

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2020

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. This Second Sunday in the Octave of Easter is also called Thomas Sunday, because of the Gospel reading of the apostle Thomas' profession of faith, "My Lord, and my God." Today we lift up with faith ourselves, our families, our parish and the world to the Divine Mercy of Christ Jesus crucified, Christ Jesus, risen from the dead. We encourage you to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the healing of our world. We will bless everyone today with the relic of St. Faustina Kowalska, who received the private revelation of Christ, calling us to give honor to His great love, forgiveness and mercy by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD! Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2020 will long be remembered as a time of profound sadness and great joy, as well as a time of limitations and creative innovativeness. We had a first hand experience this year of what it must have been like for Mary Magdalene and the disciples of the Lord to peer into the empty tomb, as we celebrated Easter liturgies in empty churches. I am most grateful for the technological savvy of our parishioners Nevio Prosen, Zac Bruner and Marty Marsic for putting into motion the ability to live-stream our Holy Week Liturgies, which could then be watched on St. Mary's Facebook page (we will continue to live-stream on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. until we can once again gather together in church). We have so many people to thank for continuing a sense of normalcy in these difficult times of the pandemic. While keeping safe social distance, a few of our choir members and organist, Ed Ferrazzoli, were able to lift us up spiritually as they provided music for all of our liturgies. Our masked bell ringers greeted Easter Sunday morning with the special ringing of the church bells. As one of them commented, "It wouldn't be Easter without the bells." We decorated the church to reflect our festive spirit even in spite of our limitations so at least those who were watching our celebrations online and those who came to pray privately could enjoy the beauty of our church. Besides, we already had the Easter flowers ordered and it would have been terribly unfair to the growers to cancel our order. It is truly amazing to see how many people have made the effort to reach out and stay connected with our homebound parishioners to make sure they are safe and not forgotten. My special gratitude for your cards and words of support, for the Easter gifts and candy (yes, I even got packages of Easter "peeps"). Easter this year was quite different, but pandemic or not, it is and will always be the day the Lord has made for us, and because of our faith, we continue to rejoice. As Pope Francis commented, we have to let the "contagion of hope" replace our fear and pray for a speedy return to normalcy in our lives. May the glory of the risen Christ fill our hearts with peace, steadfastness of faith, and tremendous hope throughout this Easter season.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

**"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting."**

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,349.00

On Line Easter Donations: \$5,235.24

Easter Donations: \$18,331.00

Holy Land Collection: \$1,165.00

Food Blessing Donation for Needy: \$1,080.00

Special Easter Gifts: \$500 from M/M Bob Frederico; \$100 from Ray & Joan Champa; \$100 from Paul & Laureen Suhay; \$100 from M/M Anthony Krane; \$100 in memory of Malnar, Boots, Sokach & Yanchar Families from Patricia Malnar; \$100 from Fr. John Retar; \$50 from Paul & Maryann Stefanac-Sergovic; \$50 from Filomena & Joe Stefanac

Additional Easter Flowers: In memory of Lojze Bajc from wife, Maria; In memory of Deceased Members of Chermely & Kopec Families from Christian & Joan Chermely; In memory of Deceased Members of Gregorc & Malone Families from Bernadette Malone; In memory of Monika Marsic, Mary Marsic, Helena Nemeč & Anton Nemeč from M/M Martin Marsic; In memory of Mara & Slavko Samsa from Joakin & Brigita Mejak; In memory of Lawrence, Larry, John, Paul, Jimmy, Anna, AnnMarie, & Linda Zupancic from Frank Zupancic; In memory of John Kristoff and Dee Dee Grace from Joanne Kristoff; In memory of the Deceased Members of Rigler & Hozjan Families from Matt & Mary Ann Hozjan

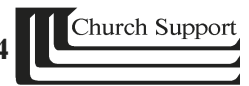
Church Needs: \$100 in memory of Adolf Korosec from wife, Maria; \$100 from Greg & Andrea Plassard; \$200 in memory of the Mihevc Family from Andrew & Robert Mihevc; \$50 in memory of Habat & Kozar Families from Greg & Sheila Kozar; \$50 in memory of Millie Senger from Greg & Sheila Kozar; \$20 in memory of Mary Zagar from Karen Spehar; \$50 from Vera Udovič; \$50 Frank & Paula Dolinar

The Following in Memory of Paula Hauptman: \$300 from Friends & Employees of Sunset Industries, Inc., \$250 from Tony & Vida Hauptman, \$100 from Clement & Frances Hren, \$100 from Edward & Milena Gobetz, \$100 from Peter & Sue Osenar, \$100 from Rudy & Mary Ann Hren, \$50 from Jeff & Jo Randlett, \$50 from Frank & Ann Zitko, \$50 from Michael & Barbara Rowane, \$50 from Victor & Anna Kmetich, \$100 from Marianna Vogel and M/M Joseph Skrabec, \$20 from Vince & Martha Rozman, \$30 from John & Mary Ann Semen, \$50 from Tončka Lamovec, \$25 from Mari Celestina, \$50 from Stan & Jamie Zalar, \$40 from Zac & Maria Bruner, \$20 from Milka Krulc, \$30 from Maria Bajc, \$20 from Edward Veider, \$50 from M/M Stane Bobič, \$20 from Bernadette Malone

Pew & Floor Refurbishing: \$200 from Marica Lavriša; \$200 from Jože & Antonia Simičak; \$200 in memory of Richard & Ann Smekel and Mary Jenda from Sandra Jenda; \$200 from Matt Simičak; \$200 from Frank & Metka Zalar; \$200 from Arlene Mole; \$200 from M/M Philip Hrvatin; \$200 from Maria Wurzer; \$100 from Frank Zupancic; \$100 from Philip & Laura Merkun; \$100 from Jeanne Matuch; \$100 from Sophie Matuch; \$100 from Florence Zazula in memory of her brother, Sylvester Sekne, killed in Vietnam at the age of 19, April 12, 1969; \$200 from Dušan Marsic

Your generosity is appreciated!

OUR GRATITUDE to so many of our parishioners who are continuing their financial support for the parish by faithfully mailing in their contribution envelopes, dropping them off at the rectory office or contributing on-line. Pandemic or not, like you, the parish still has bills and expenses to be paid every week, and we truly thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of St. Mary's.



Masses for the Week of April 20-26, 2020

Monday:	(4/20) EASTER WEEKDAY Anthony Mihelich (30 Day)
Tuesday:	(4/21) ST. ANSELM (Bishop & Doctor of the Church) Poor Souls
Wednesday:	(4/22) EASTER WEEKDAY Eleanor Pavsek
Thursday:	(4/23) ST. GEORGE (Martyr); ST. ADALBERT (Bishop & Martyr) Angelo Giallombardo (Wife, Yvonne)
Friday:	(4/24) ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN (Priest & Martyr) Joseph Delost (Sonia Omahen)
Saturday:	(4/25) ST. MARK (Evangelist)
7:45 a.m.	Miro & David Celestina (Mary Celestina)
5:00 p.m.	Parishioners
Sunday:	(4/26) THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 a.m.	William & Eleanore Grozdanik (Daughters, Judith & Christine)
10:00 a.m.	Veronica & Ivan Kavaš (Elizabeth Zalik & Family)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Chris Chermely,
Josephine Strle, Carol Kausek, Rev. William Jerse,
Robert Klancher

May They Rest in God's Peace:

+Kristin Koren
+Archbishop Alojz Uran, Ljubljana, Slovenia
+Beatrice Habat Kozar Cole



A VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO OUR ST. MARY HOLY NAME SOCIETY for the generous gift of \$8,000 for the needs of the parish. This is a gift from the proceeds of the annual Reverse Raffle. Our gratitude to the members of the Holy Name Society for your support, hard work and dedication to St. Mary's. God bless you all!

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY for its generous gift of \$1,500 for the parish. This gift is the proceeds from the hard work and dedication of sponsoring our Krofe Sales. God bless you all for your support and dedication.

ISKRENA HVALA, našemu Oltarnemu društvu za velikodušen dar \$1,500 za župnijo. Ta dar je dohodek od požrtvovalnega in vdanega dela in prodaje krofov. Bog vas blagoslovi za vašo podporo in vdanost župniji.

VELIKA "HVALA" našemu društvu Najsvetejšega Imena za velikodušen dar \$8,000 za potrebe župnije. To je dar od dohotka vsakoletnega "Reverse Raffle." Hvaležni smo vsem članom društva Najsvetejšega Imena za njihovo podporo, požrtvovalnost, in vdanost župniji. Bog naj vse vas blagoslovi!

**NEDELJA BOŽJEGA USMILJENJA
BELA NEDELJA.**

DANES JE NEDELJA BOŽJEGA USMILJENJA. Druga nedelja v osmini Velike noči je tudi imenovana Tomaževa nedelja, zato ker v Evangeliju beremo apostola Tomažev izpoved vere "Moj Gospod in moj Bog." Danes vzdignemo z vero samega sebe, naše družine, našo župnijo in svet k Božjemu usmiljenju Jezusa Kristusa, križanega, Jezusa Kristusa, vstalega od mrtvih. Spodbujamo vas, molite rožni venec Božjega usmiljenja za ozdravljenje našega sveta. Mi bomo danes blagoslovili vsakega z relikvijo Sv. Faustine Kowalske, ki prejme privatno razodetje Kristusa, ki nas kliče naj častimo Njegovo veliko ljubezen, odpuščanje in usmiljenje z molitvijo rožnega venca Božjega usmiljenja.

TO JE DAN, KI GA JE NAREDIL GOSPOD, RADUJMO IN VESELIMO SE GA! Post, Veliki teden in Velika noč 2020, bo dolgo v spominu kot čas globoke žalosti in velikega veselja, kakor tudi omejitve in prenovitve. Imeli smo iz prve roke doživetje letos, kako je moralo biti za Marijo Magdaleno in Gospodove učence ko so gledali v prazen grob, ko smo mi obhajali Velikonočne liturgije v praznih cerkvah. Zelo sem hvaležen za tehnologične iznajdljivosti naših župljanov Nevio Prosen, Zac Bruner in Martin Maršič za predlog zmožnosti postaviti na live-stream našo Velikonočno Liturgijo, katero potem lahko spremljamo na St. Mary's Facebook page (mi bomo nadaljevali na live-stream vsako nedeljo ob 10:00 uri dopoldan, dokler ne bomo spet se zbrali skupaj v cerkvi). Veliko ljudem se imamo zahvaliti za nadaljni občutek normalnosti v tem težkem času pandemije. Medtem ko držijo varnost "social distance" so nekaj naših pevcev in organist Ed Ferrazzoli nas povzdignili duhovno z njihovim petjem in glasbo pri vseh liturgijah. Naši pritrkovalci z maskami so pozdravili Velikonočno jutro s pritrkavanjem zvonov.

Kot je eden od njih pripomnil, "Ne bi bila Velika noč brez zvonov." Okrasili smo cerkev, da izraža naš praznični duh, tudi kljub našim omejitvam, zato da vsi tisti, ki so sprejemali naše praznovanje on-line in tisti, ki so prišli privatno molit so lahko uživali lepoto naše cerkve. Poleg tega, mi smo imeli velikonočno cvetje že naročeno in bi bilo nepravilno, da cvetličarni odpovemo naše naročilo. Res je presenetljivo koliko ljudi se je spomnilo naših župljanov, ki so privezani na dom, da vidijo če so na varnem in niso pozabljeni. Moja osebna hvaležnost je za vašo voščila in besede podpore, velikonočna darila in bonbone (da, dobil sem celo zavitke velikonočnih "peeps"). Velika noč letos je bila precej drugačna, ampak pandemija ali ne, je in vedno bo dan, ki ga je naredil Gospod za nas in zaradi naše vere se nadalje radujemo. Kot je papež Frančišek pripomnil, mi moramo pustiti "kužnosti upanja" da nadomesti naš strah in moliti za hitro vrnitev normalnosti v naše življenje. Naj slava vstalega Kristusa napolni naša srca z mirom, stanovitnostjo vere in velikim upanjem skozi ta Velikonočni čas.

NAŠA HVALEŽNOST, številnim našim župljanom, ki nadalje finančno podpirajo župnijo ko zvesto pošiljajo nedeljske kuvrte s prispevki ali jih prinesejo v župnišče ali prispevajo on line. Pandemija ali ne, mi imamo še vedno račune in izdatke, ki se morajo plačati vsak teden in se iskreno zahvaljujemo za vašo dobroto in podporo župniji Marije vnebovzete.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
ZAHVALJUJTE SE GOSPODU, KER JE DOBER.**