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## Remember In Prayer

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## Second Sunday of Easter

### Sunday of Divine Mercy

**April 11, 2021**

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

### DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

DEACON JIM MOSS IS OFFERING A CLASS ON THE BOOK “ I HEARD GOD LAUGH” IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE TELL PAT IN THE OFFICE . WE WILL MEET ON TUESDAY MORNINGS ABOUT 10: 00 AM UNTIL 11:30 AM IF ENOUGH PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED . THESE MEETING ARE ALWAYS INTERESTING AND WE ALL LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FAITH.

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8

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

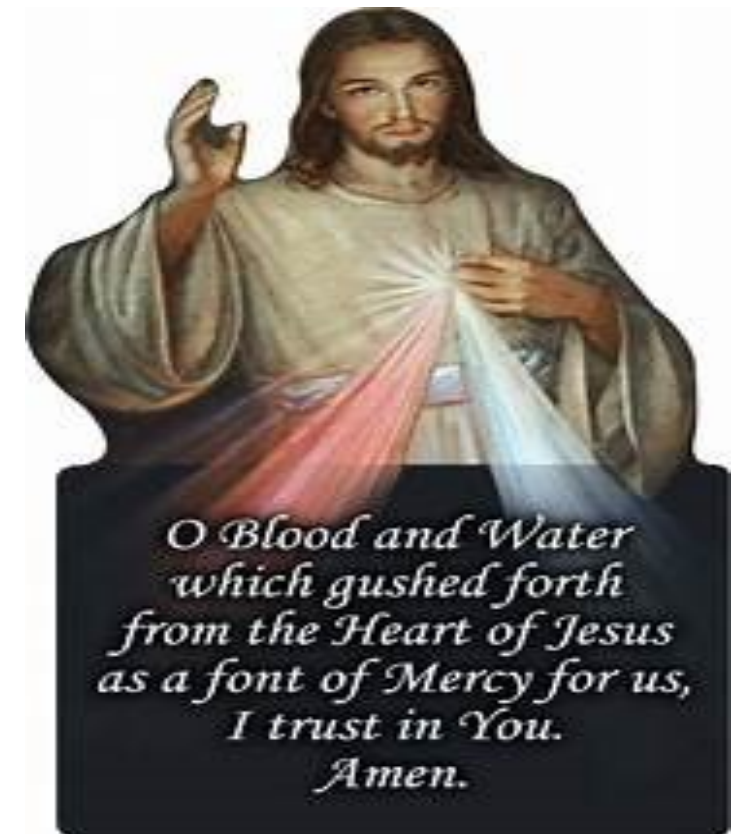
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

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

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

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

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



### Catholic Appeal

**Pledged 81% Participation 59.26%**

**APRIL 18th**

**Lector MARY**

### CHRIST IS HERE

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

**April 4h**

**BUDGET \$1351.00**

**\$1533.00**

**B&M**

**\$540.00**

**Rice Bowl \$110.00**

**Holy Land \$10.00**