

Sunday Messenger



**SECOND
SUNDAY OF
EASTER**
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)
APRIL 28, 2019



JESUS SAID TO THOMAS,
"HAVE YOU COME TO BELIEVE BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN ME?
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND HAVE BELIEVED."

JOHN 20:29

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Santa Lucia - Santa Maria Incoronata Catholic Parish

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Parish Served by
Fr. Ivica Majstorović, OFM
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Mass schedule

Saturday (Sunday Vigil)

4 p.m.

Sunday

10 a.m.

Weekdays (Tuesday & Friday)

8:15 a.m.

Sick calls — at any time

Baptisms — by appointment

Confessions — before Masses

Weddings — arrange 6 months in
advance

Parish Office hours

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

Evenings - by appointment only

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*Santa Lucia,
pray for us!*



Saturday, April 27

4 p.m.

- + Jerly EganNancy Grabowski
- + Irene Burich Don Grabowski
- + Sonny Damico (Ann. Rem.)Family
- + Frances Halisz Jim and Dana Stack

**Sunday, April 28
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10 a.m.

- + Irene Burich Rita Colosimo
- + Ray Scarlata..... Nancy Grabowski & Family
- + August SaccaroMarion Roti
- + Ryan Jarm Family
- ++ of Volpentesta Family..... Joe

Friday, May 3

8:15 a.m.

- + Mary Kay Pierce (Birth. Rem) Uncle
- + Madeline Cappetto (Birth. Rem.) Daughter

Saturday, May 4

4 p.m.

- + August Saccaro Andrew Naughton
- + Donald (Thorpe) Rados Jeanie and Family
- + Frankie Marasso..... Marasso Family
- + Zina Ramundo Butch and Marlene Salvato

**Sunday, May 5
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10 a.m.

- + Irene BurichBob and Marinela Bertucci
- + Louis (Buddy) Scalise..... Scalise Family
- + Ann Scalise Scalise Family
- + Fran Halisz..... Mary Ann and Tom Powell
- + Carol Fratto..... Nancy Grabowski
- ++ of Volpentesta Family..... Joe

ALTAR SERVERS

4 p.m. & 10 a.m. – Please, consult your schedule.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

4 p.m. – Arnie Ramirez
10 a.m.— Roseann Jackowiak

LECTORS

4 p.m. – Jill Hillcock
10 a.m. — Lisa Christiano



LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL

- Kati Kaup, Tony Giglio, Mary Mannella, Annie Maggio,
- Jeanine Briatta, Nicholas Tobar, Dolores Levielle,
- Gail Wodarski, Jerry Pizzotti, Ida Ruffolo, Maria Senerchia,
- Kate Drost, Gianina Alberto, Barb Stack, Katie Santello,
- Pat Hoffman, Lizzy Kaup, Breck Neiswender, Jose Lara, Ofelia Lara,
- Fr. Nick Marro, Carmen Llamas, Shane O'Connell, Juanita Perez,
- Marie Floros, Kevin Bingham, Margaret Gavin,
- Richard Valentine, Laura Opdenaker, Jackie Kroulaidis,
- Tony Consola, Pat Burrows, Sonny Stobble

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." This was a common greeting, but the disciples were hiding in fear so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples.

The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be treated the same way. So when Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show them that he was not a ghost; he had risen from death and death has no more power over him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage. That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins.

Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples. Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. He now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us.

Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). We usually think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection.

MAY - MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is *especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance* (Pope Bl. Paul VI). During month of May we pray rosary before Sunday Masses. There are many intentions to pray for. Join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Our young parishioners will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5, at the 10 a.m. Mass. Please, keep all of them in your prayers. We hope that receiving Jesus in the Sacraments may

never become routine, for them or for us.

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

We are participating in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting the Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland until May 13 (Mother's Day). This non-profit organization assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing, monetary provisions, prayer. Please, take home a baby bottle and use it to collect any change you may have. When the bottle is full simply return it to the church. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so, please, return them upon completion of the project.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is Dominica in Albis, or Sunday in White. During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed Quasimodo Sunday, or Low Sunday. In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing Low about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us.

He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

April 21

Envelopes (34)	\$	936.00
Online giving (1)	\$	5.00
Loose Donations	\$	215.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	<u>1,156.00</u>

(average gift \$ 27.52)

EASTER ENVELOPES (51) - TOTAL \$ 1,381.00
(average gift \$ 27.07)