

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

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• [Acts 4:32-35](#) • [Psalm 118](#) • [1 John 5:1-6](#) • [John 20:19-31](#) •

My Lord and my God! (John 20:28)

Why wasn't Thomas with the other apostles the first time Jesus appeared to them? Maybe Thomas was so discouraged that he just wanted to be alone, or perhaps he was hiding somewhere else. Whatever the case, he didn't believe that Jesus had really appeared to the disciples that night (John 20:25). He had to see the risen Christ for himself.

Jesus knew this, so exactly one week later, he appeared again, this time to all the apostles. When Jesus invited Thomas to put his hand in his wounds, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). What an appropriate Gospel passage for Divine Mercy Sunday! In his great mercy, Jesus deeply desired that Thomas believe that he had truly risen—so much so that he may have come back especially for him. The Gospels are filled with examples of Jesus' mercy, from his healing of people who were blind or sick to his compassion for those who were far from home and needed something to eat. Of course, his greatest act of mercy was his self-offering on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

"Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy." That's the message Jesus gave to the Polish nun Sr. Faustina Kowalska in 1931 (Diary, 699). This is a mercy that knows no bounds, that longs for every single person to receive it and be saved, no matter how far they have strayed. We have trouble conceiving it because it is so unlike anything we have ever encountered here on earth!

No matter how long we've followed Jesus, we are all in need of his mercy and compassion. Even Thomas, his very own apostle, needed it! Today make time to gaze on the Divine Mercy image of Jesus and ask him to give you the grace to believe in the depths of his mercy. Then exclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"



Community Dinner 7th April

Our community dinner is this Sunday at 5:30pm. There will be dinner and a presentation from the Parish Finance Council regarding its function within the parish. This will be followed by a short video from Fr. Mike Schmitz about loneliness, which will then be discussed within the group. Everyone is invited, please sign up on the parish noticeboard so we know how much food to order.



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as "a perennial invitation to the Christian World to face with confidence, in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come" *23rd May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*. This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter Time.

Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St. Christopher's Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Sunday	1:00 pm	

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Monday to Friday 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Wednesday and Friday at 11:00 am

Our Lady of the Mountains

Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church

Bible Study Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 pm – all welcome

Holy Hour & Confessions Fridays 6:30- 7:30 pm – all welcome

MASS LECTORS



Our Lady of the Mountains

Sat 13th April Heidi

Sun. 14th April Nathan

St. Christopher's

Sun 14th April Volunteer

St. Francis of Assisi

Sun 14th April Cheryl

Marcus

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux Cell: 778-257-4203

Rachel's Corner

"I gave all to Our Lord, and He broke the chains, and I am free now. I feel more at peace and a deep feeling of joy and hope that I can one day be with my child, my God and with Jesus. That is the hope I had one day lost and now have again." - Testimonial

Have you lost hope that you could ever be free of the chains that have imprisoned you since your loss due to an abortion decision? Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and hand those chains to Him.

Be free again. Next session 24th-26th May. www.rachelsvineyardkamloops.org Tel:250-267-508



2023 Financial Report and 2024 Budget Attached

Thank You

Thank You to everyone that helped with the many ministries and preparations that were needed for Holy Week. A special Thank You to the Music Ministry and Choirs, who dedicated countless hours of preparation for the celebrations for Easter Sunday and this past week.

Easter Octave

As the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, this Sunday completes the Easter Octave. Eight is an important symbolic number. The early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day".

Since our week has seven days, "eighth day" referred to a day beyond the human reckoning of time, beyond time, belonging to the end times.

Thus, the Easter Octave means more than simply going from one Sunday to the next; it heightens our expectation that the risen Life we celebrate is the same Life that we will one day share with the Trinity in everlasting glory. *Living Liturgy 2015*

How to Pray the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Say the optional Opening Prayer
3. Say the "Our Father"
4. Say the "Hail Mary"
5. Say the "Apostles Creed"
6. Say the "Eternal Father":

"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."

7. On the "Hail Mary" beads, say 10 times:
"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world"
8. Repeat four more decades, saying "Eternal Father" on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the Sake ..." on the following "Hail Mary" beads.
9. At the conclusion of the five decades, on the medallion say "Holy God", the concluding doxology, three times.
"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
10. Say the optional Closing Prayer.

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm
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