

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## April 8, 2018

### Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Jesse & Susie Gomez
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Special Intention
	10 A.M.	William Orsak
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Henrietta Bujnoch
	8:05 A.M.	Living & Deceased Members of the Adams, Jiral & Rohan Families
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Ernest & Edith Donnelly. Joe & Agnes Culak
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	John & Myron Patek
	10 A.M.	Eugene & Kenneth Beyer & Dorothy Dean
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	James Jurica
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Richard & Raul Moreno
	9 A.M.	Sam Elizondo
	11 A.M.	Joe Lopez

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Alfred & Leona Proschko.

### Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or  
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

### Your Gift to God: April 1<sup>st</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$7,315
Online Giving	\$1,145
Building Fund	\$598
Holy Thursday ( <i>Education of Seminarists</i> )	\$4,107
Good Friday ( <i>Holy Land</i> )	\$677
Rice Bowl	\$504.53
St. Ann Parish Support	\$944
Online Giving	\$70
Holy Thursday ( <i>Education of Seminarists</i> )	\$330
Rice Bowl	\$220

*May God reward your generosity!*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.  
Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

### Liturgical Assignments

#### Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Alicia Lanik
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rose Mary Havlik
	9 A.M.	Mark Jemelka
	11 A.M.	Salvador Garcia

#### Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	James & Yvonne Moore
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Sam Elizondo Family

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Kim Fikac, Donna Tolbert, Dorothy Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Daniel & Janna Driskell, Debra Villa
	11 A.M.	Graciela Rivas, Susie Barrera, Virginia Amaro

#### Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Andy Bordovsky, Bobby Fikac, Ronnie Koenning, John P. Barrera
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Charles & Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Glenn & Darlene Renken
	11 A.M.	Alice Nunez, Gerardo Rivas, Jorge & Elsa Resendiz

#### Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Chase Heller, Abigail Long, Macanon Eggemeyer
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Luke & A. J. Adamek
	9 A.M.	Tyler & Addison Ferry, Cameron Villa
	11 A.M.	Cecilia Rivas, Griselda Portales, Luis Avalos

### Special Collection

A special collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up at all Masses April 28-29.

### Baptismal Preparation Class

The next class of Baptismal Preparation will be Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room. **This will be the last class offered until September.**

## K.J.Z.T. #37, Hochheim

K.J.Z.T. #37, Hochheim will meet Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. at the St. Ann's Pavilion.

## Knights of Columbus Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will meet Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the KC building. Officers meet at 6:30 P.M. followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.

## K.J.T. #13 Meeting

K.J.T. Society #13 will be meet next Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the Family Center. Members, please make plans to attend.

### Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Come experience the power of the Resurrection like never before through the incredible book of the Acts of the Apostles. Join us as we explore the world of the early Church and get a glimpse into the faith of those who were closest to Jesus. This six week series led by Fr. Jacob will be held at the Family Center and will begin **Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Bring your Bibles**

### Estudio bíblico sobre Los Hechos de Los Apóstoles

¡Aleluya! ¡Jesús ha resucitado! Ven experimentar el poder de la resurrección como nunca antes a través del increíble libro de los hechos de los apóstoles. Acompáñanos mientras exploramos el mundo de la iglesia primitiva y vemos la fe de ellos quien estaban más cerca de Jesús. Esta serie de seis semanas dirigida por Padre Jacob se llevará a cabo en el Salón Parroquial y comenzará domingo **8 de abril a las 12 p.m. después de la misa. ¡Traigan sus Biblias!**

### Prayer Garden Bricks

We are once again taking orders for the Prayer Garden bricks. If interested in purchasing a brick/bricks, please stop by the Pastoral Center for a form. Cost per brick is \$75. Thus far we have 22 bricks purchased. To obtain the best pricing the recommended number for a minimum order is 30 bricks. So, we are extending the deadline to **May 1<sup>st</sup>** so as to try to get the minimum number to order.

## Confirmation Reminders

Bishop Brendan Cahill will be here on **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** as he joins us for Confirmation at the 5:00 P.M. Mass. Students and sponsors are asked to be at Church Saturday morning at 10:30 A.M. for a brief practice.

## First Reconciliation

The celebration of First Reconciliation in preparation for First Communion will be at 9:00 A.M. in the Church on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

## First Communion

On Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> we will have the celebration of First Communion at the 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Masses.

### First Communion Interviews

Those preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will have their interviews with Father on **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30-5:30 P.M. in the Pastoral Center. At the time of the interview the family will need to indicate which of the two First Communion Masses they will attend in Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>-- either 9:00 A.M. in English or 11:00 A.M. in Spanish.

### Entrevistas para la Primera Comunion

Aquellos que se preparan para celebrar Primera Reconciliación (Confesión) y Primera Eucaristía (Comunion) tendrán sus entrevistas con el Padre el **martes, 17 de abril** de las 3:30 a las 5:30 P.M. en el Centro Pastoral. Cuando se lleve a cabo la entrevista la familia tendrá que indicar a cuál de las dos Misas de Primera Comunion asistirán el domingo, 6 de mayo, ya sea la de inglés a las 9 A.M. o la de español a las 11:00 A.M.

### Faith Formation: May Crowning

On Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> we will conclude our Faith Formation year with the crowning of the Blessed Mother. All are invited to bring flowers with them to CCD. After the Holy Rosary there will be a brief ceremony recognizing attendance and our 8th graders. Dismissal will occur slightly earlier...parents and family members are encouraged to join us!

*"Peace be with you."*

## Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Yoakum Community Center  
Doors open at 10:00 A.M.

BBQ Chicken Plates - \$9.00  
Serving 10:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Shiner Hobo Band performing  
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Live Auction 12:30 – 1:30 P.M.

Plant Sale – Desserts – Artisans Market  
Balloon Creations – Face Painting

Meal tickets available at First State Bank,  
Yoakum National Bank, Bluebonnet Youth Ranch and at  
the door.

## The Emmaus Center: Roast and Toast

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M.  
The Cathedral Center in Victoria

Help Support *The Emmaus Center. Counseling and Spiritual Direction in the Catholic Tradition.* Join in the fun and festivities on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Victoria at The Cathedral Center for the First Annual *Roast & Toast* benefiting *The Emmaus Center*, the Diocese of Victoria's Counseling and Spiritual Direction Center. This year's honoree will be **Father Gary Janak**, on the occasion of his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. The evening will include a delicious meal, entertainment and live and silent auctions, with all proceeds directly benefiting *The Emmaus Center.* *The Roast & Toast* event promises to provide an opportunity to enjoy a great evening and support the Center's continuing efforts to serve others. Call *The Emmaus Center* (212-0830) or The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory (575-4741) for tickets and further information.

## Acts of the Apostles: Pentecost

Come Holy Spirit! In this second session of our six part Bible Study on Acts we'll take a look at the powerful event of Pentecost, its Old Testament roots, and what it all means. Come join us as Fr. Jacob focuses on the Promised Gift of God's Spirit, **Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center. Bring your Bibles!**

## A Note from Principal Mooney

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Mother Seton Award Dinner – Shiner – 6:30 P.M.

### Early Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins March 19<sup>th</sup> and runs through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### “Cub Care”

Available every day after school until 6:00 P.M. for SJS students. Contact the office for more details.

Please call or stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney if you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in St. Joseph's.

## St. Joseph School Sets Registration March 19<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>

Early registration for all new and returning students at St. Joseph Catholic School for the 2018-2019 school year will begin on March 19<sup>th</sup> and run through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The new early registration fee is \$150 per student. General registration will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and the general registration fee will be \$250 per student. Parents may register in the school office from 9:00-11:00 A.M. and 1:00-3:00 P.M. Register your students early and take advantage of the great discount!

All new students enrolling at St. Joseph School must present a birth certificate and/or baptismal certificate as well as a complete immunization record at the time of registration. All current students will receive paperwork to take home to parents in their folders.

St. Joseph Catholic School welcomes all students regardless of religion, race, or ethnicity.

## Hechos de los apóstoles: Pentecostés

¡Ven Espíritu Santo! En esta segunda sesión de nuestro estudio bíblico vamos a echar un vistazo en el poderoso evento de Pentecostés, sus raíces del Antiguo Testamento, y todo lo que significa. Únase a nosotros **HOY, 15 de abril después de la misa**, como Padre Jacob enfoca en el regalo prometido del espíritu de Dios. La próxima semana vamos a ver la actividad increíble de la iglesia en Jerusalén. **¡Traigan sus Biblias!**



## KC “Hook’em & Cook’em” Salt Water Tournament

The Yoakum Knights of Columbus Council #1582 “Hook’em & Cook’em” Salt Water Tournament will be held May 5-6 at Lamar Volunteer Fire Dept. Hall, Lamar, Texas. Festivities begin Friday evening followed by the tournament on Saturday. The tournament is open to everyone. Guide and non-guided divisions. Entry forms may be found at [www.hookem-and-cookem.com](http://www.hookem-and-cookem.com). In addition to the tournament there will be a silent auction and live auction. For more information contact: Reinhard Hagan at 361-293-4719 or Brad Brown at 361-293-8698, or Alan Migl at 361-648-0329 or Daniel Driskell at 361-208-5041. Proceeds benefit Yoakum Knights of Columbus charities.

## Part-Time Administrative Assistant for the Office of Catechetical Ministry – Pastoral Institute (PI)

The Diocese of Victoria (DOV) in Texas is looking for a Part-Time Administrative Assistant for the Office of Catechetical Ministry – Pastoral Institute (PI). The Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing assistance with the necessary tasks assigned by the Director and Assistant Director for the Pastoral Institute department and Office of Catechetical Ministry. For more information or to apply go to the Diocesan website: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) and click on Employment Opportunities.

## Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The Associate Director will primarily be responsible for assisting the Director in implementing the goals and vision of the Diocesan Youth Office as outlined in the USCCB documents, *Renewing the Vision and Sons and Daughters of the Light*. This position will be a non-exempt, full-time member of the Diocesan staff and should be an experienced professional in the field of lay ministry and formation. For more information or to apply go to the Diocesan website: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) and click on Employment Opportunities.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### Domingo (Cada Domingo)

Espanol hechos de los apóstoles –12 P.M.

### Every Monday

Acts of the Apostles – 6:30 P.M.

### Every Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

### April 17

First Communion Interviews – 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.

### April 21

Confirmation Practice – 10:30 A.M.

Sacrament of Confirmation – 5 P.M.

### May 1

May Crowning (CCD) – 6:30 P.M.

### May 5

First Reconciliation (CCD) – 9 A.M.

### May 6

First Communion (CCD) – 9 & 11 A.M. Masses

### May 12

St. Joseph School First Communion – 5 P.M.

### May 19

SJS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 5 P.M.

### May 20

Mass for Graduating Seniors – 9 A.M.  
followed by breakfast at the Family Center

## Administrative Assistant for the Office of Transportation

The Diocese of Victoria (DOV) in Texas is looking for an Administrative Assistant for the Office of Transportation. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for supplementary oversight, operation, and maintenance of the Diocesan Transportation Program. This includes assistance in training, program operations, driving/background check operations, compliance monitoring and reporting. This position will also include providing support to the Office of Safe Environment as assigned. ***The position is security sensitive that requires extreme confidentiality, care, and trust.*** For more information or to apply go to the Diocesan website: [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) and click on Employment Opportunities.

*“Blessed are those who have not seen  
and have believed.”*

# 3 Surprising Things About Divine Mercy Sunday

Fr. Chris Decker

## *A feast for Pope Francis' favorite theme*

### 1. Jesus asked for it.

St. Faustina Kowalska, was a young member of The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Lodz, Poland. In the early 1930s, she received a series of messages from The Lord expounding His desire to extend mercy upon humanity. He asked her to write these messages down. Among the messages was the request for an image of Himself to be commissioned:

**"Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus I Trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world." (The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy in My Soul, 47)**

Further, the image was to be venerated in a special way and at a certain time:

**"I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy in My Soul, 341).**

So, Jesus specifically asked for the Divine Mercy image to be painted and for a Feast of The Divine Mercy to be instituted on the Second Sunday of Easter. Interestingly enough, only young Sister Faustina's religious superiors and spiritual director knew that these supernatural occurrences were taking place. It wasn't until after she died that parts of the diary became public.

### 2. It was a complete surprise to the Church.

Sister Faustina's diary became increasingly known among the Polish people, especially a priest named Karol Wojtyla. As Pope John Paul II, he would help to fulfill Jesus' desire that His message of unfathomable mercy to sinners be spread to the entire world.

On the occasion of Blessed Faustina's elevation to the dignity of the altar (her Mass of Canonization) The Pope Shocked the world by announcing the proclamation of a new observance on the liturgical calendar. He said, "It is important ... that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

Needless to say it was kind of a surprise since only those who keenly paid attention to the decree of The

Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments a week earlier would have been aware of the surprise waiting in the middle of the now sainted pope's homily.

### 3. It's actually an opportunity to receive mercy.

More than just a passing observance of the mercy of Jesus, Divine Mercy Sunday is a day that Jesus wanted to extend His mercy to sinners. According to the diary of St. Faustina, Jesus requested Divine Mercy Sunday with an express purpose:

**"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy in My Soul, 699)**

This is known as a plenary indulgence, and is one of the most misunderstood concepts of Catholic teaching. Whenever we sin, there are temporal effects due to the sins we commit. Even though the guilt may have been forgiven in Sacramental Reconciliation, there are still "ripples" that our actions (or omissions) cause for which we have to account. This is where the understanding of purgatory comes in.

It is in purgatory that we atone for these "ripples" or effects of our sin. We're purged of all impurity before seeing God. Even though there's no real way to measure time in purgatory, this purifying isn't instantaneous. An indulgence is an application of the graces given by Christ's saving actions on the cross as well as the redemptive suffering of the saints to a soul in need. The Church, specifically the successor of St. Peter (the pope) and in some cases a bishop, has the authority to dispense these graces called "indulgences". They're either partial or plenary (or full).

A plenary indulgence is complete remission of that punishment, just like Jesus claims in St. Faustina's Diary. And it is on Divine Mercy Sunday (as well as other special times and days throughout the year) that the mercy of Jesus can be experienced in this way.

**Bottom Line?** Get to Confession if you haven't already, receive Holy Communion, pray for The Holy Father and his intentions, and dive deep into the mercy of Jesus. He's been waiting for you!



*Jesus, I trust in You*