



April 11, 2021

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

From the Pastor's Desk

Every year as we gather to celebrate the memorial of Our Lord's Paschal mystery we begin with the blessing of the Paschal Candle that stands lighted in the sanctuary through out the Easter Season as a reminder of what we pray for as we listen to the Word and celebrate the Sacred Mysteries of our Faith: *"Christ yesterday, and today, the beginning and End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him, and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age and for ever."* If you come close to the Paschal Candle you will see this year 2021, as in every year, marked on the candle around the cross. What a beautiful testament to us today that the Redeemer of the world has come into our life and into our fallen humanity, and through grace raises us up again to life according to the Father's plan.

We begin this Easter Season in the Light of Our Savior who lifts the hopes and dreams that we share with all humanity, that freed from sin by the crucified and risen Christ we might be fashioned anew according to God's design and brought to our fulfillment in Heaven. This was the hope of the Second Vatican Council, which prepared the Church to enter the third millennium: *"... that world which the Christian sees as created and sustained by its Maker's love, fallen indeed into the bondage of sin, yet emancipated now by Christ, Who was crucified and rose again to break the strangle hold of personified evil, so that the world might be fashioned anew according to God's design and reach its fulfillment... Although the world of today has a very vivid awareness of its unity and of how one man depends on another in needful solidarity, it is most grievously torn into opposing camps by conflicting forces. For political, social, economic, racial and ideological disputes still continue bitterly, and with them the peril of a war which would reduce everything to ashes. True, there is a growing exchange of ideas, but the very words by which key concepts are expressed take on quite different meanings in diverse ideological systems. Finally, man painstakingly searches for a better world, without a corresponding spiritual advancement."* (*Gaudium et Spes* #2)



Today we hear Christ who comes into our time, into our world with all its walls, divisions and brokenness, and speaks the same Word spoken in every age at the center of the Church's proclamation and mission: "Peace be with you." If we seek to understand this gift given to us by Our Lord we will soon realize that it is the gift that brings together all the graces and heavenly blessings which we have received in Jesus. For it is not just any gift, it is in a certain way, his own gift, my peace I give to you my peace I leave you. These words of Our Lord to the apostles have been preserved in a special way to begin every liturgy, and by celebrating the sacred mysteries of faith we are disposed to share it with one another, and finally commissioned to go and bring His peace, that is to say, Christ himself into our world.

And so today, Divine Mercy Sunday, the risen Lord offers the peace that reconciles hearts to the Father. Through his Paschal Mystery may the light of Christ shine upon us and scatter the darkness, that we may trust in him, who leads us into the hands of Our Fathers providential love and mercy.

Peace and Blessings in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Gerard Cooper

SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

COLLECT:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

1ST READING - ACTS 4.32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

2ND READING - 1 JOHN 5.1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

GOSPEL - JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES - JOHN 20.19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah,^[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name

Food for the Soul

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today the glorious Alleluia of Easter resounds. Today's Gospel from John emphasizes that on the evening of that day he appeared to the Apostles and "showed them his hands and his side" (Jn 20: 20), that is, the signs of the painful passion with which his Body was indelibly stamped, even after the Resurrection. Those glorious wounds, which he allowed doubting Thomas to touch eight days later, reveal the mercy of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3: 16).

This mystery of love is at the heart of the liturgy today, the Second Sunday of Easter, dedicated to the devotion of Divine Mercy.

As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers his love that pardons, reconciles and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!

Lord, who reveal the Father's love by your death and Resurrection, we believe in you and confidently repeat to you today: Jesus, I trust in you, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.

The liturgical solemnity of the Annunciation that we will be celebrating tomorrow urges us to contemplate with Mary's eyes the immense mystery of this merciful love that flows from the Heart of Christ. With her help, we will be able to understand the true meaning of Easter joy that is based on this certainty: the One whom the Virgin bore in her womb, who suffered and died for us, is truly risen. Alleluia!

-St. John Paull the II last homily written the day before Divine Mercy Sunday

PARISH NEWS



GAMES, TALKS, AND FRIENDS!
grade 6-8 // 7:00-9:00 pm

NEXT EDGE IS APRIL 13, 2021



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8215:

As we prepare to walk with Jesus through his Passion and bring our Lenten season of preparation to a close, remember the charity that you participate in as Knights of 8215. The Leave No Neighbor behind campaign reached out to Brother Knights and their widows, in friendship camaraderie and caring. Our local Coats for Kids campaign brought warmth to 600 children in need of winter coats. Ask how you can lend a hand to help in our most recent endeavor, a home retrofit for a child in need of accommodation. Please visit the newly installed cabinet in the Place of Welcome where our mementos and those of the parish are displayed. This following Wednesday will be our virtual meeting and please watch your email for instructions on how to participate in the business and fraternity of the meeting at 8:00 PM. We are viewing and discussing the KofC "Into the Breach" video series at the end of each general meeting to learn more about our faith and order.



CWL: The next virtual CWL meeting will start at seven p.m. on Wed. April 14 beginning with Rosary with the Diocesan CWL Council. Wendy Dale will provide spiritual input. At the rescheduled Chrism Mass held at 10 a.m. on Holy Thursday

the honor guard consisted of the Diocesan CWL executive with Connie Crichton, Margo de la Gorgendiere, Mary Kehrig and Saskatchewan CWL president Chantal Devine. Pray that the pandemic will subside so that we can fulfill our mission of faith, service and social justice in person.

CATHEDRAL OF HOLY FAMILY SCRIPTURE STUDY

has been meeting at the church for 8 years to break open the Sunday Readings in discussion and prayer. We have missed each other in this time of pandemic when we couldn't meet at the church. We have launched a free zoom gathering meeting online on Thursdays 9:30 to 11:00 am. We are open to anyone who wants to join us to talk and enjoy each other's company while preparing us for Sunday mass. Call Diane Waldbillig at 306-370-6682 or email dlwaldbillig@gmail.com. All welcome!

MONTHLY MASS WITH GREGORIAN CHANT: The Cathedral of the Holy Family will have an evening Mass with music lead by a Gregorian Chant Choir once a month on the fourth Friday of the month at 7pm. The next one will be held on April 23rd at 7pm. Pre-registration is not required.

CATHEDRAL BLOG

AIR BRUSHING JESUS? REALLY?

by: Rosa Caswell

A blog about beauty, filters, and how Jesus and the Saints don't need tweaking.

holycathedral.ca/blogs



WEEKDAY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil: Saturday 5pm (Temporary)
 Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am,
 1:00pm & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - 12:15pm
 Tuesday - 12:15pm
 Wednesday - 12:15pm & 7:00pm
 Thursday 12:15pm
 Friday - 12:15pm
 Saturday - 12:15pm (Sunday Vigil - 5 & 7pm)

Reconciliation

Thursday: 7pm - 8pm
 Friday: 11am - 12noon
 Saturday: 11am - 12noon

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursdays: 7pm - 8:30pm
 1st Fridays: 11am-12noon

**Rosary & Devotion to Our Lady of
 Perpetual Help: Wednesdays @ 6:00pm
 Rosary: Saturday 11:45am-12noon**

Please Include in your Prayers

This list is for those who are in need of prayer, whether they be sick or well, living or deceased. If you would like your name or a name of a loved one to be listed, please call the parish office. Those whose names are listed must consent to having their name on the list. Please note, names will be removed from this prayer list after 4 months. If you would like your name or the name of a loved one to remain on the list after 4 months, please call the parish office and ask to have the name continued.

Lois Anderson-Grant
 Al Anderson
 MaryAnne Zadworny-Principe
 & Family
 Wanda Woznik
 Maureen Switski
 Edward Tham

Arthur Ecker
 Kayden Kot
 Pete Kot
 Caroline Hamm
 Patrick Paiva
 Ken Cey
 Marion Anderson

Maria Curran & Family
 Lorna Martin
 Susan Kleiter
 Gerald Barrie
 Jane Horn
 Mary Klein

Recently Deceased

May the God that loves us all, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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