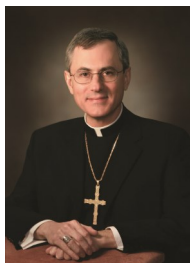


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Divine Mercy-The Gift of Christ's Love

““Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus, quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius”; "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever" (Ps 118: 1). So the Church sings on the Octave of Easter, as if receiving from Christ's lips these words of the Psalm; from the lips of the risen Christ, who bears the great message of divine mercy and entrusts its ministry to the Apostles in the Upper Room.

Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ. Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love's "second name" (cf. Dives in misericordia, n. 7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness?

Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By divine Providence, she was completely linked with the history of the 20th century, the century we have just left behind. Jesus told Sr Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy" (Diary, p. 132). Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked for ever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time.

What will the years ahead bring us? What will man's future on earth be like? We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences. But the light of divine mercy, which the Lord in a way wished to return to the world through Sr Faustina's charism, will illumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium.

In the various readings today, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings. Christ has taught us that "man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called 'to practise mercy' towards others.

Sr Faustina's canonization has a particular eloquence: by this act I intend today to pass this message on to the new millennium. I pass it on to all people, so that they will learn to know ever better the true face of God and the true face of their brethren. In fact, love of God and love of one's brothers and sisters are inseparable. Mercy gave form to human relations and community life; it constituted the basis for the sharing of goods. Here mercy became a concrete way of being "neighbour" to one's neediest brothers and sisters.

It is this love which must inspire humanity today, if it is to face the crisis of the meaning of life, the challenges of the most diverse needs and, especially, the duty to defend the dignity of every human person. Thus the message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes; Christ gave his life for each one; to everyone the Father gives his Spirit and offers intimacy."

Excerpt from the homily of Pope John Paul II, Canonization of Sr. Mary Faustina Kowalska, April 30, 2000

For the complete text of the Pope's homily, please click [here](https://www.cathedral.dol.ca).

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CELEBRATING THE EASTER SEASON

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.



sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press, Second Sunday of Easter, 2021

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/second-sunday-of-easter-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>

Family Prayer for the Easter Season

The Diocese of London has prepared resources for the Easter Season including Tips for Family Prayer during the Easter Season. Click [here](#) to access.

Amoris Laetitia Family Year

On March 19, 2021, the Church celebrated five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis launched the Amoris Laetitia Family Year which will conclude on June 26, 2022, on the occasion of the Xth World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. The Family & Youth Ministry Office of our Diocese will be offering various ways to mark the year. More information will be shared as the year continues. Click [here](#) to read the Pope's document.

Where is Love? The Foundation of Our World

The Karen Schuessler Singers presents its second online concert, "Where Is Love? The Foundation of Our World". Join us Saturday, April 17 at 7:00 PM online.

This 30-minute online concert explores the many facets of Love, including the drive for two things to come together to become one. At the heart of nature and the cosmos, this Love's impulse fuels our deep desire to feel at one with our world. Music by Morten Lauridsen, Pete Seeger, Paul Halley and more, including music from Missa Gaia. The concert link will be posted on the KSS [homepage](#) or connect through the KSS Facebook [page](#). See you there.

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Since we re-opened last summer, our volunteers have worked tirelessly each week at every mass to keep our church spaces safe for everyone to continue to worship. They have also been called in for extra duty for baptisms, funerals, weddings, 1st Communion, and Diocesan celebrations. Without their dedication and extraordinary efforts, none of this could take place. As we now observe increasing COVID-19 cases in our community as well as the current Stay at Home order, they will continue to be ever diligent in all their duties. Please continue to do your part: pre-screening at home, answering the screening questions at entry, observe 6 feet at all times, follow all directions of our volunteers with movement in our churches, and exiting when asked as after each mass they must clean and sanitise the church to be ready for the next mass. Your cooperation and support with all of our volunteers is greatly appreciated.



Knight's of Columbus Trivia Night

The Knights' of Columbus are hosting a Trivia Night on Friday May 7th, at 7:00pm. The event will take place on Zoom (online or by phone). Lots of fun and "door" prizes to be had. More details to follow.



From the Desk of the Rector

Easter Sunday is one day when we take the time to celebrate the central mystery of our faith having followed Jesus during Holy Week through his suffering and death. However, we celebrate the Resurrection every day because we are baptized Christians. We are followers of Jesus.

So, how can we be Easter people every day – people who believe and act as if the fact Jesus rose from the dead affects us not only at the end of our time on earth but every day?

Here are some ways. We have the ability to forgive those who have hurt us in any way. On the Cross Jesus was forgiving to those who tortured and were killing him and so must we. He forgave those who abandoned

him and restored their spirit. Forgiveness is a sure sign of the new life we can live. We have the ability to love, to receive love from others and to give love to others, to trust others with who we are, to listen to them. We have the ability to accept freedom from what binds us up and keeps us from living life to its fullest – our sins, our compulsive behaviour. Jesus came to set us free – to help us turn away from what harms us– to help us place God first and watch all other things take their proper places. This can free us from all that entraps wounds and destroys us. We have the ability to live a life of selfless service. When I let go of my ego and self-centeredness and seek the good of others and work for the common good, I am as St. Paul reminds us “walking in newness of life.”

Fr. Jim Mockler



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Since we re-opened in February, we have had the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism with families of our parish.

We welcome into God's Family through the waters of Baptism:

*John Ismail, Kate Garson, Frank Guerrero, Vanessa Sanders,
Remi Wilson, Arlo Samra, Luther McDonald, Celine McDonald,
James Gaffney*

Throughout March many of the children of the parish have celebrated their 1st Reconciliation and are now working on their preparation to celebrate 1st Communion in late Spring. Please pray for these children and their families as they guide and support their children in their time of preparation.

A Prayer for the Family

Lord of Life, bless and sustain our family.

Hold us close, keep us connected and protect us from all evil.

Gift us with love and patience for one another.

*Help us reconcile all that divides us,
and celebrate all that unites us as one family
where you live and reign now and forever.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

As we continue our celebration for the Year of St. Joseph, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, the Office for Family and Life, the National Liturgy Office and the Office national de liturgie have created this online resource page that offers various prayers, devotions, catechetical resources for adults and children, as well as Church documents, all of which are dedicated to Saint Joseph. Click [here](#) to access.

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS

April 14—Wednesday 12 PM

Augusto Herrera; Donnie McGugan; Rita & Stanley Clement;
Gildo Di Cola; Tony Augustine; Angel Matkowski

April 17—Saturday 5 PM

Anthony & Mary Pinto; Irene Doan; Clairissa Glanville; Janet
Anderson; Jennifer Kryoworcho; Enrique Jose B. Martinez

April 18—Sunday 8:30 AM

Veronica Sadlowski; Maria Paino; Ric Baker; Vicente S.
Tulang; Deceased Members of the Gleason Family;
Living & Deceased Members of the CWL

April 18—Sunday 10:30 AM

Fr. Stephen Bodnar; Ambrosio Rodriguez; Allison Dunn;
Mary Ducharme; Reynaldo Feliciano;
Daniel Charles Maloney

April 18—Sunday 12:30 PM

For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Peter's Cathedral

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Fr. Ray Masse, of the Diocese of London; Mario Vella, son of Fred & Sandra Vella; and comfort those who mourn.

***We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry
throughout our diocese:***

Rev. John Johnson; Catholic Health Care Workers in the
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