days and the Easter Season for fifty days. It is Easter, not Christmas, which are the highest, holiest, and most important days of the year. Without the Resurrection and the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord there would be no Church and there would be no Christians. Jesus would have been a failed religious leader with some interesting insights, but he would still be in the tomb and we would still be in the darkness of sin and death without the Resurrection.

As Pope Benedict XVI once wrote in the second part of his book on Jesus Christ, “The Christian faith stands or falls with the truth of the testimony that Christ is risen from the dead. It is precisely those people who deny the Resurrection and look to Jesus as some kind of guru who have completely lost the mystery and truth of the Christian message. The Resurrection is everything for the Christian, without it we would be nothing. Only if Jesus is risen has anything really new occurred that changes the world and the situation of mankind. Then he becomes the criterion on which we can rely. For then God has truly revealed himself” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth, Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection*, 242).

During this Easter Season we should meditate on this great mystery and truth of our Faith. Do we truly believe that Jesus Christ, who gave himself in total love and obedience to the Father for us, rose from the dead? Christ asks us this question over and over again throughout our lives as we make choices and battle along the path to holiness. Do we testify that Jesus is Lord? Is he the Lord of our lives? The entire Easter Season is about us celebrating that Jesus is risen and is the Lord of all.

The Resurrection is so great a mystery that it can overpower us with awe, wonder, and its sheer magnitude. This is no different from how the first witnesses to Jesus’ Resurrection felt.

“What actually happened? Clearly, for the witnesses who encountered the risen Lord, it was not easy to say. They were confronted with what for them was an entirely new reality, far beyond the limits of their experience. Much as the reality of the event overwhelmed them and impelled them to bear witness, it was still utterly unlike anything they had previously known” (Ibid, 242).

The enormity of the Resurrection and the human response has not changed much over the last 2000 years. The Resurrection as an event in history, and of eternity, means that it transcends all time and reaches all people. The Resurrection completely changed the course of history and eschatology both then and now, until the end of time.

“The New Testament testimonies leave us in no doubt that what happened in the ‘Resurrection of the Son of Man’ was utterly different. Jesus’ Resurrection was about breaking out into an entirely new form of life, into a life that is no

longer subject to the law of dying and becoming, but lies beyond it—a life that opens up a new dimension of human existence. Therefore, the Resurrection of Jesus is not an isolated event that we could set aside as something limited to the past, but it constitutes an ‘evolutionary leap’ (to draw an analogy, albeit one that is easily misunderstood). In Jesus’ Resurrection a new possibility of human existence is attained that affects everyone and that opens up a future, a new kind of future, for mankind” (Ibid, 244).

Even in our understanding of the enormity of the Resurrection, it can be difficult in our culture to follow the liturgical rhythms of the Church. Much like Christmas, at least in Western culture, Easter lasts a single day and then it is business as usual. In the Catholic Church, the Easter Season is a lengthy one of fifty days. Over the next few weeks we continue to walk with the disciples who encountered the risen Lord until his Ascension and then we will await the Holy Spirit’s coming at Pentecost. We have begun living the greatest mysteries of our Faith in the Sacred Triduum and will continue to do so through the Easter season. So how do we keep celebrating when those around us have moved on?

TESTIFY TO THE EASTER SEASON BY OUR LIVES

I live in an area where Catholics are a minority. We are about 2% of the population. The day after Easter Sunday, I tend to go out and buy discounted Easter items, especially Easter Lilies. Most people are preparing for next year while I am ramping up to keep the season going until Pentecost. As I went through checkout lines and people noted the good sales to me, I would politely say that I am actually Catholic and it is still Easter for us, so we will be continuing the celebration. It’s a very small thing, but it means that I am sharing the joy of the Resurrection for more than just one day. It also means that my daughter can explain to other people that Easter lasts for weeks and it is glorious to celebrate the Paschal Mystery for an entire season.

LIVE EASTER IN OUR HOMES

We can live the spirit of Easter in our homes by keeping them decorated throughout the entire season. The Easter Lilies may not last that long, but depending on where you live you can plant them in your yard and enjoy them for years to come. Icons, pictures, or statues depicting the Resurrection are great reminders of the Easter Season. As Catholics we have a deep appreciation for beauty and art that should be celebrated in our homes. If you can’t afford to buy items, then print some depictions of the Resurrection and put them up in your home. Pick up discounted crafts to do with your kids as a way of celebrating each day or do the crafts yourself. Human beings need visual reminders and cues.

ATTEND DAILY MASS IN THE EASTER SEASON & BEYOND

This one may not be an option for everyone. Unfortunately, our parish priest is dying of cancer and so our daily Masses have been suspended. Please pray for him. But, for those of

Article by Constance Hull continues...

you where this is an option, attending daily Mass during the Easter season allows you to walk the steps of Jesus and the witnesses to his Resurrection while also receiving Holy Communion. There is no better place to be united to the Glorified Christ than at Mass.

MEDITATE ON THE RESURRECTION IN SCRIPTURE

Whether it be the Gospels or the testimony of St. Paul to the Resurrection, spend time meditating on the various Chapters of Scripture related to the Resurrection. We should allow ourselves to go deeper into this great mystery and into the experiences of those who saw the risen Lord. Make Easter the central aspect of prayer during this beautiful season.

"If we attend to the witnesses with listening hearts and open ourselves to the signs by which the Lord again and again authenticates both them and himself, then we know that he is truly risen. He is alive. Let us entrust ourselves to him, knowing that we are on the right path. With Thomas let us place our hands into Jesus' pierced side and confess: 'My Lord and my God!'" (John 20:28), (Ibid, 277).

PRAY THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY THROUGHOUT EASTER

One of the greatest meditative prayers we have been given is the Rosary. During Easter, make a point of meditating on the Glorious Mysteries, which focus on the Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost, the Assumption, and the Coronation of Mary. In praying these mysteries, we can walk with our Heavenly Mother through these joyous mysteries of the Faith. We are able to deepen our understanding and unite ourselves to Christ and his Mother in prayer.

It is important for the Mystical Body, ourselves, and the world that we truly live and proclaim Jesus as Lord, as the risen One. The Resurrection has changed everything for every person who has ever lived, is alive today, or will live in the future. Let us learn to live as Resurrection people constantly bringing the Good News and joy we have received to others. It is through Easter and the glorification of Christ that we are saved. Without the Paschal Mystery the world would still dwell in darkness, so we must share the great light of Christ and the Church.

Easter is far from over. Let's share the Resurrection with a Fallen world that is still battling sin and evil. There should be no question of Whom we belong to during this Easter Season and throughout the entire year and years of our lives. We must truly let the great mystery of the Resurrection transform our lives, so we can go out into the world and bring all people into conformation with the Most Holy Trinity, which is our mission and task.

"We are an Easter people, and 'Alleluia' is our song!" ~Pope Saint John Paul II

Parish Membership Check-up

Are you currently registered in the parish? If you are over the age of 21, living in the Hilliard/Dublin area, and still on your parent's parish registration, please register on your own, today! Registration forms are available online at <https://stbrendans.net/about/welcome/> and in the gathering area (look for the "New Member Registration" sign), or pick up a registration form at the parish office. Have you recently moved or changed your email or phone number? If so, please contact the parish office so we can update your contact information or, sign in to ParishStaq to update your contact information/check membership status at <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/> Need assistance? Email Dina at dharder@stbrendans.net

Not Catholic but Curious?

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process where adults have the opportunity to explore faith questions and learn the traditions, beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. If interested, email Wendy Ferkany at wferkany@stbrendans.net

Adoration Reminders

Committing to Holy Hour regularly is a game changer for your life! Seeking peace, patience, rest? Have gratitude for the good in your life? Need intercession for someone in need or yourself? Why not take all of these to the Lord in prayer? Please sign in, even if as a guest or if staying less than an hour, to let us know someone is there with Jesus!

Easy Fundraising!

Link your Kroger Loyalty Card to our parish and school at www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards and search for "St Brendan Church." Click on "save" to connect your loyalty card. Then, swipe your card at checkout and our parish is rewarded!

Coffee & Donut Hosts

We are in need of individuals, families or ministries to sign up to host Coffee and Donuts in the second half of 2026 (July-December) held the first and third Sundays most months. This is a great way to promote your ministry or event. Families can use hosting as a way to teach children the importance of serving others! If interested, email Janet Walsh at hospitality@stbrendans.net

Free Catholic Content!

Hallow offers a free version (Hallow Lite) with hundreds of sessions, such as the Daily Gospel, Rosary, Bible in a Year and Meditations at no cost. To access it, download the Hallow app and skip the premium subscription prompt. Also, visit www.formed.org for faith-filled Catholic content available at no cost to our parishioners! Simply search for "St. Brendan, Hilliard" when signing up.

The Sunday of Divine People

Article by Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P., courtesy of the Catholic Education Resource Center.

We owe the existence of this celebration on the octave day of Easter to the graced intervention of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish religious born in 1905 who belonged to the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. In Saint Faustina's famous Diary appear fourteen revelations of the Lord regarding the desired feast. At the canonization of Saint Faustina on April 30, 2000, Pope (now Saint) John Paul II declared: "This Second Sunday of Easter...from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'."

I confess to knowing little about Saint Faustina in the past, and for a long time I was without the inclination to discover more. But then I attended a priest retreat in Ireland, and met there an impressive diocesan priest from Poland. He encouraged me to read Faustina's Diary, promising that it would deepen my love for Jesus Christ like nothing else. He was right. I am so grateful for that holy priest's fraternal counsel.

WOUNDS AND MERCY

The Gospel proclaimed on the Sunday after Easter is always the story of Doubting Thomas, Jn. 20:19-31). What convinces us about the boundless mercy of God are the wounds of his Risen Son.

Saint Faustina recounts an encounter with Jesus four days after professing her perpetual vows: After a moment, I saw the Lord, all covered with wounds; and he said to me, "Look at whom you have espoused." I understood the meaning of these words and answered the Lord, "Jesus, I love you more when I see you wounded and crushed with suffering like this than if I saw you in majesty." Jesus asked, "Why?" I replied, "Great majesty terrifies me, little nothing that I am, and your wounds draw me to your heart and tell me of your great love for me."

One of our most difficult challenges is finding the courage to face those terrifying, lifelong wounds we scurry to keep buried inside us. They cripple us, discourage us, wrecking us with fear, with hopelessness that turns joy into a joke. But for once at Easter, we see ourselves as we are in the mirror of the wound-bearing Savior. And when mercy incarnate beckons – Bring your hand and put it into my side – those miraculous wounds free us from every sadness and despair. The wounds of Jesus woo us to the Great Love our heart was made for. Mercy, like every grace, always enters through a wound.

MERCY AND MISERY

The Diary imparts another wise word about mercy: *A magnificent building will never rise if we reject the insignificant bricks. God demands great purity of certain souls, and so he gives them a deeper knowledge of their own misery.* So often we presume that our accomplishments, our merits, our greatness are the things that qualify us for, and catapult us into, sanctity. But divine mercy implores us to see: it is our littleness, our nothingness, our weakness, our powerlessness that God uses to create truly holy souls. The more we are aware of our own inability and insignificance, the better equipped we are to offer a precious, pure gift to divine mercy so that mercy can create something wondrous out of nothing. And nothing glorifies God more.

"...Close the window, close the door, don't let anyone in. Allow his mercy to smile and pray within you. And when she weeps say nothing."

Saint Faustina learned this the hard way. One day a superior confronted her with the reprimand, "Get it out of your head, Sister, that the Lord Jesus might be communing in such an intimate way with such a miserable bundle of imperfections as you! Bear in mind that it is only with holy souls that the Lord Jesus communes in this way!"

Sister Faustina, truly humbled by this, prayed to Jesus, who responded, "Be at peace, my daughter. It is precisely through such misery that I want to show the power of my mercy." To believe in mercy is to withstand the seductive lies that would undermine our confidence in divine mercy. **Jesus, I trust in you.**

The Catholic author Georges Bernanos gives us priceless advice: "Yes, God's sweet mercy is within you. Don't ask her to explain herself, to justify herself. Don't bore her with endless chatter and discussions. Close the window, close the door, don't let anyone in. Allow his mercy to smile and pray within you. And when she weeps say nothing."

Saint
Maria
Faustina
Kowalska
1905-1938



food for thought

Jesus said to Sister Faustina one day: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy" (Diary, p. 132). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity. ~Pope Saint John Paul II

How to Pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy



1. Begin by making the Sign of the Cross, then pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the “Our Father” beads (large, single beads) say the following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On the 10 “Hail Mary” beads (smaller, 10 beads together) say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(Repeat steps 2 and 3 for all five decades).
4. Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

The Our Father: Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

The Apostle’s Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

Background

In 1935, God gave Sister Faustina a striking vision of His Mercy, Sister tells us: “I saw an Angel, the executor of God’s wrath... about to strike the earth...I began to beg God earnestly for the world with words which I heard interiorly. As I prayed in this way, I saw the Angel’s helplessness, and he could not carry out the just punishment....”

The following day an inner voice taught her to say this prayer on ordinary rosary beads: “First say one ‘Our Father’, ‘Hail Mary’, and ‘I believe’. Then on the large beads say the following words: ‘Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.’ On the smaller beads you are to say the following words: ‘For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.’ In conclusion you are to say these words three times: ‘Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.’

Jesus said later to Sister Faustina: “Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy....”

“...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior.”

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His Holiness Pope John Paul II First Universal Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 22, 2001

Divine Mercy: The Easter Gift

1. *"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore"* (Rev 1:17-18).

We heard these comforting words in the Second Reading taken from the Book of Revelation. They invite us to turn our gaze to Christ, to experience His reassuring presence. To each person, whatever his condition, even if it were the most complicated and dramatic, the Risen One repeats: "Fear not!; I died on the Cross but now I am alive for evermore"; "I am the first and the last, and the living one."

"The first," that is, the source of every being and the first-fruits of the new creation; "the last," the definitive end of history; "the living one," the inexhaustible source of life that triumphed over death forever.

In the Messiah, crucified and risen, we recognize the features of the Lamb sacrificed on Golgotha, who implores forgiveness for His torturers and opens the gates of heaven to repentant sinners; we glimpse the face of the immortal King who now has "the keys of Death and Hades" (Rev 1:18).

2. *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever! (Ps 117:1).*

Let us make our own the Psalmist's exclamation which we sang in the Responsorial Psalm: *"The Lord's mercy endures forever!"* In order to understand thoroughly the truth of these words, let us be led by the liturgy to the heart of the event of salvation, which unites Christ's Death and Resurrection with our lives and with the world's history. This miracle of mercy has radically changed humanity's destiny. It is a miracle in which is unfolded the fullness of the love of the Father who, for our redemption, does not even draw back before the sacrifice of His Only-begotten Son.

In the humiliated and suffering Christ, believers and non-believers can admire a surprising solidarity, which binds Him to our human condition beyond all imaginable measure. The Cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, "speaks and never ceases to speak of God the Father, who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy" (*Rich in Mercy*, 7).

Let us thank the Lord for His love, which is stronger than death and sin. It is revealed and put into practice as mercy in our daily lives, and prompts every person in turn to have "mercy" towards the Crucified One. Is not loving God and loving one's neighbor and even one's "enemies," after Jesus' example, the program of life of every baptized person and of the whole Church?

3. With these sentiments, we are celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter, which since last year, the year of the Great jubilee, is also called *"Divine Mercy Sunday."* It is a great joy for me to be able to join all of you, dear pilgrims and faithful who have come from various nations to commemorate, after one year, the canonization of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, witness and messenger of the Lord's merciful love.

The elevation to the honors of the altar of this humble religious, a daughter of my land, is not only a gift for Poland but for all humanity. Indeed the message she brought is the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies. Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy" (*Diary*, 300). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium.

4. The Gospel, which has just been proclaimed, helps us to grasp the full sense and value of this gift. The Evangelist John makes us share in the emotion felt by the Apostles in their meeting with Christ after His Resurrection. Our attention focuses on the gesture of the Master, who transmits to the fearful, astounded disciples the mission of being ministers of Divine Mercy. He shows them His hands and His side, which bear the marks of the Passion, and tells them: "As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you" (Jn 20:21).

Immediately afterwards, "He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained' " (Jn 20:22-23). Jesus entrusted to them the gift of "forgiving sins," a gift that flows from the wounds in His hands, His feet, and especially from His pierced side. From there a wave of mercy is poured out over all humanity.

Let us relive this moment with great spiritual intensity. Today the Lord also shows us His glorious wounds and His Heart, an inexhaustible source of light and truth, of love and forgiveness.

5. The Heart of Christ! His "Sacred Heart" has given men everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification. Saint Faustina Kowalska saw coming from this Heart that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world.

The two rays, [according to what Jesus Himself told her], denote blood and water (*Diary*, 299). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit (see Jn 3:5; 4:14).

Through the mystery of this wounded Heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here alone can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret.

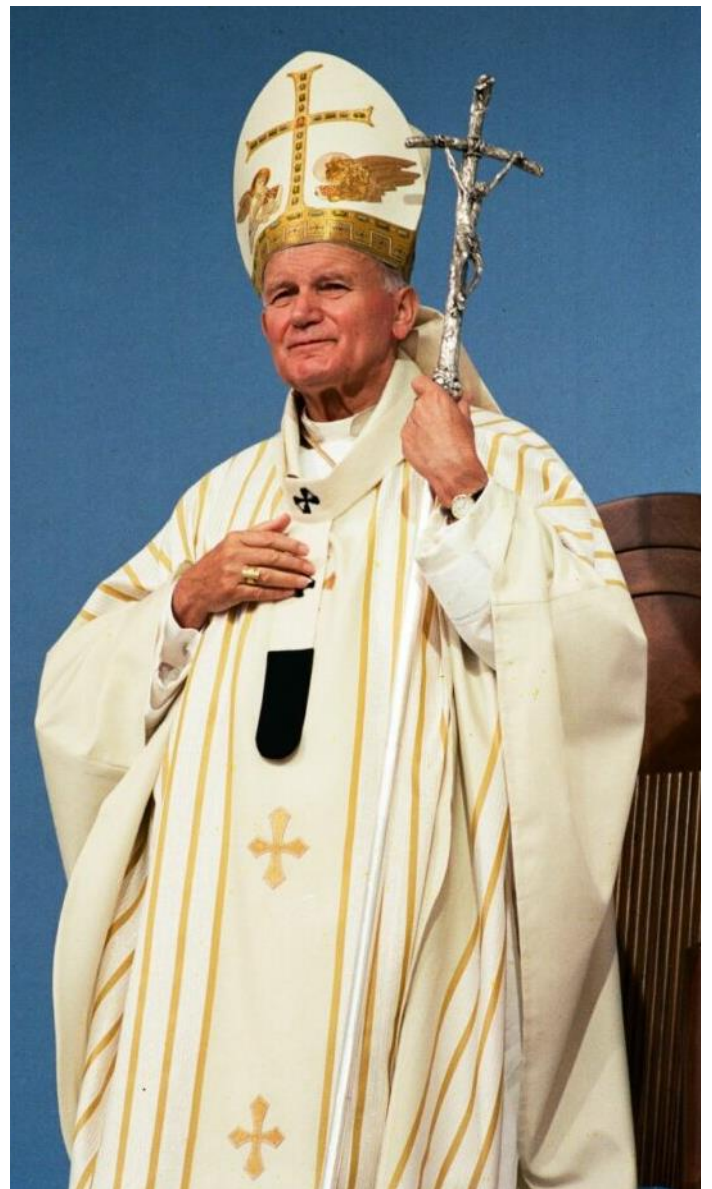
6. **"Jesus, I trust in You!"** This prayer, dear to so many of the devout, clearly expresses the attitude with which we too would like to abandon ourselves trustfully in Your hands, O Lord, our only Savior.

You are burning with the desire to be loved and those in tune with the sentiments of Your Heart learn how to build the new civilization of love. A simple act of abandonment is enough to overcome the barriers of darkness and sorrow, of doubt and desperation. The rays of Your Divine Mercy restore hope, in a special way, to those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Help us too, St. Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Savior's face, we would like to repeat with you: "Jesus, I trust in You!" Now and forever. Amen.



Above is the original image of Divine Mercy painted in 1933 by artist Eugene Kazimierowski under the direction of St. Faustina.



In this homily, Pope John Paul II said, "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity..."

Sharing Easter Joy ACROSS GENERATIONS

We are pleased to share that St. Brendan staff and volunteers recently delivered flowers and Easter cards, lovingly created by students at St. Brendan, to residents of nursing homes in our surrounding area. The students' thoughtful gestures brought smiles and joy as they shared messages of kindness and celebration for the Easter season.

We are grateful for the opportunity to brighten the residents' day and to strengthen the spirit of community and compassion through this meaningful outreach.

Thank you to all the Eucharistic Ministers, parishioners, students and staff who made this all possible!



Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” +Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

"[Let] the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy."

+JESUS SPEAKING TO SAINT FAUSTINA; EXCERPTED FROM THE *DIARY OF SR. M. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA*

Monday, April 13 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:1-8 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?" Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Meditation: Notice how hungry Nicodemus was for God's word – so hungry that he became the closest disciple of Jesus. He sought Jesus out, though surreptitiously in the dead of the night. Why? Nicodemus was a "leader of the Jews" and "a teacher of Israel" (ref. John 3:10), and a member of the religious party most opposed to the teaching of Jesus. In fact it was Nicodemus' own group, the Pharisees, which intimidated the authorities against confessing Jesus (ref. John 12:42). Instead he engaged him in a seemingly unrelated topic of conversation. Jesus said that rebirth was necessary to enter the kingdom of God. Of course, Nicodemus the Pharisee had already found religion, so he thought that Jesus must have referred to physical rebirth. No, Jesus responded, someone who is reborn spiritually knows the experience as surely as one who has been refreshed by an invisible breeze. How can a respected rabbi among the Jews not know this? And that is precisely the point. Nicodemus is the first of what we might loosely call the official clergy with whom Jesus has personal engagement. The Gospel portrays Nicodemus as a defender of Jesus' right to a fair trial (ref. John 7:51). Nicodemus also helped to bury Jesus with honor. Nicodemus did not understand the new birth which Jesus spoke of until after the resurrection.

Prayer: Grant we pray, almighty God, that we, who have been renewed by Paschal remedies, transcending the likeness of our earthly parentage, may be transformed in the image of our heavenly maker. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: We're familiar with the term "born again" or to be "reborn" in Christ. What does it mean? The new birth Jesus speaks of is a spiritual birth to new life and relationship with God as his sons and daughters. This new birth is made possible when one is baptized into Christ and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. God wants to renew all his people in the gift of new life in his Holy Spirit. This new life brings us into God's kingdom or heavenly rule – a never-ending life of love, peace, joy, and freedom from sin and the fear of death. Do you know the joy and freedom of new life in Jesus Christ?

Tuesday, April 14 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:7b-15 Jesus said to Nicodemus: "'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus answered and said to him, 'How can this

happen?" Jesus answered and said to him, "You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this? Amen, amen, I say to you, we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony. If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

Meditation: Jesus spoke to Nicodemus of the power of his cross and a "new birth in the Spirit." The Hebrew word for "spirit" means both "wind" and "breath." Jesus said to Nicodemus: "You can hear, feel, and see the effects of the wind, but you do not know where it comes from. In like manner, you can see the effects of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those the Spirit touches." Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus the necessity of the crucifixion and resurrection by analogy with Moses and the bronze serpent in the desert. When the people of Israel were afflicted with serpents in the wilderness because of their sin, God instructed Moses: "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live" (Book of Numbers 21:8).

Prayer: Enable us, we pray, almighty God, to proclaim the power of the risen Lord, that we, who have received the pledge of his gift, may come to possess all he gives when it is fully revealed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The bronze serpent points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising and exaltation to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only redeems us, but he fills us with his own divine life and power that we might share in his glory. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit that we may have power to be his witnesses and to spread and defend the gospel by word and action, and to never be ashamed of the Cross of Christ. The Holy Spirit gives us his seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence for God and his ways, and a holy fear in God's presence (ref. Isaiah 11) that we may live for God and serve him in the power of his strength. Do you thirst for new life in the Spirit?

Wednesday, April 15 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:16-21 God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Meditation: Do you know the love which surpasses all else? A true lover holds nothing back but gives the best that can be offered, even everything in their possession for the beloved. God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer – his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world. Abraham's willing sacrifice of his only son, Isaac prefigures the perfect offering and sacrifice of God's beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. This passage in the gospel of John tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. Not an excluding love for just a few or for a single nation, but a redemptive love that embraces the whole world, and a personal love for each and every individual whom God has created. God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love. God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love.

Prayer: As we recall year by year the mysteries by which, through the restoration of its original dignity, human nature has received the hope of rising again, we earnestly beseech your mercy, Lord, that what we celebrate in faith we may possess in unending love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgment. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty, and goodness. This all takes place by the choices we make – our "free will." If our love is guided by what is true, and good and beautiful then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Do you love God above all else?

Does he take first place in your life, in your thoughts, and actions? Are your choices guided by the love of God? If not, why not?

Thursday, April 16 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 3:31-36 The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things. But the one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. Whoever does accept his testimony certifies that God is trustworthy. For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God. He does not ration his gift of the Spirit. The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him.

Meditation: God's truth has consequences and he gives us the freedom to choose how we will respond. The choice he gives us has eternal consequences – everlasting life or everlasting death. God challenged his people in the Old Covenant: "See I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil...I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him" (Deuteronomy 30:15-20). And he issues the same challenge to the people of the New Covenant today. And so we must ask ourselves... Do you weigh the consequences of your choices? Do they lead you towards life or towards death? If you choose to obey God's voice and to do his will, then you will know and experience that life which comes from God himself. If you choose to follow your own way apart from God and his will, then you choose for death – a spiritual death which poisons and then kills the soul until there is nothing left but an empty person devoid of love, truth, goodness, purity, peace, and joy. Do your choices lead you towards God or away from God?

Prayer: O God, restorer and lover of innocence, direct the hearts of your servants towards yourself, that those you have set free from the darkness of unbelief may never stray from the light of your truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you hunger for the true life which God offers through the gift of his Holy Spirit? The Jews understood that God gave a certain portion of his Spirit to his prophets. When Elijah was about to depart for heaven, his servant Elisha asked for a double portion of the Spirit (2 Kings 2:9). Jesus tells his disciples that they can believe the words he speaks because God the Father has poured his Spirit on him in full measure, without keeping anything back. The function of the Holy Spirit is to reveal God's truth to us. When we receive the Holy Spirit he enables us to recognize and understand God's truth. Jesus is the Word of God and he gives us his Holy Spirit so that we can recognize his truth and live according to it.

Friday, April 17 ~ Second Week in the Season of Easter

Holy Gospel: John 6:1-15 John Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

Meditation: Can anything on this earth truly satisfy the deepest longing and hunger we experience God? A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a crowd – at least six month's wages! Jesus, the Bread of Life, took the little they had – five loaves and two fish – and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger. The people of Israel had been waiting for the prophet whom Moses had promised: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren – him shall you heed (Deuteronomy 18:15).

The signs which Jesus did, including the miraculous feeding of the five thousand signified that God has indeed sent him as anointed Prophet and King. Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels. What is the significance of this miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude pointed to God's provision of manna in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership. This food foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers. Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his sacred body and blood. Saint Ignatius of Antioch calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist is an intimate union with Christ. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ.

Prayer: O God, who for the salvation of the world brought about the paschal sacrifice, be favorable to the supplications of your people, so that Christ our High Priest, interceding on our behalf, may by his likeness to ourselves bring us reconciliation, and by his equality with you free us from our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you? Do you share freely with others, especially those who lack even the most basic necessities, such as food and clothing? How about doing some spring cleaning, and take what you're not using in your home (items that are clean and in good condition, of course) and give them to any number of Catholic organizations reaching out to help those in need – especially any Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter.

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A Prayer for This Week

*Lord, so often I fail to acknowledge Your divine presence in my life.
So often I fail to see you coming to me. Help me to know that You are always there.
Free me from the many fears of life, dear Lord, and give me courage to
welcome You fully into my life. Jesus, I trust in You!*

What Does the Church Teach About "Bad Language"

Article by Fr. William Saunders is made available courtesy of the Catholic Education Resource Center.

We must first clarify what is meant by "bad language." For some people, bad language includes everything from taking the Lord's name in vain, to cursing, to blasphemy, or to just plain old profanity.

In general, the Second Commandment governs this area: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain" (Exodus 20:7; Deuteronomy 5:11). Specifically, a person must have respect for God's name. Throughout Sacred Scripture, God's name is held sacred. He reveals His name to those who believe, and through this revelation, invites them to an intimate and personal relationship.

For example, in the story of the call of Moses, he asked God, "...If they ask me, 'What is His name?' what am I to tell them? God replied, 'I am who I am.' Then He added, 'This is what you shall tell the Israelites, 'I AM sent me to you.' God spoke further to Moses, 'Thus shall you say to the Israelites: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; this is my title for all generations.'" (Confer Exodus, Chapter 3.)

Therefore, we rightfully use God's name in prayer or in other ways to bless, praise, and glorify Him. The respect for God's name reflects the respect a person owes to God Himself. (Catechism, #4142ff.) Given this foundation, certain forms of abusive language are sinful.

First, to abuse God's name, whether the word God, Jesus, or in some other form, is objectively mortally sinful. The same rule applies to abusing the name of the Blessed Mother or the saints. One has to ask oneself, "Why would someone use the name Jesus as an expletive when angry or impatient? Would not such an action show an arrogant and disrespectful attitude toward God, whom we should love above all things?" I often wonder what a Moslem must think when he hears a Christian use God's name in such an irreverent and improper way.

Second, blasphemy is also a sin. Blasphemy is contempt for God, expressed in thought, word, or action. To use words either vocally or mentally against God which show hatred, reproach, disrespect, or defiance is sinful. This prohibition also applies to the Blessed Mother and the saints as well as sacred things or Church related practices. Moreover, blasphemy includes invoking God's name to legitimize crimes or harmful actions against others. The Catechism notes that blasphemy is a grave sin.

Third, cursing is to call down evil from God, and usually involves specifically invoking God's name, not just His power. For instance, all of us have heard someone say, "God d*** it," or even "God d*** you." Here a person is commanding God, who is all powerful, all good, and all just, to damn someone (or something) in Hell for all eternity. Who are we to ask God to damn anyone or to bestow some evil upon anyone? Objectively, this act is a mortal sin.

Finally, profanity itself is wrong, even though such words may not specifically involve the name of God. God gave mankind the gift of language which should be used positively. Language should build good relationships with other individuals, and enable people to share their lives intimately with each other. Sadly, more and more, we hear in normal conversation profanity – especially those four-letter words. We also hear people speak profanely about good and holy topics; for example, they profane human sexuality or the act of marital love. Such language is not only negative, vulgar, impolite, and offensive, but also debases the dignity of each human being. Moreover, this language reveals not only a person's bad attitude and lack of respect for others, but also his own immaturity and insecurity in dealing with others. In using these words, the person builds barriers rather than bridges with another person.

Take for instance the word Hell. First of all, no one should make light of Hell, that place of eternal damnation. Yet, people use the word in so many ways today: in anger, "Go to Hell!"; in surprise, "What the Hell!"; in greeting, "How the Hell are you?"; or in inquiry, "What the Hell are you doing here?" or "What the Hell are you doing?" Not only are these various usages demonstrative of poor English, they show a lack of respect for what Hell is. Perhaps if a person really believed he could end up in Hell, he would not be so casual in using the term.

Each of us needs to be careful in our use of language. Objectively, using God's name in vain, cursing, blasphemy are mortally sinful, although lack of due reflection or habit can diminish culpability. Profanity too can be mortally sinful when done with great anger or viciousness against another person. Each of us needs to control our tongues, and prevent a bad language habit from becoming part of our person. St. James wisely admonished, "Every form of life, four-footed or winged, crawling or swimming, can be tamed, and has been tamed, by mankind; the tongue no man can tame. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. We use it to say, 'Praised be the Lord and Father'; then we use it to curse men, though they are made in the likeness of God. Blessing and curse come out of the same mouth. This ought not to be, my brothers!" (James 3:7-10).

"Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is fitting among saints. Let there be no filthiness, nor silly talk, nor levity, which are not fitting; but instead let there be thanksgiving" ~Ephesians 5:1-4

Sharing Mercy with Fallen Away Catholics

Article by Constance Hull, courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.

Every single Catholic knows someone who has left the Church for one reason or another. The reasons for their leaving the Eucharistic Supper are varied, some are complex, some are superficial, but all are linked with pride. The antidote for pride is humility, but before humility can come, an individual must come to know why they need mercy and they must come to accept mercy.

We have a big job to do in reaching out to former Catholics who have walked away from their Baptism and the Holy Eucharist. We need to reach out to these people, whether in our families, co-workers, friends, or acquaintances; anyone within our sphere of influence is someone who needs us to live lives that radiate and show mercy. There are two issues for why Catholics leave the faith which this piece will address: Those who leave because they have chosen their sin and those who have left because they do not believe they are worthy of forgiveness. Both of these are seen in the Genesis account of the Fall. They are the age-old battles with pride and shame.

THE FALL

The discussion in Scripture of the Fall is instructive for every facet of our lives. Each day every one of us decides between good and evil. We choose to live lives of virtue or lives of vice. We choose to curse at the guy in traffic or ask God to bless him. We yell at our children or we choose patience in the face of disobedience. We say kind words to the people around us or we tear them down with insults. We gossip about someone in the parish, our families, or others, or we walk away or stop gossip in its tracks. We give our day to God through prayer or we ignore Him in the face of our worldly pursuits. We go to Mass on Sunday or we stay home and ignore His command to keep the Sabbath Holy and receive Him in the Holy Eucharist (when in a state of grace). The choices are endless and we make them constantly. Each day we choose some good and some evil, unless we are already saints. We make the same choice that Adam and Eve made:

Now the snake was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden?'" The woman answered the snake: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, or else you will die.'" But the snake said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

When they heard the sound of the LORD God walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day, the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. The LORD God then called to the man and asked him: Where are you? He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid." Then God asked: Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat? The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman: What is this you have done? The woman answered, "The snake tricked me, so I ate it." (Genesis 3:1-13 [RSV])

There are so many things to glean from Genesis 3. It is apparent right away what the Fall has done to mankind; blame, division, self-idolatry, shame, pride, and all other manner of sin entered immediately into the human experience. Adam and Eve were cut off from one another, and more importantly, it is clear that they have cut themselves off from God.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is a good within itself. We were made for good, so what we choose either appears to be a good or is a lesser good, but that choice can become disordered and turn to evil. In this case we chose to be like God. Adam and Eve wanted to decide good and evil, not just know the difference between the two. What all of us forget daily is that the truth is set by the Creator, not the creature. This brings me to the first group who decided to leave the Church: Those who have chosen sin or their own truth.

THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCE OF RELATIVISM

In the present age the "dictatorship of relativism," as discussed by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, is creating individuals who live believing that they are God. Relativism says there is no objective truth and all truth is subject. I decide truth. The Church is not going to tell me how to live. Notice how these folks divorce the Church from Christ. They believe they can establish their own Church from their Lazy-boy at home without having to go to Mass. They are still "good" people and they say they believe in Jesus. The problem with this argument is as baptized Catholics they should know better. They know Christ established the Church and that the Holy Spirit is the life of the Church, which means her teachings come directly from Christ. What it boils down to is they want to be in charge. They want to be God. How do we teach mercy to these people?

PRAYER AND FASTING

We cannot do anything for our loved ones and the people around us if we do not pray for them. We also learn to be more merciful toward these people through prayer. Many of these people are living lives that are either killing their souls or they are walking around with dead souls already. Fervent prayer is the answer here. For the truly hardened soul, fasting is also going to be essential. Our sacrifices can change the world because God uses them for His good. We should also be offering up Masses for these folks.

GENTLY INVITE THEM TO MASS

It can be difficult to invite our loved ones to Mass. Many of us have been on the receiving end of attacks for even suggesting such a thing; however, we never know what seeds are planted through our invitation. We need to have the courage and the charity to continue inviting people to return to the Church. We can never give up and we must persevere. Think of St. Monica and her fervent prayer for her son St. Augustine.

PATIENTLY BEAR THEIR ARGUMENTS

Many of these people are openly hostile to the Church. This can be difficult to bear when we love Christ and His Church more than anything. In the end, we must choose patience, charity, and humility in the face of hostility. In giving rational responses, a seed may be planted in the person which blooms and leads to their return to the Church. We never know how God uses us in other people's lives. By living as witnesses to what God's mercy has done in our own lives, we can show people how destructive pride can be and that falling on God's loving mercy is the only cure for our own disordered desires. True happiness comes from abandoning our own desire to be God and seeking His mercy and forgiveness for our self-idolatry.

THE WALKING WOUNDED

There is another group that can be just as difficult to reach as those entrenched in relativism, and those are the people who believe their sin is too great for God's mercy. These are people who have lived lives in violation of most of the 10 Commandments and who are good friends with the 7 Deadly Sins. Many of these people are wounded by the amoral sexual culture of the day and cannot find it within themselves to forgive mistakes from the past. This is a form of pride, but it is an area where the healing salve of mercy must be shared. The approach will be different from the relativist. We must summon empathy, or at least sympathy, when evangelizing these people.

In reaching this group, prayer and fasting are essential, but so is the loving witness and mercy we give them and we live in our own lives. It also requires our own vulnerability in sharing the times we too may have wandered into mortal sin for weeks, months, or years at a time. These people need to know that they are not alone and that God always extends His healing and forgiving mercy through the Sacrament of Confession. They need to know that no sin is too great for the blood of the Cross. Think back on those moments when you felt great guilt and it took extreme willpower to return to the Sacrament of Penance or the struggles you went through in returning to the Church after time away.

A good many of us have fallen or left the path altogether for a period of time. We will be better able to extend mercy if we remember our own failings. We cannot reach out to people if we do not open ourselves to their woundedness and the healing we received in our own past woundedness.

This is not meant to be exhaustive. There are complex issues at work in many cases, but this Year of Mercy is a much needed time for bringing lapsed Catholics back into the fold. We must confront the relativism of our age and share with the world why we all need mercy, as well as humility. We were made for joy and that joy can only be found in striving to live lives in conformity to the Most Blessed Trinity. In order to return to the journey established at Baptism, we must be willing to seek forgiveness for our sins and return to the Holy Eucharist. We must pray for those in need of reversion and be willing to bear their anger towards us so that Christ may use us in His salvific work. We must also be willing to let down our own guards and reach out to the wounded and share our own failings and the great works of mercy God has done in our own lives. May we bring many back to the fold.

St. Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry

Many Catholics fall away from the church and stop attending. And yet something happens in life that draws us back, a need to understand the deeper meaning of life, a desire to know Christ with an adult's faith, or a loss that makes us reach out for Jesus in a way we never have before. Frankly, many non-practicing Catholics have a hard time coming back to Church simply because they have no idea how to start. They may have questions or even serious issues they need to have assistance with as they rejoin the Church.

Inviting Catholics Home is a program developed to invite inactive Catholics back to their faith and support them as they become involved again in our Church. Here are some situations when the Inviting Catholics Home ministry may be helpful:

- For those who left the Church in pain caused by someone in the Church
- For those who feel they have done something to separate themselves from the Church community
- For those who married outside the Church without dispensation and don't know what steps to take
- For those who attend Mass only at Christmas or Easter, and do not receive Holy Communion regularly
- For anyone who has not been to Confession in a long time

We periodically hold workshops for those who would like a refresher course on their Catholic faith if they have been away for some time. We also hold a special prayer service or provide a reception after a Mass on the feast day of St. Monica (August 27) to pray with those who have family members who have left the Catholic Church and share ways to gently encourage loved ones back (Hint: Be an example of our faith that is contagious to others!) Inviting Catholics Home ministry also provides the resources on the Spiritual Spotlight Bookshelf located by the Chapel and they host Coffee and Donuts several times a year. For Catholic resources and information about the ministry, visit <https://stbrendans.net/ich/> or, for questions, email Janet Walsh at jlwalsh1@gmail.com

Community Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 13

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:00 PM	Church Cleaning	Church, Chapel
12:00 PM	Seniors NOW: Luncheon (offsite)	Wild Ginger, Plain City
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:00 PM	K of C: Sacred Heart Icon Prayer Service	Church
6:00 PM	Seek & Root Family Session	Davidson Rooms, A & B
7:00 PM	Mission & Prayer Mysticism Study	Chas McCurdy LC

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry	Davidson, Room A
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	OCIA Assumption Cohort 2026	Davidson, Room A
7:00 PM	OCIA Vigil Cohort 2025-2026	Davidson, Room B

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
9:45 AM	Elizabeth Ministry Play Group	Childcare Center
1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry Work Session	Carter Center
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:00 PM	Adoration with Confession	Church
6:45 PM	K of C: Monthly Membership Meeting	Wellnitz, Rooms 1 & 2

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
7:00 PM	SVdP Sandwich Making for Homeless	Wellnitz Hall, Room 1

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

6:30 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
12:00 PM-6:00 PM	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Davidson Rooms, A & B
7:00 PM	VINE HS Women's Night	Carter Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

6:30 AM	Esto Vir Men's Ministry AM	Davidson, Rooms A & B
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Church
8:30 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM	Pray the Rosary	Church
9:00 AM	Confession	Confessional
9:00 AM-4:00 PM	SVdP Thrift Store Donation Days	Campus Parking Lot
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Sunday Masses	Church
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center
During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Adoration Chapel
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Rooms, A & B
12:00 PM	Baptisms	Church
12:00 PM-4:00 PM	SVdP Thrift Store Donation Days	Campus Parking Lot
6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel
6:30 PM	VINE Night	School Gym
6:45 PM	ASPEN Small Group	Chas McCurdy LC
6:45 PM	Middle School Small Groups	Multiple Locations

Prayer List

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are **ill at home**, **hospitalized**, or are **active duty military**, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* via the QR code, www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List or call the Parish Office. List is updated every 3-6 months, so if someone you added was deleted but is still ill, please fill out a new prayer request.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614-876-1272.



Please Pray for...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Pamela Theado	Ira Katz	Mary Murphy Smith
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Donna Fox-Moore	Dolores Lynch	Alida Sfalcin
Connie Carrino	Ryan Yoder	Alyson Barnheiser
Lisa Lynch	Chris Carrino	Alan LaForrest
Sara Conway	Shirley Tornik	Jim Lewis
Sean Grier	Paula Jordan	Teresa Wells
Alma Harding	Richard Walls	Mary DeStefani
Karl "Sonny" Beem	Marian Woolum	Bryan Knapp
Eileen Wilson	Dochia Finsterbusch	Gib Bickel
Dionisia Virtudazo	Dick Snyder	Kathleen McCurdy
Ryan Diepenbrock	Alisha Lause	Amelia Black
Brenda Bezan	Robert William	Anna D'Ettorre
Ken Weitmarshen	Eliott Verrilli	Suzzette Briones
Shirley Buswell		

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Thomas Dye	Kale Grunenwald	Addison A.
Aaron Huesman	Cody Longstreth	Connor Olson
Sam Imwalle	Jackson Maassel	Dan Severance
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Robert Carollo	Rob Shonkwiler	Zackery Reed
Kyle Mullins	Luke Stumphauzer	Robbie Hite
Joe Alverson	Thomas Noel	Nathanial Mattson

...we pray for all our men and women in service to our country, healthcare workers and first responders.

THOSE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

The St. Brendan Inviting Catholics Home Ministry prays daily for all those no longer practicing our faith. Find more resources at www.stbrendans.net/ich

Eucharistic Adoration

Try making Adoration a weekly or even a monthly habit! Sign up to adore at <https://stbrendan.weadorehim.com/> Then, sign in at the kiosk upon arrival to the Chapel.



MONDAY 6 PM–10 PM
TUES./ THUR./ FRIDAY 8:30 AM–10 PM
First Fridays, 8:30 AM–Saturday, 1 PM
WEDNESDAY 7 AM–5 PM
Holy Hour, 6–7 PM with Confession
SATURDAY 8:30 AM–1 PM
SUNDAY 6:30 PM–10 PM

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, APRIL 13

6:30 AM Roxanne Zehnder †
 8:00 AM For the needs of parishioners as we begin the week.
 5:30 PM Evelyn K. Monahan †

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 AM Daniel Callison †
 8:00 AM Ed Cavanaugh †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

6:30 AM John Morgan †
 5:30 PM Diva Volpe †

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 PM Robert Boyd, Sr. †
 8:00 AM Michael Paullus †

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

6:30 PM Mary Grace Boyd †
 8:00 AM Ray Leo †

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 AM Lela Lalli †
 5:30 PM Robert Brockman †

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Third Sunday of Easter

7:15 AM For the People of St. Brendan Parish
 8:45 AM Linda Paullus †
 10:45 AM For the Protection of the Unborn
 5:30 PM Jim Lowder †

(† Indicates intention for a person who is deceased.)

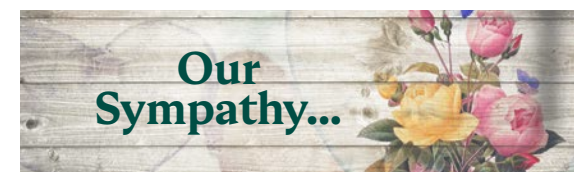
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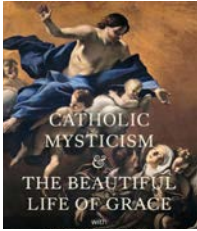
Parish News & Events

Sacred Heart Prayer Service, April 13



Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon Prayer Service immediately after the 5:30 PM Monday Mass on April 13. Join us at this prayer service in the church which includes an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and blessed by Pope Francis.

Catholic Mysticism Study, April 13



Catholic Mysticism & The Beautiful Life of Grace, features renowned Bible teacher, Matthew Leonard. Study, led by Bryan Moore, is on Mondays, 7-8:30 PM, April 13-June 15 (no meeting April 27 or May 25) in the School Library for both men and women. No cost. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mysticism2026>

The Book of Esther Study, April 23

This study has been opened up to men as well as women! Learn from Esther to count the cost and step up "for such a time as this" with Patsy Bunnell facilitating the study. Lavinia Spirito, teaching leader of the Catholic Way Bible Studies, will enlighten you through video presentations on Thursdays, April 23-May 14, 9-10:30 AM in Davidson Room A. No cost for materials and childcare is available. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/esther2026>

2026 St. Brendan Men's Retreat

The Men's Retreat, "*Memento Mori, Remember Your Death*" is May 30, 5:30 PM through May 31, 12 PM. Cost is \$140. Register/pay at <https://bit.ly/2025men-retreat> OR, pay by check (made to "Knights of Columbus 11208") via the paper form and information sheet on the Welcome Desk by May 16. Fill out/mail form to: Mike Gunnarson, 6928 Ernest Way, Dublin, OH 43017. Questions? Mikegunnarson@gmail.com

Seniors NOW (NAVIGATING OUR WAY) FOR AGES 65+

APRIL 13, MONDAY, 12 PM – Lunch at Wild Ginger (434 State Rt. 161, Plain City). RSVP Jerry: 614-805-6792 pricej62@gmail.com

APRIL 22, WEDNESDAY, 1 PM – Spring Social: Games in Wellnitz.

Young Couples Date Night, May 1

The next Knights of Columbus sponsored Date Night for Young Couples is **Friday, May 1**, 6:30-8 PM in the Davidson Rooms. We will watch your kids (6 mo.–5 yrs. old) while you strengthen your relationship and enjoy dinner with other couples. Cost of \$35 includes all date nights through June (make checks out to "KofC 11208"). To join, email Chuck at chuck436@att.net

Red Cross Blood Drive, April 17

The next St. Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is this Friday, April 17, 12-6 PM in the Davidson Rooms. Give the gift of life! Sign up today at 1-800-Red-Cross or www.redcrossblood.org

It's Cookie Time!

The Kairos prison ministers will spend four days at the London Correctional facility and will give each resident and staff member one dozen cookies with a message of love. Please help donate to our cookie drive! Cookie bags will be passed out at all Masses this weekend, **April 11/12** and the baked cookies will be collected through **April 29**. To make a monetary donation, give online at <https://tinyurl.com/kairos-donation> by filling out the form (also accessible via the QR code) or, drop a check off at the Parish Office made payable to "Kairos of Ohio." Questions? Email Tim Reno at tireno04@gmail.com



K of C Memorial Bricks

Our Knights of Columbus invite you to memorialize a loved one by having an engraved brick placed at the base of our Ten Commandments monument. Fill out the form and pay at www.tinyurl.com/Memorial-Brick (donation of \$50/brick) or, paper forms are available in the parish office. Questions? Email Jim Cogan at jim.cogan71@gmail.com

SVdP Thrift Store

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SEEK & ROOT: Our next Seek & Root Family Session is Monday, April 13 from 6-7:30 PM.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS: The final Middle School Small Group is Sunday, April 19 from 6:45-8 PM.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Our First Holy Communion retreat, *Jesus Day*, is Friday, April 24. You can choose either the 10 AM or 4:30 PM session. Look for the RSVP sent by email.

Roots - for Middle Schoolers

ROOTS LARGE GROUP - Meet monthly (on last Sundays) in the school gym from 6:30-8:30 PM.

ASPEN SMALL GROUP NIGHTS - Meet monthly (on Sundays) 6:45-8:30 PM in the school library. Questions? amarino@stbrendans.net

Vine - for High Schoolers

Sundays, 6:30 PM. Follow @stbvine on Instagram.

APRIL 12 "How to be Joyful (Always)"

APRIL 19 "Knowing God's Plan for You"

APRIL 26 "Senior Take-over Night"

Questions? Contact Kara: kshand@stbrendans.net

POD Nursery Volunteers

Volunteers are needed Sunday 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses, Date Night for Young Couples (6:30-8 PM one Friday month) and for Family Faith Formation (Must be Safe Environment compliant if age 18 or over.) To sign up, please email nursery@stbrendans.net

TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARIES NEEDED

Our diocese is hiring summer Totus Tuus missionaries for May 28-July 24. Young Catholics strong in their faith and prayer life may apply at <https://totustuus.church/be-missionary> or, email Liz at echristy@columbuscatholic.org

"FAITH IN ACTION," APRIL 15 - Event begins with 10 AM Mass followed by speakers, Fr. Michael Hartge, Emily Jaminet and Molly Fanning, then lunch, table discussions and sharing. \$25/person at Our Lady of Victory Church 1559 Roxbury Rd., Columbus. Register: www.christchildssociety.org

Weekly & Monthly Parish Groups

Elizabeth Ministry Playgroup

Meet other moms twice monthly on Wednesdays, 9:45-11:15 AM, in the Pod Nursery as the kids play. Questions? Email Regina at thelongears@gmail.com

St. Brendan Young Adults

For those in their 20s & 30s - meet on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays monthly, 7-9 PM. Women meet off-campus. Men meet in the Carter Center. To join us, email Jordan Frey at jfreydesigns@gmail.com

Esto Vir Men's Ministry

Saturdays, 6:30 AM, Esto Vir Men meet in the Davidson Room for *The Chosen Season 4* and *Sharing Our Story* sessions.

Tuesdays, 6:30 AM Men's Studies in the Davidson Room. Series on Scripture, Early Church Fathers and the Saints. Questions? Email Grant Rice at ricekris8813@att.net

Church Cleaning Ministry

Meet Mondays at 9 AM in the church for light cleaning. Supplies provided. Questions? Email Lisa Long at lisaplong@gmail.com

M.A.S.T.

Mature Active Singles Together is a social group for single/widowed/divorced persons ages 45+. To join, email Chris Hauck at chrishauck0522@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Workshop

Meet third Wednesdays monthly in the Carter Center. Questions? Email Kathy: kendriz@aol.com or Karen: kkessmith@yahoo.com

Make Sandwiches with SVdP

for the homeless. Meet in Wellnitz Hall each month on 1st Thursdays, 10 AM and 3rd Thursdays, 7 PM. Email heathercvsdp@gmail.com

Bishop Watterson 3rd Quarter Honors

Congratulations to the following St Brendan parishioner/BWHS students who attained 3rd quarter honors (3.7+ grade point):

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Jillian Badurina	10	Greta Gozon	9	Emma Steele	10
Lauren Bechtel	10	Elizabeth Hansen	11	Austin Streb	9
Isaac Bergman	11	Caden Harey	12	John Streb	11
Nyankiir Biar	11	John Hennon	10	Catherine Thomas	10
Mia Billing	10	Elijah Hiss	10	Josephine Timko	10
Kellan Boyle	9	Katelyn Hite	12	Lucille Timko	9
Maeve Boyle	10	Sydney Kauffman	10	Danica Timm	10
Maya Buzenski	10	Jacqueline Kirk	10	Jackson Ward	11
Althea Callipare	11	Benjamin Lamielle	11	Lotis Dylan Wert	12
Miriella Cheung	10	Madeleine Manner	9	Anthony Whipp	9
Isabella Colburn	10	Carson Mausar	10	Marissa Wilson	10
Lillian Crane	11	Grace Mayhan	12	Julia Ybarra	12
Lucie Debout	10	Jackson Mayhan	9	Julia Yoder	11
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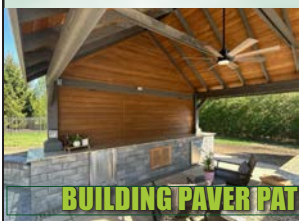
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