

CHRIST IS RISEN AND  
VICTORIOUS...  
HAPPY EASTER SEASON!

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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### Parish Office

Janet Campbell - Secretary

Mon. through Thurs.: 9:00AM-1:00PM

Fri.: 9:00AM-12:00 Noon

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### Parish Hall

Janice Zerrilla - 374-2607

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Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri., 10AM-Noon

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM & 7:00PM (Español)

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM

Weekdays Mon. - Fri.: 8:00AM

Confessions -

Sat., 4:00PM - 4:45PM or by appointment

**Sunday, April 27, 2014:**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
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### MASS INTENTIONS

4/26 Saturday @ 5:00PM For the people of  
the parish

4/26 Saturday @ 7:00PM +Penelope  
Hernandez (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

4/27 Sunday @ 8:00AM +Louise  
Stevenson

4/27 Sunday @ 10:00AM +Jerry Souza

4/28 Monday @ 8:00AM +Joanne Hurley

4/30 Wednesday @ 8:00AM Catalina  
Carreon (Happy Birthday)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3-4: Building Fund  
collection

June 1: First Holy  
Communion

### MASS SCHEDULE APRIL 28-MAY 2

Monday: 8:00AM

Tuesday: 8:00AM

Wednesday: 8:00AM

Thursday: NO SERVICES (Church  
doors open from 9:00AM  
to 1:00PM)

Friday: 8:00AM

### Our Parish Devotions Schedule:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of each month @ 9:00AM

Benediction @ 3:00PM

### Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Each Wed., Novena after Mass

### Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

after Daily Mass

### Christian Education in our Parish:

#### Baptismal Preparation

Please contact the parish office for more  
information.

#### Faith Formation

Classes are Sunday mornings 8:45AM to  
9:45AM in the Parish Hall. Contact Norma  
Dulay for information, (925) 528-3528.

### RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for

#### Adults

Contact Gina Oliver at 374-1428 for  
information. Classes are on Thursdays at  
6:00PM in the Conference Room in the  
Parish Hall.

### Parish Outreach:

#### Prayer Line

Call parish office @ 374-2155

Home-Bound/Ministry to the Sick

Call Yvonne Carvalho @ 374-2543

or Cil Guarin @ 374-6838

#### Youth Group

Now meeting every Monday at 6:00PM in  
the Youth Room at the back of the rectory.  
Contact the office for information.

### Small Faith Group

For more information, or to join a small  
faith group, please contact Patricia  
McDonald at 374-2986.

### Parish Mass Choir/s

Practice is on Thursdays at 7:00PM in the  
church. For information call Pat  
McDonald at 374-2986.

Saturday Mass choir practice is at 3:30PM  
before the 5:00PM Mass.

### Grief Support Group

A Grief Support Group meets every Tues.  
4:00 - 5:00PM in the Parish Hall. All are  
welcome. Contact the Church Office 374-  
2155 or Patty Harrison, Bereavement  
Coordinator @ (925) 752-2280

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Income - April 26-27, 2014

Holy Thursday	\$ 446.00
Good Friday	\$ 745.59
Easter Collection	\$ 7116.80
Funeral	\$ 350.00
Special Donations	\$ 195.00

#### Expenses - April 16-22, 2014- None

*Thank you for your generosity in  
time, talent and treasure. The Holy  
Week celebrations culminating in  
Easter were memorable. Your  
financial generosity is amazing and  
helps us keep planning for the  
future!*

FROM FATHER RICHARD'S DESK....

Dear Friends,

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is "Divine Mercy Sunday." This particular designation has only existed for a handful of years, and there is much for the faithful People of God to understand about it. Rather than write my own total column today, I excerpted from a Catholic Internet website a quite good explanation of what Divine Mercy Sunday is, and just "where did it come from"? I sincerely hope the following article will be enlightening as well as uplifting. A number of parishioners are going to celebrate the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after the 10:00AM Mass on Sunday, and then a pot-luck luncheon in the Parish Hall after Mass...EVERYONE is invited!!!

*Sincerely in Christ, Risen and Glorious today and always!*

-- Fr. Richard, OSM

### What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday."

Pope John Paul had actively promoted the message of St. Faustina. In his 1980 encyclical on God's mercy, "*Rich in Mercy*," he developed a scriptural and doctrinal basis for our faith in the mercy of God. By linking the revealed truth about God's mercy to one of the most solemn Sundays after Easter itself, he illumined the fact that the liturgy already proclaimed the divine mercy. The truth has been embedded for two millennia in the worship of the Church. Once again we see an illustration of the ancient saying, "The law of faith is the law of prayer."

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the responsorial psalm and Gospel for Cycles A, B and C center on the theme of mercy. In Psalm 118 we sing three times, "His mercy endures forever." The Gospel, from John 20:19-31, begins with the risen Christ appearing to the apostles on Easter night. Jesus calms his disciples by saying and giving them "Peace." He shows them the scars of his Passion, his wounded hands and side. His glorified body retains the evidence of his saving work through his suffering, death and resurrection.

He fills them with joy and again says to them—and produces in them—"Peace." Then he breathes on them and explains what the divine breathing means with the words, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." He gives the apostles the power of God's mercy for the sinner, the gift of forgiving sins from God's treasury of mercy. The other texts speak of healing and give the assurance there is nothing to fear.

From Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday to the Eighth Day of Easter, the divine love song of mercy is chanted amid abundant alleluias. For centuries in liturgy the Church has proclaimed the mercy of God through the Word of God and the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. The tables of Word and Sacrament are heaped with the promises of Divine Mercy and its grand effect in the lives of millions. The liturgy is the storehouse of the wisdom of God and a treasure chest for all the worshipers.

The revelations experienced by St. Faustina were of a private nature, which are not essential to anyone's acceptance of the Catholic faith. These types of visions and revelations are described in the **Catechism of the Catholic Church:**

"Throughout the ages, there have been so-called 'private' revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history" (#67).

In another section, the **Catechism** describes popular piety, which helps us to put St. Faustina's revelations into a broader context:

"The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in various forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life, such as veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross, religious dances, the rosary, medals, etc. These expressions of piety extend the liturgical life of the Church, but do not replace it...Pastoral discernment is needed to sustain and support popular piety" (#1674-76).

So we see that devotion to Divine Mercy in no way replaces any of our rich liturgical traditions. The Divine Mercy devotion fosters the virtue of trust in God's mercy that finds its fulfillment in the liturgy of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. Popular piety animates the faith attitudes that make participation in the sacraments more vital and fruitful

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### **Other organizations**

### Couples for Christ/Handmaids of the Lord

**Couples for Christ meet every other Saturday at 7:00PM. Contact Norma Dulay at (925) 528-3525.**

**Handmaids meet every other Tuesday at 3:00PM. Contact Estrella de Leon at 374-2019.**

### Knights of Columbus

**First Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM. Contact Heinz Muller, 374-3539**

### Young Ladies' Institute

**Third Wednesday of each month. Refreshments @ 7:00PM, meeting at 7:30PM. Contact Liz Sanchez 374-5010**

### WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH

**You are invited to use this form to register. Either drop the form in the collection basket or mail to the parish office: 130 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Rio Vista, CA 94571**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children (minor):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City & Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Envelopes: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**