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**APRIL 11, 2021
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM
(ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK &
NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 7:15 - 7:45AM
9:45-10:15 AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:00AM-6:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30 AM
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

LAURA E. RHODE, SECRETARY

Gospel Reflection

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Each year we celebrate it on second Sunday of Easter. The readings of this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and the need for God's forgiveness of sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of Mercy."

John's Gospel from the beginning to the end reveals the gradual faith formation of his disciples. It is in fact the itinerary of faith of his disciples. At the beginning of the gospel, the first two apostles: John (?) and Andrew come to Jesus calling him Rabbi (Teacher) (Jn 1:38). Within a few hours Andrew could figure out the identity of Jesus and said to his brother Simon: "We have found the Messiah" (Jn 1:41). Later Nathaniel recognizes Jesus as the Son of God" (Jn 1:49). The Samaritans recognize him as the Savior of the world (Jn 4:43), the people acknowledge him as the prophet (Jn 6:14), the blind man proclaims him as the Lord (Jn 9:38) and for Pilate he is the King of the Jews (Jn 19:19).

In the same way the Risen Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them, he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side from which flowed the grace of divine mercy. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes one a friend of a merciful God.

At the end, it is St. Thomas who says the last word about the identity of Jesus as Lord and God; the real profession of faith. Therefore St. Thomas is the first one to recognize the divinity of Christ, the first who comes to understand what Jesus meant when he said: "I and the Father are one" (Jn 10:30). Now the Lord offers each one of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally, experience his mercy and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection.

Today's Readings

First Reading *(Acts 4:32-35 (44B))*

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Responsorial Psalm *(Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24)*

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

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever.

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

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just.

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

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

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

Second Reading *(1 John 5:1-6)*

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Gospel *(John 20:29)*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to 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 into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name

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 * Thanks to all of our Easter Flower Donors
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 * Linda Warren Dwain & Ann Marie Simpson
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There will be no Mass on
 Monday, April 12, 2021
 Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Tuesday Adoration is Suspended
 (April 13, 2021)

Catholic Sharing Appeal
 In the pandemic year 2020 did you know that the Church provided \$742,000 in housing and utility assistance? Over 2 million pounds of food was distributed to the those in need. Over 200 infants were provided with basic care items. Over 400,000 people in South Mississippi were helped in one form or another through the Church and your generosity of prayer and financial support. Thank you! Please help us continue the work of Jesus by "Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us," and supporting this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal.



Annunciation Catholic Church Committee
Is having a fundraiser meeting on Wednesday April 14th at 6:00 pm.
All are welcome to come and join our committee and help with the fundraising.
Hope to see you there!

MASS INTENTIONS
 Saturday, April 10
 4pm - Lottie Malley †
 Sunday, April 11
 8:00am— Parishioners
 10:30am—John & Nicole Necaise †
 Teddy & Shirley Morel †
 Joel & Peggy Cooley †
 All Decease Family Members
 Wednesday, April 14

Welcome Back to Mass
 Bishop Kihneman has lifted the exemption given from participating in the Holy Mass from Sunday, March 28, 2021. Please come back to the church on Sundays and days of obligation. You are also allowed to listen to our broadcasting FM 91.1 and receive Holy Communion at the entrance.



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| Frances Adams | Verna Mae Ladner |
| Michael & Toddy | Larry Lind |
| Arceneaux | Walter Lonnbourg |
| Nelsie & Johnny Banks | James Lovett |
| Emilee Battaglia | Layla Mallett |
| Marge Blaisdell | Woody Mauffray |
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| Margaret Cuevas | Patrick Murphy |
| Howard Edwards | Bernadine Necaise |
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Monday & Tuesday April 12 & 13
No Mass
 8:00am - June B. Kenney
Thursday, April 15
 8:00am - Tina Roundtree
Friday— April 16
 8:00am-

Claiborne Hill Receipts
 Don't forget to bring in your Claiborne Hill receipts!
 Thank you for your support.

Financial News

Insurance	\$42,034.01
Diocesan Support	\$23,058.96
School Supplement	\$23,536.83
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$140,879.28
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$229,509.08
Amount needed each Week	\$4,413.63
Last Sunday Collection	\$5,645.68
Deposit	\$1232.05

Coffee Shop
 Come by and have some Coffee & Breakfast and catch up with your fellow parishioners.

If you are unable to come in the Church, sit in the parking lot and listen to our Broadcasting on 91.1 Fm.
 You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

Amir Darwis	US Army National Guard
Drew Ladner	US Marine
Darrell Little	US Army
Devin Nelson	US Army
Brandan Witt	USAF
Evan Cameron	USAF
Dillon Lacoste	US Navy
Lance Cuevas	USAF

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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