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SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

5:00pm Joseph & Maria Mignano, Angelo Rancich,
Yolanda & Consuelo Conde,
Vitantonio & Nicola Chiechi,
For the Protection of Unborn Children
& for All Children

SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY, APRIL 16

8:00am Mercedes Beck
9:00am Divina Misericordia
9:30am Maria Pastora Rodriguez
11:00am Gerlando Graci
12:30pm En Honor a la Divina Misericordia,
Maria Cenelia Osorio Ocampo & Pedro Luis Osorio,
Alberto Aguilar & Ruben Vargas, Francisco Marcial,
Bruce Bavasso (*Vive— Por Sanacion*),
Anahi Rodriguez (*Vive— Cumpleaños*)
3:00pm For the people of our parish

MONDAY, APRIL 17

8:00am Ryan Veliz (*Living— Birthday*)
12:00pm Alberto Gomez

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

8:00am Joseph Paul Immordino
12:00pm Maureen McGuire

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

8:00am Zenaida Santos (*Living— Birthday*)
12:00pm Mosler Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

8:00am Chun Ju Lee (*Death Anniversary*)
12:00pm Felicitas & Tertullano B. Guevara, Jr.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 (*Saint Anselm*)

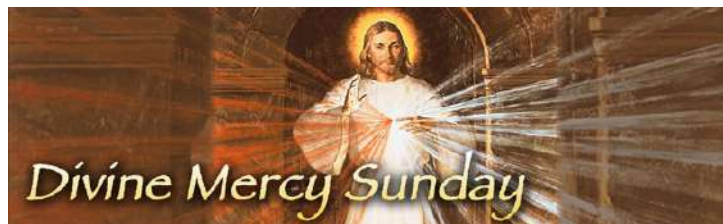
8:00am Josalyn Villamora
12:00pm Dr. George Mascia

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

8:00am Sabbia & Raffaele Carullo and Family
5:00pm Mr. & Mrs Dick/ Nenita Ringor,
Mr & Mrs. Ricardo & Antonia Butiong,
Anita B & Armando Lapitan, Franko Brajkovic,
For all the Disabled of our Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 (*Third Sunday of Easter*)

8:00am Antonia Nacinovich
9:00am Beata Maria Rosa Zangara
9:30am Donald Sanchez
11:00am Donald Olskey
12:30pm Maria Morales, Dora Marta Gamboa Lozano,
Candido Caiaras (*1 Aniversario*)
3:00pm For the people of our parish



MEMORIAL GIFTS THIS WEEK



The Altar Candles has been offered for
Antonio & Maria Carullo and Family,
by Ida Barretta



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 16, 2023— There will be a second collection after communion for our parish maintenance. We thank you for your generous contributions.

April 23, 2023— There will be a second collection after communion for Catholic Home Missions. We thank you for your generous contributions.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	Main Church: 8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Bi-lingual) 11:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Vietnamese) Chapel: 9:00 AM (Italian) 10:30 AM (Czech-Slovak)
Weekdays	8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
Saturday	8:00 AM
First Fridays	7:30 PM (Spanish)
Holy Days	8:00 AM, 12 PM (English) and 7:30 PM (Bi-lingual)
Holidays	Only one Mass at 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30pm—4:30pm (chapel)

CHURCH HOURS:

Weekday: 7:00am—7:00pm

Weekend: 7:00am—6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Weekday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon & 1:00pm—8:30pm

Saturday:

9:00am—12:00 Noon

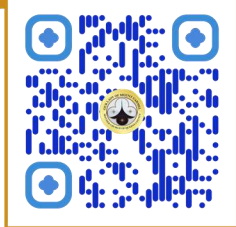
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2023**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Thank you to all the generous individuals who have made a pledge to our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of April 10th, there are 50 donors who pledged \$18,950 towards our goal of \$67,815. We have received \$15,002.

ELECTRONIC GIVING BY FAITH DIRECT

Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. Ensuring that such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct, if you have not already done so.

You can sign up online at faith.direct/NY370, text 'Enroll' to 929-254-3850 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757.

You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Remembering our deceased loved ones by having them prayed for at Mass on every first Friday of the month — the day traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a meaningful way to express our love. Enrollment is \$10 per name. Those enrolled the Purgatorial Society will be remembered for a whole year.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have. It's a way for us to communicate with God and obtain His divine intervention. It can help sick people get well again and also gives us the strength in our own weakness and suffering. If you wish your loved ones who is sick to be prayed for at our daily Mass, kindly contact our parish office to place their names in our Prayer List. We are currently praying for **Raymond Pickering & Ophelia Roas, Maria Neiva, Valdir Alves.**

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Does not Include Electronic Donations by Faith Direct, which will be reported monthly.

Last weekend's collection: \$8,759

Same weekend last year: \$7,322

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Here is our live-streaming schedule of Masses: Saturday—5:00pm (English) & Sunday: 9:00am (Italian), 11:00am (English), 12:30pm (Spanish), & 3:00pm (Vietnamese). We hope this change encourages you to attend Mass in person and be able to receive the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ.

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

ALLELUIA! Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter! In the Church's reckoning, it is *still* Easter Sunday. In other words, the Paschal mystery that culminates in Christ's rising from the dead is so huge an event, it takes a full week to fully grasp it.

In the year 2000, Saint Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be "Divine Mercy Sunday" based on the revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, a nun who, in the 1930s, received a series of private revelations from Christ. Her revelations highlight God's inexhaustible mercy toward humanity and feature an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus emanating with divine love. It is through the vessel of trust, Jesus revealed to St. Faustina, that we gain access to the fountain of God's mercy. Thus, the image of Divine Mercy always includes that incredible statement of faith "*Jesus, I trust in you!*".

The celebration of Divine Mercy stands at the core of what these Easter days are all about. In her vision, St. Faustina saw coming from the Heart of Jesus two rays of light which illuminate the world. The two rays, as Jesus himself told her, represent blood and water flowing from His Sacred Heart. The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water recalls our Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3:5; 4:14). Through the mystery of Christ's wounded Heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over us and all generations.

As you are reading this letter, I will be in the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina this weekend to attend the Ordination of a young transitional Deacon, Joseph Cong Le, whom I have adopted for many years as a spiritual son in the same vocation. I ask you to pray that he may be a good and holy priest, and that he may be the best face of mercy that every priest should be.

A Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday to all, especially members of our parish's Divine Mercy Prayer Group!

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham



April 16, 2023 | Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Jn 20:19-31

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"I'll believe it when I see it." We've all said this at some point, usually in response to hearing about someone unreliable doing something out of character. St. Thomas had the same reaction in today's Gospel when he wasn't there when the other disciples saw Christ for the first time since he rose from his tomb - "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Although Jesus helped Thomas with his unbelief, he blesses those who have not seen, but believe. Have any of us seen the nail marks in Christ's hands and feet, or the wound in his side? Do we see Christ's body and blood on the altar, or do we see only the gifts of bread and wine? Christ comes to us in ways we can understand initially - parables, bread and wine, the face of people we meet throughout our daily lives - but our faith in what we have not seen, in the great mystery of our salvation, is what makes us Christian.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's first reading, we hear reports of the lives of the first disciples soon after Pentecost: communal living, breaking bread together, prayer, selling of their property and possessions and redistributing among themselves according to individual needs. To our ears today, this idyllic community living seems almost incredible. Yet these first disciples were infused with the Holy Spirit, who enabled them to proclaim the Gospel and think of others before themselves. As Christ's disciples today, how are we behaving toward one another? If we truly are among those who have not seen and yet believe, let's act in full confidence. As we heard in the second reading, our faith is "more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire." We certainly aren't perfect, and our faith at times can be sorely tested, and yet this is our call: to share this faith by doing good works in Christ's name to make disciples and build the kingdom of God.

INVITATION People often see Christ through the words and actions of others. This week, actively seek out opportunities to be the hands of Christ. What opportunities does your community have to practice corporal works of mercy?

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡ALELUYA! ¡Hoy es el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, el Día de la Octava de Pascua! En el cómputo de la Iglesia, todavía es Domingo de Pascua. En otras palabras, el misterio pascual que culmina con la resurrección de Cristo de entre los muertos es un evento tan grande que lleva una semana entera comprenderlo por completo.

En el año 2000, el Santo Papa Juan Pablo II declaró el domingo después de Pascua como el “Domingo de la Divina Misericordia” basado en las revelaciones de Santa Faustina Kowalska, una monja que, en la década de 1930, recibió una serie de revelaciones privadas de Cristo. Sus revelaciones destacan la misericordia inagotable de Dios hacia la humanidad y presentan una imagen del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús que emana con amor divino. Es a través del vaso de la confianza, reveló Jesús a Santa Faustina, que accedemos a la fuente de la misericordia de Dios. Así, la imagen de la Divina Misericordia incluye siempre esa increíble declaración de fe “¡Jesús, en ti confío!”

La celebración de la Divina Misericordia se encuentra en el centro de lo que se trata estos días de Pascua. En su visión, Santa Faustina vio salir del Corazón de Jesús dos rayos de luz que iluminan el mundo. Los dos rayos, como el mismo Jesús le dijo, representan la sangre y el agua que brotan de Su Sagrado Corazón. La sangre recuerda el sacrificio del Gólgota y el misterio de la Eucaristía; el agua recuerda nuestro Bautismo y el don del Espíritu Santo (cf. Jn 3, 5; 4, 14). A través del misterio del Corazón herido de Cristo, la marea restauradora del amor misericordioso de Dios continúa extendiéndose sobre nosotros y todas las generaciones.

Mientras lean esta carta, estaré en la Diócesis de Raleigh, Carolina del Norte este fin de semana para asistir a la ordenación de un joven diácono de transición, Joseph Cong Le, a quien adopté durante muchos años como hijo espiritual en la misma vocación. Les pido que recen para que sea un buen y santo sacerdote, y para que sea el mejor rostro de misericordia que todo sacerdote debe ser.

¡Un Bendito Domingo de la Divina Misericordia para todos, especialmente para los miembros del Grupo de Oración de la Divina Misericordia de nuestra parroquia!

Mons. Cuong M. Pham



CRECE COMO DISCÍPULO |

ORA, ESTUDIA, PARTICIPA, SIRVE

“Lo creeré cuando lo vea.” Todos hemos dicho esto en algún momento, generalmente en respuesta a escuchar que alguien en quien no se puede confiar está haciendo algo fuera de lugar. Santo Tomás tuvo la misma reacción en el Evangelio de hoy cuando él no estaba allí cuando los otros discípulos vieron a Cristo por primera vez desde que se levantó de su tumba – “Si no veo la marca de los clavos en sus manos y meto el dedo en las marcas de los clavos y meto la mano en su costado, no lo creeré. Aunque Jesús ayudó a Tomás con su incredulidad, bendice a los que no han visto pero creen. ¿Alguno de nosotros ha visto las marcas de los clavos en las manos y los pies de Cristo o la herida en su costado? ¿Vemos el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo en el altar, o vemos solo los dones del pan y el vino? Cristo viene a nosotros en formas que podemos entender inicialmente: parábolas, pan y vino, el rostro de las personas que encontramos a lo largo de nuestra vida diaria, pero nuestra fe en lo que no hemos visto, en el gran misterio de nuestra salvación, es lo que nos hace Cristiano.

VE A EVANGELIZAR

ORACIÓN, INVITACIÓN, TESTIMONIO, ACOMPAÑAMIENTO

En la primera lectura de hoy, escuchamos relatos de la vida de los primeros discípulos poco después de Pentecostés: vida comunitaria, partimiento del pan, oración, venta de sus propiedades y posesiones, y redistribución entre ellos según las necesidades individuales. A nuestros oídos hoy, esta vida idílica en comunidad parece casi increíble. Sin embargo, estos primeros discípulos fueron infundidos por el Espíritu Santo, que les permitió anunciar el Evangelio y pensar en los demás antes que en ellos mismos. Como discípulos de Cristo hoy, ¿cómo nos comportamos unos con otros? Si verdaderamente somos de los que no han visto y sin embargo creen, actuemos con plena confianza. Como escuchamos en la segunda lectura, nuestra fe es “más preciosa que el oro, que es perecedero aunque sea probado con fuego.” Ciertamente no somos perfectos, y nuestra fe a veces puede ser duramente probada y, sin embargo, este es nuestro llamado: compartir esta fe haciendo buenas obras en el nombre de Cristo para hacer discípulos y construir el reino de Dios.

DAR TESTIMONIO: La gente a menudo ve a Cristo a través de las palabras y acciones de otros. Esta semana, busca activamente oportunidades para ser las manos de Cristo. ¿Qué oportunidades tiene su comunidad para practicar las obras de misericordia corporales?

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 16

All Day	Divine Mercy Feast Day	Gym
10:00am—2:00pm	Czech Community	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Upper Room+ Fatima
10:30am—12:30pm	Cursillo	Guadalupe A/B
4:00pm—10:00pm	Sagrado Corazon	Lourdes A/B

Monday, April 17

7:00pm—9:00pm	English Pre-Cana	Guadalupe A/B
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Tuesday, April 18

3:30pm—6:00pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Fatima
5:30pm—6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm—7:00pm	Baptism Instruction	Lourdes A/B
6:00pm—9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	Guadalupe+ Fatima
7:00pm—9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth

Wednesday, April 19

4:30pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
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Thursday, April 20

10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe B
6:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—8:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico?	Guadalupe A
7:30pm—9:00pm	CYO	Gym

Friday, April 21

6:30pm—8:30pm	Youth Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
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Saturday, April 22

9:00am—9:00pm	CYO	Gym
9:00am—1:00pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe A/B
10:00am—1:00pm	Saturday Lessons in Faith	Lourdes A/B
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir Practice	Fatima

INFANT BAPTISM

BAUTISMO

Preparation Meeting	Baptism Ceremony
Tuesday—6:00pm—Institute	12:00pm— Upper Church
April 18, 2023	April 22, 2023
May 23, 2023	May 27, 2023
June 20, 2023	June 24, 2023
July 18, 2023	July 22, 2023
August 22, 2023	August 26, 2023
September 19, 2023	September 23, 2023
October 24, 2023	October 28, 2023
November 21, 2023	November 25, 2023
December 19, 2023	December 23, 2023

Please Note: All Baptisms will be celebrated on Saturday at 12:00pm instead of Sunday. Please note that attending the preparation meeting is required for both parents and godparents.

Reunión de Preparación	Ceremonia de Bautismo
Martes—6:00pm—Instituto	12:00pm—Iglesia de Arriba
NO HAY BAUTISMOS EN ABRIL	
9 de Mayo, 2023	13 de Mayo, 2023
6 de Junio, 2023	10 de Junio, 2023
27 de Junio, 2023	8 de Julio, 2023
8 de Agosto, 2023	12 de Agosto, 2023
5 de Septiembre, 2023	9 de Septiembre, 2023
10 de Octubre, 2023	14 de Octubre, 2023
NO HABRA BAUTISMOS EN NOVIEMBRE	
5 de Diciembre, 2023	9 de Diciembre, 2023

Por Favor Notar: Todos los bautizos serán celebrados los Sábados a las 12:00pm en vez de los Domingos. Asistencia a las juntas de preparación es mandatorio para los padres y padrinos.

PARISH REGISTRATION

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

We encourage all who worship with us to consider joining our parish officially. Registering will enable our parish to serve your spiritual needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your active participation will strengthen your faith and your sense of belonging in God's family.

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____ Apt _____
 Telephone: _____
 E-mail: _____

PLEASE CHECK [] *New Registration* [] *Changed Address*
 [] *I prefer envelopes* [] *I prefer E-giving*

Registrarse oficialmente permitirá que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales mejor. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación activa fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.

Nombre(s): _____
 Dirección: _____ Apt _____
 Teléfono: _____
 E-mail: _____

POR FAVOR [] *Nueva Registración* [] *Cambio de dirección*
MARCAR [] *Prefiero Sobres* [] *Donaciones en línea*

VOCATION DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES



FRATERNITAS — APRIL 22, 2023 —

A group for middle school—high school aged boys dedicated to instilling Christian values in young men with the goal of fostering true Catholic gentlemen. The afternoon will include prayer, catechesis, sports, pizza lunch and Sunday Vigil Mass. Contact vocations@diobrook.org for more information.

JEREMIAH PROJECT — MAY 5-7, 2023—

A weekend retreat for young men 18 and older. An opportunity to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood through discussions, prayer and fraternity. Forms are available in the parish office or you may contact the Vocations Office at vocations@diobrook.org.

PROJECT ANDREW— APRIL 23, 2023

An opportunity for young men (high school age and older) to learn more about the priesthood. Join bishops, priests, and seminarians from the Diocese of Brooklyn with Vocation Director, Fr. Chris Bethge, for Sunday evening prayer, dinner, and conversation, 4:00pm — 6:00pm. Contact vocations@diobrook.org for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for our Religious Education Program will be open during the months of **May, June, July & August ONLY**.

For new registrations, please pick up an application at the parish office, fill it out with clear letters, & please provide the certificates of all the sacraments your child has already made along with the birth certificate and pay the required fee.

If your child was in our religious education program this year, please ask for the re-registration form, update the form as needed and pay the required fee.

Registration Fee:	May	June, July, August
1 Child	\$65.00	\$75.00
2 Children	\$100.00	\$120.00
3 or more	\$140.00	\$160.00

WITNESSING EASTER JOY



Having celebrated the holiest events of Christ's passion, death and resurrection during the Paschal Triduum, we now delight in the fifty days of Eastertide with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness to our faith. These are days when we look for the risen Lord among us; hear in each other's stories of rising from the big and small deaths; experience something of Christ's triumph in our lives. That is why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness: at Easter, they died to sins and rose with Christ to a new life. Now they take their places in church among us. Together, like the first witnesses of Christ's resurrection who were so full of joy on that Easter morn, we rush about with good and giddy news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! Eastertide is the perfect time for evangelization, for sharing our happy faith, for working together to change this world into the world to come. Sing Alleluia!

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The next Rosary Society meeting will take place **on May 7**, after the 9:30am Bilingual Mass. All ladies over 15 years old are invited to come to the Institute and join us to pray the Rosary. Refreshments will be served.

BRIDGE TO LIFE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Please return your filled baby bottles to church on the weekend of April 15-16. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be at the doors to collect the bottles. Thank you for your generosity.

CONFRATERNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Every fourth Sunday of the month, all members are invited to attend Mass at 9:00am in Italian preceded by the recitation of the Rosary. If you are interested in becoming a member, you will be installed at our annual Feast Day Mass in July. Please call the parish office and leave your name and number.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as "the Mass held in contemplation." As a way of encouraging devotion to the Eucharist, we invite all parishioners to come and spend some time before the Real Presence of the Lord on **Friday, May 5, 2023**. Exposition and Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am Mass and will conclude with Solemn Benediction before the start of the 12 Noon Mass.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 16, 2023



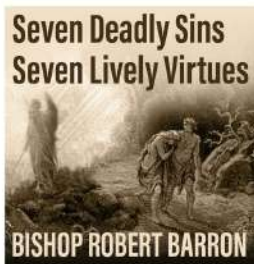
God's School of Trust | Divine Mercy | Episode 1

The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.



St. Bernadette of Lourdes

"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.



Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues by Bishop Robert Barron

Join noted professor of theology and author Bishop Robert Barron in this revealing presentation as he sheds light on the seven deadly sins—those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and others—and the antidote to them, the seven lively virtues!

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REGISTRACIONES PARA CATECISMO

Las inscripciones para el programa de catecismo estarán abiertas durante de los meses de **Mayo, Junio, Julio y Agosto SOLAMENTE.**

Para una nueva registración, por favor recoja una aplicación en la oficina parroquial y llene el cuestionario con letra clara y además debe de traer los certificados de los sacramentos ya recibidos y haga el pago requerido.

Si su niño/a ya estuvo en nuestro programa este año, por favor vaya a la oficina y pida el formulario de re-inscripción y haga el pago requerido.

Cuota de Inscripción:

Por el mes de	Mayo	Junio, Julio y Agosto
1 niño (a)	\$65.00	\$75.00
2 niños (as)	\$100.00	\$120.00
3 niños (as) o más	\$140.00	\$160.00

DONACIONES ELECTRONICAS POR FAITH DIRECT

¡Cristo ha resucitado! Como Sus discípulos, estamos llamados a salir y difundir las buenas nuevas de la resurrección de Cristo. Los ministerios fructíferos en nuestra parroquia son ejemplos de cuántos de ustedes han respondido, y continúan respondiendo, ese llamado. Para garantizar que dicho trabajo pueda continuar se requieren no solo regalos de tiempo, sino también de ayuda financiera. Les pido que consideren en oración apoyar a nuestra parroquia con donaciones electrónicas a través de Faith Direct se Ustedes no lo han hecho.

Puede registrarse en línea en faith.direct/NY370, enviar un mensaje de texto con la palabra "Inscribirse" al **929-254-3850** o llamar al servicio al cliente de Faith Direct al 866-507-8757.

Nos brindará un apoyo constante que nos ayudará a estar siempre listos con programas, servicios y ministerios para las familias de nuestra iglesia y para los necesitados en toda la comunidad. Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra familia parroquial.

PROXIMA SEGUNDA COLECTA

16 de abril, 2023— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para nuestro mantenimiento parroquial. Gracias por su generosidad.

23 de abril, 2023— Habrá una segunda colecta después de la comunión para las misiones domesticas. Gracias por su generosidad.

SIENDO TESTIGOS DE LA ALEGRÍA DE LA PASCUA

Habiendo celebrado los eventos más sagrados de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo durante el Triduo Pascual, ahora nos deleitamos en los cincuenta días de Pascua con regocijo, fiesta y testimonio de nuestra fe. Son días en los que buscamos al Señor resucitado entre nosotros; escuchar en las historias de los demás sobre cómo se levantan de las muertes grandes y pequeñas; experimentar algo del triunfo de Cristo en nuestras vidas. Por eso miramos a los recién bautizados, revestidos de ropas nuevas y resplandecientes y untados de alegría: en la Pascua, murieron a los pecados y resucitaron con Cristo a una vida nueva. Ahora toman sus lugares en la iglesia entre nosotros. Juntos, como los primeros testigos de la resurrección de Cristo llenos de alegría en aquella mañana de Pascua, corremos con buenas y vertiginosas noticias: ¡La muerte no es la última palabra! ¡La vida y el amor son para siempre! La Pascua es el momento perfecto para la evangelización, compartir nuestra fe feliz y trabajar juntos para cambiar este mundo en el mundo venidero. ¡Canta Aleluya!

DISCERNIMIENTO VOCACIONAL

Fraternitas, 22 de abril, 2023 — Un grupo para jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria, inculcando los valores Cristianos a ellos con la meta de fomentar caballeros Católicos verdaderos. La tarde incluye oración, catecismo, deporte, almuerzo de pizza y Misa Dominical de Vigilia. Por favor pida los formularios que se encuentran en la oficina parroquial.

Jeremiah Project, 5— 7 de mayo— Retiro de fin de semana para jóvenes adultos mayores de 18 años. Es una oportunidad para discernir una posible vocación al sacerdocio por medio de discusión, oración y fraternidad.

DIVINA MISERICORDIA



Se les invita a la fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, empezando con la Coronilla Cantada y convivio después de la Misa de las 12:30pm, en el gimnasio, el 16 de Abril. Esperamos verlos. Para mas información, llama a la oficina parroquial al 718.278.1834.

THE DOORS WE LOCK

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still, Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation - and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. It is through confession, which requires physical action, and physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them, Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." - Psalm 118:3

Colleen Jurkiewi



Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

DO CHILDREN HAVE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION?

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are

correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation - especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself - a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Venerable Cornelia Peacock Connelly overcame incredible adversity caused by her husband and other men in her life to go on to form a wildly successful congregation the Society of the Holy Child Jesus which still operates in spiritual works of mercy in 14 countries to this day.



THE PRAYER OF CORNELIA

Let us love one another and pray,
Let us love one another and be faithful,
Let us love one another and be humble,
Let us love one another and be filled
with the charity of God.
Let us love one another with God, in God, and for God,
And we shall thus be one with God for all eternity.

DIGGING DEEPER INTO SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

We hear how the original believers in the risen Jesus lived in peace and harmony in Jerusalem. What could you do to promote good-will and happiness in your community of friends or co-workers?

Second Reading

Peter speaks of a "new birth" of "incredible and glorious joy" that awaits all believers "in the final time" (Jesus' Second Coming). How often do you think about your own resurrection from the dead?

Gospel Reading

The risen Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Do you consider yourself blessed in this regard?



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows, and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology, and mathematics can prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him and all the truths the Church proclaims - because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

- Father John Muir

