

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



PASTOR'S CORNER

It is said that mercy is the fuel of forgiveness. Without this divine gift, no marriage, no family, no friendship can really survive and thrive. This is why mercy is the compassion and understanding that often even precedes the act of forgiving. Yet many people use this word very causally. People speak about “mercy killing,” basketball has “mercy rules,” and there is even an old joke about the man who killed his parents and then placed himself at the mercy of the court since he was an orphan. In so many situations, this word is constantly abused and misused. And only at Mass do we seem to use it properly and reverently when we pray, “Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy.”

At the beginning of this century, Pope St. John Paul II designated this second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday to underline the fact of our need of mercy in our daily lives. He called Divine Mercy the Easter gift that we receive from the Risen Lord. And we do need this gift from heaven today more than ever, because in the age of social media, if we make even a tiny mistake, the whole world judges us right away. The details of the act often go viral, and we are left with judgements of all sorts flying around. It also becomes fodder for gossip and rumours. But at what price?

It is said that the world allows everything and forgives nothing; God does not allow everything, but the Lord is always ready to forgive because of his merciful love. We can recall Jesus’ words: “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore” (John 8:11). The assurance of God’s mercy, coupled with his call to holiness, can help us to stand up straight and take the next steps toward forgiveness and reconciliation, for as Pope Benedict XVI once said, “Divine Mercy is the limit that God puts to evil in the world.”

Although we cannot celebrate together at the hour of mercy, I want to invite you to pause today at 3 p.m. and to pray, if you can, the chaplet of Divine Mercy in gratitude for this Easter gift with this phrase in mind:

*“Holy Spirit,
make me an instrument of your mercy, love and peace to those around me...Amen.”*

Fr. Slawek

APRIL 16, 2023

YOUR HEALTH

As cold and flu season approaches, to ensure the health of the entire community, parishioners are encouraged to stay home from Mass and parish functions if they are experiencing symptoms of the flu virus, colds, etc. Respect and concern for the common good takes precedence.

Thank you for your cooperation! To minimize risks please use the hand sanitizers that are located at each entrance!

Tending the Garden of the Imagination:

Why Our Souls Depend on What We See, Read, and Watch."

You are invited to a free dessert night and talk

by Dr. Celene Sidloski,

Founder of Rebuilding Catholic Culture

on Wednesday, April 26 at 7 pm

at the Parish Hall (doors open at 6:30 pm).

Responding to an age saturated by images, this exciting and entertaining talk poses and answers timely questions:

What exactly is the imagination?

What is it for?

How can its use or misuse help or harm us?

Drawing on personal recollections, philosophy, and common literary examples, this talk will help the audience understand how a properly-directed imagination elevates the soul and anchors the mind to truth—and why it might be a good idea to smash your technology.

Please contact the parish office at 416-293-7974 to register.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, April 18

9 a.m. Intentions of Teresa Lee.

Wednesday, April 19

9 a.m. Repose of John Ochangco req. by Lulu Ochangco.

Thursday, April 20

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Friday, April 21

9 a.m. The repose of the soul of Tom Donghay req. by Bridget Murphy.

Saturday, April 22

4:30p.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

Sunday, April 23

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Comerford req. by Bridget Murphy.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Linda Rixon req. by Gordon Rixon.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Bundle Up Collection May 27 - 28, 2023

Please let those gently used items you can do without benefit those our neighbours in need.

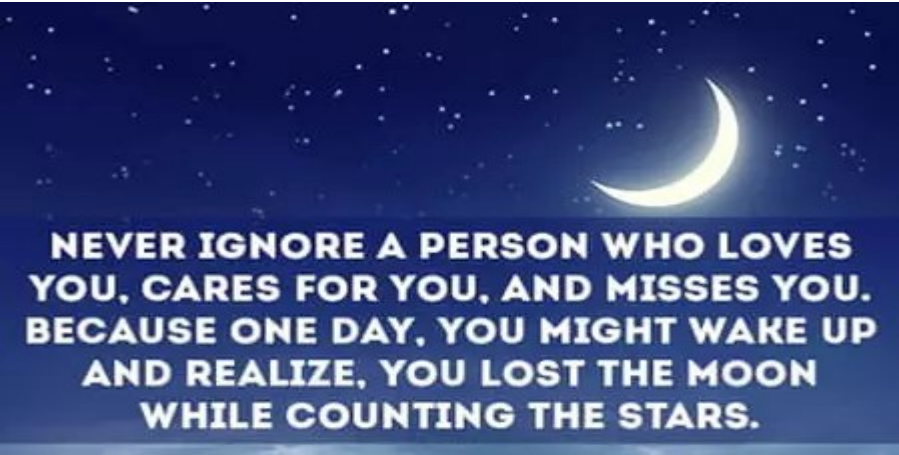
The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a non-profit charity whose volunteer members collect clothing, shoes, and linens to donate, exchange for vouchers or sell in order to support our works of charity.

We collect clothing, shoes and linens.

Please tie your donation bags to prevent spoiling.

Items can be handed to a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer before and after Mass on the weekend of May 27 & 28.

DO NOT drop off items at the church before May 27 & 28 weekend.



**NEVER IGNORE A PERSON WHO LOVES
YOU, CARES FOR YOU, AND MISSES YOU.
BECAUSE ONE DAY, YOU MIGHT WAKE UP
AND REALIZE, YOU LOST THE MOON
WHILE COUNTING THE STARS.**