

ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19TH, 2020

MONDAY 4/20:

Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY 4/21:

Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5
Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY 4/22:

Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY 4/23:

Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20
Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY 4/24:

Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY 4/25:

1 Pt 5:56-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mk 16:25-20

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



FOR HEALING
ALL OF THE SICK

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
-8:30 AM WEEKDAY MASS-

ST. BONAVENTURE
-5:00 PM SATURDAY MASS -

ST. BONAVENTURE
-10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS-

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
-12 NOON SUNDAY MASS -

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
-5:00 PM SUNDAY MASS-



**PLEASE
REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS
FOR GOD'S
HEALING:**

Charles & Ethel
Adams, Teresa Addai,

David Bluford, Ethel Boyd-Journette, Helen Broady, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Bernadette Creswell, Lotess Cright, Rose Marie Dorvilly, Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green, Joyce Hunt, Vida Isles, Dolly Jankee, Lucy Johnson, Tarrant Palmer, Fr. Paul Palmiotto, Gwen Pruden, Evelyn Washington, Virginia Wikkie, Mary Williams

To add a person's name for prayer please call the Rectory.

Names will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks unless the Rectory is notified.



Pastoral Letter :

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Brothers and sisters today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. On this Sunday we are reminded of God's merciful love for all of us who are his beloved children. Mercy and compassion are the essence of God's own nature. This means that God cannot be anything else but mercy and compassion. The whole history of our salvation is marked by the merciful and compassionate acts of God.

THE FALL OF OUR ANCESTORS

After the fall of Adam and Eve, God did not abandon them to the power of darkness. God continued to show his mercy and compassion by caring for them and promised them salvation.

Gen 3.

FREEDOM FROM SLAVERY IN EGYPT

When the Israelites under the oppressive regime in Egypt cried to God, God responded and show his mercy and compassion and through Moses God set them free from slavery. In the desert God continued to care them regardless of their stubbornness. Ex 2-16

PROPHETS MESSENGERS OF GOD'S MERCY

When Israelites failed to remain faithful to the demands of the covenant and commandments of God. God called prophets to be messengers of God's mercy and signs of hope for the chosen people of God. Hos 14:1-10

JESUS CHRIST THE INCARNATION OF GOD'S MERCY AND COMPASSION

(Mt. 9:36, 14:14, 18:22. Lk 7:15, 15:1-32)

God's mercy and compassion have been brought to fulfillment in the person, ministry, suffering, death and

resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way Jesus is the ultimate and the final image and realization of God's mercy and compassion. In the person of Jesus, God has shown his mercy and compassion by becoming one of us. In the person of Jesus the divine and human are one. In the ministry of Jesus we encounter God who forgives sinners, heals the sick and feeds the hungry. In his Suffering and death we meet God who absorbs all our sins and on the cross before he dies, he offers forgiveness to those who killed him. Jesus Christ did not only reveal the mercy and compassion of God, but he also urges us to be agents of mercy and compassion of God to others. As Pope Francis reminds us;

“Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are. In short we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offenses becomes the clearest expression of merciful love and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves.” Pope Francis.

THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

This feast is based on the visions and visitations from Jesus to Faustina Kowalska a Polish nun. Jesus asked her to paint the vision of his merciful divinity being poured from his sacred heart and specifically asked for a feast of Divine Mercy to be established on the first Sunday after Easter so mankind would take refuge in him.

We read this from the diary of Faustina
“Ask my faithful servant(priest) that on this day he tell the whole world of my great mercy; that whoever approaches the fountain of life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy-Diary 300”

Jesus in your Mercy is our Trust.

Fr. Bartholomew Mrosso M.afr
Pastor



WEEKLY OFFERINGS
Thank You!
for your sacrificial gift to our Parish

April 12, 2020

10:00 AM Mass (Sun.)	\$.00
12 Noon Mass (Sun.)	\$.00

(Total: \$.00 for week ending 4/18/2020)

Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$6,000
Reminder please indicate the dollar amount on
your tithing/offering envelope.

Please support
The Annual Catholic Appeal 2020
with Faith and Good Works
Goal: \$28,993.00
Pledges:\$9,380.00 Paid\$3,734.00
Balance \$5,646.00

To pledge...

You can also text (917) 336-1255.

Remember anything over the parish goal
comes back to our parish!



Please help our parish
by making your
payments towards
your pledge to

Generations of Faith

Total Pledged to Date: \$497,370

Paid to Date: \$199,937.00

Balance: \$297,433.00

PARISH MINISTRIES & LEADERS

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

PATRICE GIBBS AND JOHN KOUDOSSOU

CHOIR

JAMES JONES, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
MINISTER OF SONG & MUSIC: REY LEWIS
MORNING MASS: MERCEIDER WILLIAMS

LITURGICAL DANCE

ST. BONAVENTURE:
PAULITA DACOSTA-CAMPBELL
ST. BENEDICT: TERRI RHYMES-LOWERY

CHILDREN LITURGY

ROXANNE JONES

GHANAIAI COORDINATOR

GEORGE YEBOH & TURKSON SAMUEL

NIGERIAN COORDINATOR

RAPHAEL MONFUNAYA

SPANISH COMM. COORDINATOR

ANGEL MORA

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ST. BONAVENTURE: LORRAINE SIMPKINS
& KASSANDRA WILSON
ST. BENEDICT: HARRIETT SCOTT
& PAULETTE ATKINS

ALTAR SERVERS

ST. BONAVENTURE: ANTHONY OSUJI
ST. BENEDICT: ANNETTE HUNT WALKER

SACRISTY

ST. BONAVENTURE: ANTHONY OSUJI
ST. BENEDICT: CAROLYN ISLES

MEN'S MINISTRY

ROY PINKARD, PRESIDENT

ROSARY SOCIETY:

ST. BONAVENTURE: PATRICE GIBBS
ST. BENEDICT: DENISE FRANCIS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

ST. BENEDICT: KATHLEEN GILBERT

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY Y.A.M.S.

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YOUTH MINISTER: WARREN ROLLING

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& GABRIELLE ROLLING

LITURGICAL DESIGN & PRESERVATION:

MAXINE TOWNSEND BRODERICK

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION:

RENNE HARTWELL

PARISH STEWARDSHIP TEAM

MS PASCALE VICTOR, MS LORRAINE
SIMPKINS, MS. KASSANDRA WILSON,
MS. PATRICE GIBBS, MR. FRANCIS BARRY



The Image of Divine Mercy Explanation

The Image of the Divine Mercy or more correctly the Image of Merciful Jesus is a depiction of Jesus based on the devotion initiated by Saint Faustina Kowalska a Polish nun who joined the convent of our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw in 1925. In her diary Faustina wrote about a number of visions of Jesus and conversations with him.

In 1930 Faustina was assigned to the convent in Plock Poland. Faustina stated that while she was in her cell on the night of Sunday 22 February 1931, Jesus appeared to her as the King of Divine Mercy robed in a white garment.

Faustina wrote that Jesus' right hand was raised in a sign of blessing and the other was touching the garment near his breast, and from beneath the garment slightly down, aside his breast emanated two large rays, one red, the other white. And Jesus told her; "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature "Jesus, I trust in You" I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

Another nun, Sister Christine, later stated that rays of light from the window were visible that night and attracted the attention of people standing on the other side of the street, implying that this was a "physical appearance rather than an interior vision.

Not knowing how to paint. Jesus told her that she would receive visible help with the task.

DEVOTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

The words that are attributed to Jesus states that;

"Not in the beauty, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image but in my grace.

After the canonization of Faustina in April 2000, devotion to the Divine Mercy and the image has increased.

Faustina relates the rays of light within the image to life and salvation.

"The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls...These two rays issued forth from the very depths of my tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross"

Faustina also wrote that Jesus stressed the importance of the image as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. Jesus told her;

"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature Jesus I trust in You.

Pope St. John Paul II instituted Divine Mercy Sunday on April 30, 2000. The Divine Mercy image is often carried in processions on Divine Mercy Sunday, and is placed in a location in the church so that it can be venerated by those who attended Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The veneration of the Divine Mercy image also takes place in conjunction with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena entreating God's Mercy for the whole world. Praying before the Divine Mercy image is not only encouraged in Catholic devotions, but is mentioned as a partial condition for some of the indulgences associated with the Divine Mercy Sunday