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April 23 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) (Year C)



The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the apostles in the early Church. The Faith of the apostles enabled them to minister to the people, giving them the Lord's healing love in "signs and wonders." The second reading, taken from the *Book of Revelation* (given by Jesus to the Apostle John in exile on Patmos), was intended to comfort and bolster the Faith of persecuted Christians for all time. Today's selection assures us of the presence of the merciful Lord in our lives and encourages all of us to fight fear with Faith, and trepidation about the future with trust and Hope. Today's Gospel recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith. (*frtonyshomilies*)

II DOMENICA DI PASQUA o della Divina Misericordia (ANNO C)

Partecipando al sacrificio della Messa, noi ascoltiamo ogni volta le parole di Cristo che si rivolge agli apostoli: "Vi lascio la pace, vi do la mia pace". Inoltre, imploriamo il Signore di concederci "unità e pace secondo la sua volontà" e di donare "la pace ai nostri giorni". Ogni volta che apparve agli apostoli Cristo, dopo aver vinto la morte, augurò la pace, sapendo quanto tutti loro la desiderassero. Nel conferire agli apostoli il potere di rimettere i peccati, Cristo ha portato la pace nell'anima inquieta dell'uomo. L'anima creata da Dio ha nostalgia di Dio. La pace con Dio è il fondamento della pace tra gli uomini. Liberato dalla schiavitù del peccato, l'uomo è in pace, ha l'anima in festa, in pace. La pace regna sui cuori puri. È partendo dalla pace interiore, quella del cuore, appoggiandosi ad essa, che si può stabilire la pace esteriore: in famiglia, fra vicini, in seno alla Chiesa, tra i popoli. Dio chiama tutti gli uomini ad unirsi al suo popolo unico. Il suo desiderio, che è di riunire tutti gli uomini in seno ad un'unica comunità per salvarli, è già espresso nell'Antico Testamento. Gli Ebrei capirono di essere un popolo unico nella lontana notte di Pasqua in cui Dio li separò dagli Egiziani ed indicò loro la Terra promessa. La Pasqua viene per ricordare questo avvenimento alle generazioni successive: in questo giorno ogni ebreo ha il sentimento di essere di nuovo condotto fuori dall'Egitto per essere salvato. Allo stesso modo, il nuovo

First Communion, and, Confirmation

Sacramental preparation for state school students in Grade 3 or up.

Please contact Anna Proud 0402741258.

Prima Comunione, e, Cresima

Preparazione sacramentale per gli studenti delle scuole statali di grado 3 o superiore.

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Leonora Aquino Morales, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Lori, Domenic Cunsolo, Laurence

Memorial mass: John Iapazzuto: Friday, 29 April 2022 @ 7.00 pm

Recently deceased: Venera Maiorana, Leondino Palmarella, Rose Ficarra, Enrique Manalo

Anniversaries: Peppino e Bellina Butera, Fortunato Renda, Carmela Renda, Santo Butera, Francesca Butera, Angelina Butera, Antonio Mete, Fiore Mete, Pietro Mete, Concetta Mete, Sobitha Dharmawansa, Priyath Liyanage, Monika Rarasinghe, Gerlie Anne De Zilva, Milroy De Zilva, May Rode, Bruno Troise

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses (Apr 30/May 1)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: L. Psaila

Sunday 9.00 am: M. Raymond

Sunday 10.30 am : R. Odoardi

Bus driver: J. Caparelli

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena masses will not be held between April 27 and May 25. Masses will resume June 1.

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Divine Mercy

St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April 2000, at 10:00 AM, on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day – April 27 in 2014 – by Pope Francis.] At the canonization of St. Faustina, Saint John Paul II said, "Believing in the love of God means believing in His mercy." Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son.

During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy.



St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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