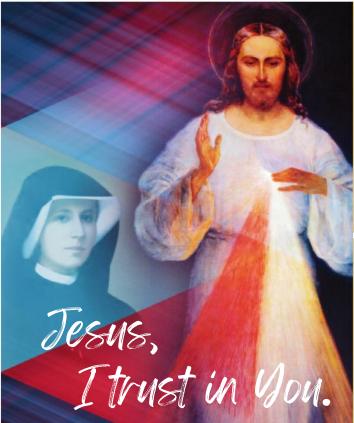
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SAINT PAUL

THE APOSTLE

April 7, 2024
Sunday of Divine Mercy



Weekend Masses

Saturday (Anticipated)-4:00 PM Sunday-8:00 AM, 10:00AM, Noon, 5:00 PM

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Friday-6:40 AM
Monday - Saturday-8:30 AM
Thursday-6:15 PM
We livestream our Sunday 10:00 AM, Saturday 4:00 PM, and 8:30 AM Masses, and weddings, funerals, and special events upon request at stpace.org/livestream.

Mass Times for Holy Days

Please refer to the parish website or call the Parish Office to confirm Mass times.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 5:55 PM unless otherwise noted.

First Fridays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 4:00 PM

Rosary

After the 8:30 AM weekday Masses
Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Church and First
Saturdays at 7:00 PM at stpacc.org/onlinerosary

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday - Friday-3:00PM

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

If you are interested in information about becoming Catholic, getting married in the Church or having your children baptized, please turn to page 4 of this bulletin.

Featured -

Divine Mercy Celebration



Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. We regularly pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet weekdays in the Church at 3:00 PM. Sunday, April 7 we have a special Divine Mercy Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 3:00 PM followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Confessions will be heard during the hour, and we will conclude with Benediction.

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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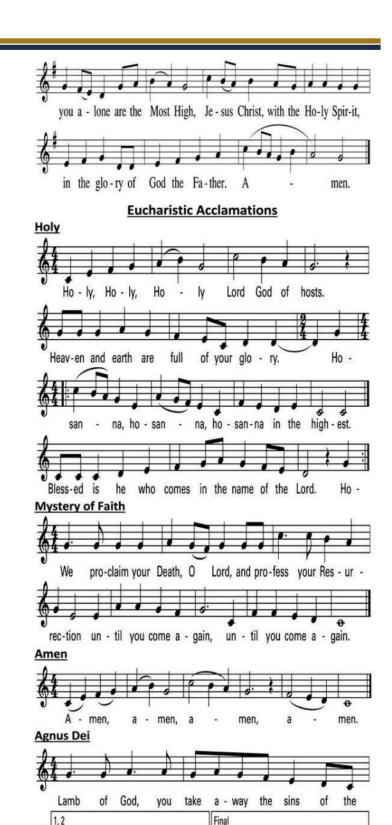


Worship Hymnal Readings - #1081

Hymns

Entrance – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #496 Offertory – We Walk by Faith #674 Communion – O Sons and Daughters #507 Post Communion - Regina Caeli (Chant) 519





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Choir Anthem Lyrics

Offertory Anthem - Proclaim the Message

When he stood among us and spoke: "The peace I have, I give to you today. And in the power of the Spirit, forgive the sins of all." Blest are those who have not seen, yet have chosen to believe.

Refrain: Proclaim the message: "Behold, our Savior's risen!" Rejoice, again I say rejoice! For on the last day we shall rise again and see the face of God. Rejoice!

Praise be to the Father of life, and praise be to His Son Lord Jesus Christ, And praise be to the Holy Spirit, united Three-in-One. Preach the message of freedom, raise your voices in song! refrain

Canticle of Praise - This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. *refrain*

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. refrain

The Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Staying informed: If you do not have Flocknote, I ask that you to please consider getting the app so you are "in the know!" To secure the Flocknote app, just go to stpacc.org/flocknote or text STPACC to the number 84576.



He is Risen! Happy Easter!

I give thanks to God for the beautiful Easter Masses at St. Paul the Apostle. The Easter Vigil Mass was especially beautiful with 67 people entering the Catholic Church, starting with an epic blazing fire. Each of these amazing 67 people are called by name and have a special story that has led them to Christ and to the full Communion of the Catholic Church. Thanks to our musicians, ushers, greeters, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, altar servers, producers, sacristans, priests, deacons, church cleaners, maintenance staff, and office staff! Many dedicated parishioners came together to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ and on behalf of those who attended our services I offer my sincere thanks!

Divine Mercy Sunday:

Established by Pope Saint John Paul II on April 30, 2000, Divine Mercy Sunday always falls on the Second Sunday of Easter. At that Mass he canonized Saint Faustina, the great apostle of Divine Mercy. The message of Divine Mercy is a powerful and moving way to grow closer to Christ. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Please join us for a special Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3:00 PM Sunday in the church. See Page 9 of this bulletin for details.

Our Sunday Offering

I want to sincerely thank the very many who regularly give of their time, talent, and financial support to our parish. WeShare Online Giving is a secure, and convenient platform. Just text stpaulohio to the number 800-950-9952 or go online to www.stpacc.org/donate. If you have any questions about your parish offertory or WeShare, please contact Parish Accountant Deb Hawking at either dhawking@stpacc.org or 614-882-2109 ext. 229.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wilson

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 7, Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

8:00 AM † Charles F. Menzel

**10:00 AM Easter Flowers Memorial

12:00 PM † Thomas Campana

5:00 PM † John Zaino

Monday, April 8, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

6:40 AM Olive Clutter (Living)

8:30 AM † Dennis Kairis

Tuesday, April 9

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

8:30 AM † Dolores Wuebker

Wednesday, April 10

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

6:40 AM † Dick Rano

8:30 AM † Catherine Abraham

Thursday, April 11, Memorial of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

6:15 PM † Bob Searles

Friday, April 12

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

6:40 AM † Debbie Wright

8:30 AM † Msgr. George Schlegel

Saturday, April 13

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

8:30 AM † Bruno Ciotola

Third Sunday of Easter (anticipated)

4:00 PM † Patricia Jobst

Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

8:00 AM † Dennis Kairis

12:00 PM † Bob Searles 5:00 PM † Ubalo Monaco

**Mass with incense.

NEW TO ST. PAUL?

Here's what you need to know:

Welcome to Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Inspired by our patron Saint Paul, we are a parish of disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring His truth and love into our community through humble, collaborative service that is faithful to the Word of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and centered on the Holy Eucharist.

Welcome Home

Whether you are brand new or returning after a while, we are excited to welcome you to Saint Paul. We look forward to seeing you at Mass and around the parish!

Stay Connected with us

We would love to stay connected with you! There are always new and exciting things happening at Saint Paul. Sign up for our Flocknote newsletter to receive email and text updates from our parish!



TEXT STPACC TO 84576



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you are curious about Catholicism or seeking to enter the Church, we invite you to get involved in our preparatory program for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We're happy to accompany you! Find more information about the program at stpace.org/rcia.

Get Involved

Looking to get involved in a vibrant Catholic community, or serve the Lord and our local Westerville community? We invite you to get to know one of our community opportunities and explore our many ways to serve among all our parish ministries. This week's schedule can be found in this bulletin. More can be found at stpacc.org/ministries

St. Paul School

Want to give your children a Catholic education? Discover our St. Paul Catholic School (preschool and grades K-8) dedicated to teaching, living, and learning in the light of Christ. stpaulk-8.org

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Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Parish Registration

If you will regularly be worshiping with us, we encourage you to register at style="color: blue;">style="

Baptisms

Families wishing to have their child baptized should contact Annette Ramos at aramos@stpacc.org.

Matrimony

If you would like to be married at St. Paul the Apostle, please visit <u>stpacc.org/weddings</u> to begin planning.

Confessions

9:15 AM on Thursdays; at 2:30 PM on Saturdays. The confessionals are located in the Church.

Marian Gift Shop

Our Marian Gift Shop is located in the Church and is open from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM on Sundays; closed on Mondays; open on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:30–6:30 PM; and on Wednesdays, Fridays, and also on Saturdays from 9:15 AM until 12:30 PM. 614-882-5257; style="color: blue; and also on Saturdays from 9:15

Bulletin

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks in advance to stpaulcommunications@stpacc.org. Thank you!

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St. Vincent DePaul Helpline 614-973-9772

Young Professionals StPaulYoungProfessionals@gmail.com

Spirit of Peace Counseling stpacc.org/counseling-services

Pregnancy Support Resources

Women's Care Center 614-251-0200
Birthright 614-221-0844
PDHC 614-444-4411
Mommies Matter 614-723-9308

Option Line <u>optionline.org</u> 1-800-712-4357

Stowe Mission, Columbus 614-445-8400 Pregnancy Resources of 740,447,0750

Delaware County

740-417-9358

THE CATECHETICAL CORNER



Keep Vigil, or Anticipate?

Liturgical time provides a framework for the Church's worship and spiritual practices, guiding us through the various seasons of the Christian life and helping us to deepen our relationship with God and each other. It emphasizes the timeless truths of the Christian faith while also connecting us to the historical events that shaped our identity as followers of Christ. Liturgical time is a cyclical and sacred concept that organizes the worship and spiritual life around key events in the life of Christ and the Church. Growing up, my family always attended the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays. Everyone I encountered called this Mass the "Sunday Vigil Mass.""Vigil" is a term that is used quite often when speaking about liturgical time. However, have you ever heard the word "anticipated?" Would you believe me if I told you the 4:00 pm Mass I attended growing up was the Anticipated Mass for Sunday? What is the difference between "vigil" and "anticipated?"

When we talk of "Vigil Masses" today, we usually mean Masses of Sunday that are celebrated on the preceding Saturday night. But strictly speaking, this is an improper use of the term "Vigil Mass." A Saturday evening Mass of the following Sunday is liturgically identical to the Mass of the Sunday itself and is appropriately called an "anticipated Mass." When you come to the 4:00 pm Mass, you hear the same prayers and readings that someone who attends the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday will hear. Because of this, the Mass on Saturday is called "Anticipated."

So what is a "Vigil Mass?" A few solemnities are endowed with their own Vigil Mass, which will be used on the evening of the preceding day if an evening Mass is celebrated. The readings and prayers of such Vigil Masses differ from the texts in the Masses to be celebrated on the day itself.

For example, if you go to Mass on Christmas Eve, you will hear different prayers and readings than someone who goes on Christmas Day will hear. This is because Christmas has its own Vigil Mass.

I can tell you might be confused. Let me confuse you even more. Remember when I said that Sundays, as such, have no Vigil Masses? Well, I was right and wrong. There are two Solemnities that are always on Sundays that have their own Vigil Mass. These are Easter and Pentecost. Also, only in the Dioceses of the United States is The Epiphany of the Lord always on the Sunday between 2 January and 8 January. In other countries, this Solemnity is on 6 January. So, what are the other Solemnities that have their own Vigil? They are The Ascension of the Lord, The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Ss. Peter & Paul, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and The Nativity of the Lord.

Liturgical time is unlike the time of the world, which is fleeting and often marked by busyness and distraction. Instead, it is a sacred time set apart for an encounter with the divine. In the liturgical year, we are called to enter the timeless reality of God's saving love, immerse ourselves in Christ's life, and allow these mysteries to transform our lives. Let us embrace the gift of liturgical time with gratitude and reverence. Let us be drawn more deeply into the mystery of God's love revealed to us in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let us keep "vigil" and "anticipate" as we journey together toward the fullness of life in God's kingdom.

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Andrew T. Burson, Director of Parish Ministry

Presented by St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT VOCATION NIGHT



APRIL 14 | 6:30-8:30PM KLINGER CENTER

Come and explore God's rich plan for your life. Hear from Fr. Olvera and an incredible panel of speakers. Network with religious orders and mission organizations from around Columbus. Dinner is included!

No registration needed. Bring yourself and friends!

- Hear from Speakers
- Socialize with Friends

Ask Questions

- Explore Religious Orders
- Learn to Discern Well
- Free Food



Contact Nathan Forsthoefel: nforsthoefel@stpacc.org | 614.882.2109



This Week in Our Parish Sunday, April 7

Coffee & Doughnuts after AM Masses Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Celebration Church

6:00 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

Alcoholics Anonymous holds twice-weekly Sundays and Fridays in Room 2 of the Parish Office.

6:15 PM - Middle School Youth Ministry Klinger Center

Our Youth Ministry's mission is to bring the youth of our parish into a deep and personal relationship with Jesus by giving opportunities to have an authentic encounter with Christ through His Church. Ends at 7:45 PM. stpacc.org/ym

Monday, April 8

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed every weekday at 3 PM in the church. Join us in praying this devotion to the mercy of God! Learn the prayers at stpacc.org/chaplet

6:30 PM - Rosary Church

Join us in this timeless prayer, enriching your spiritual life as we contemplate the life of Christ through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

7:00 PM - Nar-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

Tuesday, April 9

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 PM - Rosary Making Group Lower Level Room 4

7:30 PM - Young Adult Open Gym Klinger Center

Wednesday, April 10

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

4:45 & 6:45 PM -PSR Classes St. Paul School

Parish School of Religion is part of the educational arm of the parish community, responsible for providing religious instruction, formation and sacramental preparation to children attending public or non-Catholic private schools. stpacc.org/psr

6:30 PM – That Man is You! St. Peter Room

Rosary at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. stpacc.org/tmiy

6:45 PM – 8:00 PM High School Discipleship in Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

7:00 PM — Overeaters Anonymous Parish Office Room 2

7:00 PM - Young Adults Theology Talk Parlor 1

Thursday, April 11

6:30 AM – That Man is You! St. Peter Room

Rosary at 6:30 AM; meeting at 7:00 AM

9:15 AM - Confessions Church

Catholics can experience healing through forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God and His Church. Catholics are always welcomed back to receive this sacrament - whether it has been two weeks or two decades since the last Confession.

stpacc.org/sacraments/reconciliation

9:30 AM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Church

Spend some time in the real presence of Jesus after the 8:30 AM Mass. Adoration concludes with benediction at 5:45 PM.

10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry Lower Level Room 4

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Lower Level Room 3

Business Meeting

7:00 PM - Young Adult Bible Study Lower Level Room 1 (Church)

Young Adults is a group of young Catholics looking to grow in faith and fellowship. Anyone ages 18 to 40 is welcome to join us for our meetings. stpacc.org/ypm

7:30 PM Al-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

Friday, April 12

3:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:30 PM-Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

Saturday, April 13

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Pantry Collection

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study St. Peter Room

We invite all men in the parish to join us on the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays (if applicable) of the month for Bible Study stpacc.org/menbiblestudy

8:30 AM - Men's Leadership Conference Klinger Center

2:30 PM - Confessions Church

Sat-Sun April 13-14 'Super Subs for St Paul'

What better way to enjoy watching baseball than feasting on tasty Knights of Columbus submarine sandwiches! The KofC will be selling subs after masses on Saturday April 13 and Sunday April 14. All proceeds go to the St Paul Parish Building Fund.

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Sunday, April 14 St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Pantry Collection

Knights of Columbus Sub Sale After Masses

11:00 AM - RCIA Klinger Center

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Learn more about the RCIA process at stpacc.org/rcia

6:00 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

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6:30 PM – High School Youth Ministry Klinger Center

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Rosary Making Group

We had a wonderful turnout for our first Rosary Making Group meeting last month. All who are interested in sharing the gift of the rosary are invited to join us at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 9 in Lower Level Room 4. No experience or knowledge of making rosaries is required and anyone can be easily taught to make them! All materials for rosary making will be provided and finished rosaries will be sent to missions across the world.

Please reach out to Dominica Bean (614-271-9450, <u>dominicabean13@gmail.com</u>) with any questions.







All are welcome to join us for

The Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

Sunday, April 7, 3:00-4:00 PM St. Paul the Apostle Church

- Confession 3:00 4:00 PM
- Exposition
- Adoration
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Litany of the Sacred Heart
- The Most Holy Rosary
- Divine Mercy Praises
- 4:00 PM Benediction

St. Paul the Apostle's Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Our Recent Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection

Week Ending	Attendance	Collections			
March 3	3,527	\$ 122,548.01			
March 10	3,152	\$ 76,419.44			
March 17	3,297	\$ 92,271.83			
March 24	4,217	\$ 56,229.76			

Year to Date Collection Summary through March 25, 2024

Note: Collection totals vary primarily due to the timing of online contribution reporting.

Summary for Week # 38	Actual	Budget	Difference	Lo	ast Year Actua	al	Prior Year +(-)
Sunday & On-line Collections	\$ 2,834,540	\$ 2,973,208	\$ (138,668)	\$	2,733,041	\$	101,498
Christmas	\$ 86,283	\$ 85,000	\$ 1,283	\$	83,772	\$	2,511
Easter	\$ 2,635	\$ 175	\$ 2,635	\$	854	\$	1,781
Major Collection Totals	\$ 2,923,457	\$ 3,058,208	\$ (134,751)	\$	2,817,667	Ş	105,790
Prior Week Totals	\$ 2,798,993	\$ 2,894,965	\$ (95,972)	\$	2,492,017	\$	306,977

Special Collections To Date Include: St. Vincent DePaul \$ 64,584 WARM \$53,105

*Church Building Fund Envelopes: 68,625

Church Loan Balance: \$3,592,978 *Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30

Our Offertory Weekly Goal is \$78,244.

This amount includes weekly withdrawals for: Accelerated Principal Payments on Debt of \$ 7,750 Savings Deposit to our Emergency Fund of \$ 7,900



Why use offertory envelopes when you can give online via WeShare? It's a safe and convenient platform. Text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952 or simply go to stpacc.org/donate.



We are blessed to announce that our parish now has a second Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, providing more families the opportunity to host and experience this devotion each week. For those interested in this beautiful devotion and to schedule your time with the statue, please see the reservation book available at the Mass Ministry Coordinator's table in the vestibule.

To learn more about this devotion, please visit stpacc.org/pilgrim-statue



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Help save a life.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today.

Blood Drive St. Paul Catholic Church

Miller Hall 313 N. State Street Westerville, OH 43082

Saturday, April 13, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) OR visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter SaintPaulCC to schedule an appointment.



Take the next step in becoming the leader you are meant to be...

Join us APRIL 13, as we welcome JOHN EDWARDS











Men's Leadership Conference

Saturday, April 13, 2024 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Are you being called to help men grow their faith, develop healthy relationships with other men, and become better leaders in their homes, churches, and communities? Learn how to start a new men's ministry at your parish or how to invigorate an existing men's ministry.

Learn more and register at: www.catholicmensministry.com



ST. PAUL'S YOUNG ADULTS

Theology Night

Wednesday, April 10th - 7:00 p.m.

What is Apologetics? Why do we do it? Do we even need it?

Father Olvera will be joining us to kick off our series on Catholic Apologetics. Father will answer these questions and lay a foundation to help us become better defenders of our faith when confronted with objections and opposition.

After the presentation and a brief group discussion, we will move to the church to finish our evening with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Want to know more about upcoming events with the St. Paul Young Adults? Sign up to receive our weekly Flocknote at

https://stpaultheapostlechurch2.flocknote.com/ youngadults or text "SPYA" to 84576.

Open Gym 7:30-9:30pm

Klinger Center

stpaccvbs@gmail.com

FlockNote Signup



April 9th April 16th April 23rd

· Set up/tear down, craft prep

Thank You From Deacon Mickey

My dear family and friends. I wish to thank you all for such a great response to the St. Gabriel Radio Spring Fundraiser in my name. Because of your donations, my team came in 2nd place; only one point from winning the Gold. It was such a pleasure to be asked to represent St. Paul Parish in this competition of the Deacons in our Diocese, knowing that 100% of all donations are used to sustain the mission of St. Gabriel, AM 820 radio. Please remember St. Gabriel Radio, AM 820, as they educate and evangelize God's children throughout Ohio. Again, thanks and bless you all.

Deacon Mickey

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CONNECTING THE WORD OF GOD TO OUR LIVES

From www.mycatholic.life



Reflecting on the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, 2024

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35; Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Saint Faustina writes in her Diary:

"My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (Diary #699).

What will it be like to contemplate the love and mercy of God for all eternity? To some, this might not at first seem that appealing. Won't it become boring if all we do for all eternity is contemplate God's mercy? If that is a question that resonates with you, then the reason this idea initially lacks appeal is because you cannot fathom how fulfilling and glorious this will be. Jesus said, "My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

God willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents. By analogy, if you were given a new car but never drove it, the car would be of no use. Or if you won the lottery and the money simply sat in your account unused, what's the benefit? Or if you were gravely ill and were given a medicine that would cure that illness but you never took it, then you would remain ill. So also, if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, but never allow the Mercy that is given by that act to transform us, then we have missed the point. The Divine Mercy is the point of life. It's the only thing worth seeking. It's the only source of satisfaction and fulfillment. It's the only cure for our ills. It's the only

source of true riches. In three short words: It Is Everything!

When Jesus says that our eternity will be spent contemplating His Mercy, He doesn't only mean that this is something we will do after we die. True, the fullness of the revelation of His Mercy will be set before us when we enter into the Beatific Vision and contemplate God forever. But "eternity" includes today. It includes the here and now. Therefore, our contemplation of The Divine Mercy must be the single most important goal in our life today. When it is, everything else in life will fall into place in support of this goal.

In order to make the contemplation of The Divine Mercy the most important goal of your life, you must begin to understand it. That's why we were given this special day, this most solemn Feast of Mercy. Therefore, use this day as an opportunity to deepen your contemplation of this Gift. Begin by reading about God's Mercy as it was revealed to us through Saint Faustina. Try to spend time reading Jesus' words, His explanations, descriptions and revelations about His Mercy. As you do, if you find that it remains incomprehensible, don't worry. It is incomprehensible! However, since Jesus promised us that our eternity would be spent in contemplation of His Mercy, then we must believe that the more deeply we enter into that contemplation now, the more glorious our lives will become. If we can truly taste of this Mercy, gain a small glimpse of its grandeur, and comprehend even a small aspect of its meaning, then we will truly find much satisfaction in this endeavor.

Reflect, today, upon The Divine Mercy. As you do, humble yourself through prayer by admitting to God and to yourself that His Mercy is beyond what you will ever comprehend. Do this in prayer. Reading about God's Mercy is important, but it will only be through prayer that we begin our contemplation. And it will only be through this contemplation that we will begin to live the central purpose of our lives.

Readings for each day and links to daily reflections can be found at stpace.org/readings

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