

April 3, 2016

Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)



My Lord And My God

The early Christians' question: How can one believe in the risen Lord without having seen him is answered by Thomas in his confession, "My Lord and My God." Seeing Jesus does not guarantee believing in him. Even after the disciples saw Jesus, they still had to come to faith in the resurrection. Jesus therefore calls Blessed those who have not seen and have believed. Are you numbered among them?

Today's Bulletin is sponsored
in thanksgiving for God's Divine Mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, April 6
8:00 a.m. Franklin Wendel
Thursday, April 7
10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – For Residents & Staff
Friday, April 8
8:00 a.m. Iris Havel
Saturday, April 9
6:30 p.m. Annie & Bill Steinocher
Sunday, April 10
6:30 a.m. K.J.Z.T. Society
9:30 a.m. Agnes & Herman Bochat

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Easter*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41
Responsorial Psalm: 30
Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

Remember the sick in your prayers, especially
Annie Mae Berckenhoff, Marvin Jasek,
Pat & Harold Kuntschik, and Brandon Smolik.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Elizabeth Dierschke.

Bulletin Sponsors Needed
April 10, 17 & 24

2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

March 14, 2016

Dear Pastor,

Listed below is the information pertaining to your Parish's 2015 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):

St. Joseph's Church, Moulton

Parish Goal	\$17,015
Total Number of Parishioners Pledging	69
Total Amount Pledged by Parishioners	\$17,255
Total Amount Contributed by Parishioners	\$17,255

The Total Amount Contributed by Parishioners includes all contributions received through February 29, 2016. In order to meet your 2015 Parish Goal, a total of **\$-240** is due and payable to the Diocese of Victoria on or before April 4, 2016.

Last month the 2016 DSA Brochure and Pledge Card were mailed to your Parishioners from Victoria. The 2016 DSA Appeal runs from March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. Please note that any payments received after February 28, 2016 will automatically be applied to the 2016 Diocesan Services Appeal. For your information, **your Parish's 2016 DSA Goal is \$17,080.00**

Sincerely,

Rene Garcia

ORIENTATION – OCTAVE OF EASTER

Today marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter.

It is the eighth day: the day of new creation.

Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trails that humankind will experience in the years to come. In a similar way to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.



This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God's mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings for today and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church's Easter faith.

As the Church celebrates the Year of Mercy each Deanery in the Diocese of Victoria will have a special ceremony. There will be a gathering at Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville at 2 p.m. followed by a procession around the Lavaca County Courthouse Square ending back at the church for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You are invited to join the gathering, give witness to God's Mercy.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
TUES./THURS. – Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
WED. – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
THURS. – KC Bingo, KC Hall
FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen And Have Believed

As often as we have heard this saying of Jesus, we have difficulty seeing how it can be so. We have the need to verify things for ourselves. We, at the same time sometimes accept testimony on the basis of the words of others, without the need to see things for ourselves. There is therefore no need to see in order to believe. The apostles saw Jesus suffering, his nailing to the cross, his death and burial. How could he be alive, three days later? They, like us had to go beyond trusting their own eyes to attain faith in the resurrection.

The testimony of the apostles allows us to participate in their experience as privileged witnesses and believers; so those of us who have not seen him can still have the blessedness of faith. The blessing pronounced by Jesus continues to encourage us who long to see but who are content to believe and hope and trust that one day, we will see God face to face for all eternity.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr. 4 – Troy Barta

Apr. 5 – Julie Fojtik

Apr. 8 – Barbara Filipp, L.A. Simper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Apr. 8 – Margaret & Michael Hanslik

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.

Apr. 4 – After School Program (K-2nd Grade)

Apr. 6 - After School Program (3rd – 6th Grade); 9-11 CCD.

Next Sunday – C.C.D.

K.J.Z.T. DISTRICT I MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The Moulton K.J.Z.T. Society #14 will be hosting the meeting at the Parish Hall. Mass, 9:30 a.m., registration 10:30 a.m., meeting 11:00 a.m. with meal to follow (bring a dessert). All members and guests are invited.

Ladies Begin Quilting For Picnic: Betty Maskey & Tiny Wagner have set up the first quilt for this year. One group quilts during the day, another in the evenings. Contact Betty Maskey if you can help during the day, Debbie Novosad if you can help in the evening.

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Elizabeth Dierschke

Mother Angelica

and the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.



Resurrection Chapel Memorial Update – See Insert.

Easter Activities at St. Joseph's

Dear friends,

The Spirit of the Risen Lord is evident among us! The three-day celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday was beautiful and well attended by the faithful remnants of the Church. It was wonderful to see parishioners actively participating, making it all come together. This year on Holy Thursday while we broke our Lenten fast, 55 plates were delivered by our Confirmation students and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to elderly parishioners and those who for some reason could not join us at our Holy Thursday meal. Thanks to the many who worked behind the scenes to pull it all together. Special thanks to the organizations and parishioners for their generous donations of time, talent, and monetary offerings:

Holy Thursday Meal: George Kalisek, Junior Chaloupka and the KC cooking crew (prepared the lamb), Diana & Harvey Kloesel (prepared & donated the sides), Pat, Tom & Will Lawrence, Nancy Sivyer, Kathy Fishbeck, Donna Perez and the Confirmation Candidates, Hattie Olle & the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, all those who donated canned goods for the needy and all those who provided desserts and helped in the kitchen.

The Liturgy: Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck & Deacon Milburn Kram; Kenneth Kristynik; the song leaders and organist; the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, lectors, altar servers & ushers; and the C.C.D. Youth.

Other Helpers And Donors: Lambs for Holy Thursday Meal – KCs; Cleaned the Family Room for Adoration – K.J.Z.T. #14 members, Easter Candle – George Kalisek; Donated Eggs – Doris & Allen Barta, Julie & Daniel Beyer, Cal-Maine, Pat, Tom & Will Lawrence, Donna & Tommy Perez & Family, Jennifer & Don Rothbauer, and Patsy Zamykal; Colored Eggs – 10th Grade C.C.D. Class; Filled Eggs & Decorated Hall – Karen Fernandez, Julie Fojtik, Brenda Manzano, Madison Moeller, Julianna Raabe, Madison Salazer and Miranda Vasquez; Balloons – Donna & Hannah Perez; Easter Egg Hunt – Julie Fojtik, Hannah Perez, Dalton Thomas, Kyle Trejo and Miranda Vasquez; all those who spent many extra hours preparing for the Holy Week and Easter activities.

Thanks again, to all of you for your continued involvement in the ministry of the Church. May our parish continue to be a reflection of the early Christian Community spoken of in today's First Reading.

Peace be with you,

More Easter Flower Fund Donations: In memory of
Sophie & Alfred Barta, Clara & Emil Kasparek.

Through the waters of Baptism
Eli Douglas Rother
child of LaSae & Eric Rother
has begun his journey of faith
in our Christian community.

