

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 11, 2021

“Unless I see I will not believe”



Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

"Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection."

2021 SHARELIFE COLLECTION DATES

Having completed the 2020 ShareLife campaign last fall, and with the limitations still effect in some areas, the ShareLife office has reviewed the dates for the 2021 campaign. The ShareLife campaign will now move to April 17/18, June 19/20 and October 2/3. The ShareLife envelopes in the offertory boxes have the incorrect collection dates on them but feel free to use these.

SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE

Mass is being live streamed on our Parish YouTube Channel on Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at 7pm (preceded by the Rosary at 6:40pm).

The link to our parish YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCokoBfidkSQAZBuk3g-bhw?>

Mass Intentions  for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 12 – 7:00 P.M.

S.I. Andrew Moylett
+ Michael Ewasyn

TUESDAY, APRIL 13 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. Cass Sawatzky
S.I. Hala Mattar
S.I. Don and Diane Clark

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Carlisa and Maximo Bagtas
+ Manuel Cordeiro

S.I. Eymard Angulo

THURSDAY, APRIL 15 – 8:00 A.M.

S.I. Married couples and those preparing for marriage.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SATURDAY, APRIL 17 – 5:00 P.M.

Intention Available

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

S.I. Parish Community

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Fr. Damian would be grateful if you are able to come to the office to pick up your box of envelopes. If you are not able to, either Fr. Damian or a parish volunteer will be happy to bring you a box. Offertory envelopes for 2021 are also located at the back of the Church for those who are attending the weekend Communion Services. Brochures outlining our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and Parish Registration forms are also available. If you would like a PAG form, please contact the parish office.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Monday, April 19 – Saturday, April 24, 2021

During this week, Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director, Office of Vocations, has asked that we all take time, as a community, to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. At this time, we also ask that you pray for our 6 soon-to-be priests along with all those who are discerning and who are currently in formation. For more information, please email the Office of Vocations at vocations@archtoronto.org

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church on Fridays from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/exposition-of-the-blessed-sacrament-and-adoration-tickets-130608933837>

Additional registration is required for the Friday evening Mass following Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



NEXT WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY....

The goal for the 2021 ShareLife Campaign is \$13.8 million. Our parish goal is **\$130,000**.

“Our goal can be met, but only with your help. I invite you to join today's generation of heroes by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. As you contemplate the blessings God has entrusted to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife to the best of your ability.”

– *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

Next weekend, April 18, is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

FORMED

Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you.

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3. Enter your name and email

THIS WEEKS PICKS

WATCH

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL
As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.

LEARN

A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY
In 2002, St. John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary. In unique ways, each of these mysteries reveal that Christ is the 'light of the world' (Jn 8:20). To more fruitfully ponder these mysteries, join us in this Bible study with the Augustine Institute faculty.

LISTEN

THE NECESSITY OF DIVINE MERCY BY FR. CHRIS ALAR
Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. Discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy through this week.

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