

SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 7, 2024

“Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

— 1 John 5:5

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sunday of the Divine Mercy

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday: St. Stanislaus

Saturday: St. Martin I

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

Dear Holy Spirit, please come into my soul. Help me know how I have hurt You and others by not doing what is right. Please forgive me! O God, help me confess my sins to the priest and receive Your love in my heart. Help me to follow You and obey Your commandments. May this Confession fill me with the joy and peace of Jesus. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: Parishioners of St. Edward’s Parish

Monday: *First Communion*

Tuesday: Eddie O. 13th Anniversary †
Blockie’s Shirley 23rd Anniversary

Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Cowboy Birthday †

Popeye Anniversary †

Jim Carroll Anniversary †

Thursday: Jim Bush Birthday †

Mary Burke Birthday †

Friday: Jack Suedle 25th Anniversary †

Skully’s Ann Birthday †

In thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Joseph

Saturday: Jim Murphy Birthday 15th Birthday

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A husband and his wife died in a car accident. They arrived in Heaven and found it was a beautiful golf course with a lovely clubhouse and fabulous greens. It was free and only for them, and the husband said, “You want to play a round?”

She said, “Sure.” They teed off on the first hole, and she said, “What’s wrong?”

He said, “You know, if it hadn’t been for your stupid oat bran, we could have been here years ago.”

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,943.00	\$2,341.0000
Number of Families contributing	75	73
Total Pledge for 2024	\$157,619.00	\$159,756.00
Pledged to Date (13 Weeks)	\$40,385.00	\$40,845.00
Received to Date	\$33,933.00	\$26,235.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$6,452.00	\$14,610.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$229.00	\$4,550.00

35 ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2024
\$50.00	\$810.00

One family made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2024 GOAL
\$395.00	\$17,862.00

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

7 CHILDREN contributed \$22.00.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Eddie O. in loving memory of him on the 13th Anniversary of his death;
2. Noah in loving memory of Mary Burke on her Birthday;
3. Tommy Newman, Josie, Saylor, and Eric Draven in loving memory of Popeye on the Anniversary of his death;
4. the Wife and Daughters of Jim Carroll in loving memory of him the Anniversary of his death;
5. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

APRIL MASS SCHEDULE

No Mass on Monday
 Tuesday thru Friday: 10:30 A.M.
 Saturday: 5:30 P.M.
 Sunday: 11:30 A.M.

GOD GIVES US MORE

- We ask for a flower & God gives us a bouquet.
- We ask for a leaf & God gives us a tree.
- We ask for a drop of water & God gives us an ocean.
- We ask for a blade of wheat & God gives a whole field.
- We ask for something to eat & we are given God's own body and blood.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA will be held this Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 P.M. in the Church.

FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held this Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 P.M. for all children making their First Holy Communion. Please be in the church 15 minutes before.

GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN who are going to receive Holy Communion for the first time this Monday, April 8th. Mass will be at 5:00 P.M. All are invited to participate in the Mass. The children who have been prepared are:

<p><i>Dash Carroll</i> <i>Daytona Carroll</i> <i>Marco Carroll</i> <i>Kashton Costello</i> <i>Knight Gorman</i> <i>Liam Gorman</i> <i>Will Gorman</i> <i>Vivien Mack</i> <i>Justt McNally</i> <i>Millare Mulholland</i> <i>Estate O'Hara</i> <i>Ian O'Hara</i> <i>Saylor O'Hara</i> <i>Banx Riley</i></p>	<p><i>Coz Riley</i> <i>Liv Riley</i> <i>Maxima Riley</i> <i>Rhett Riley</i> <i>Stryker Riley</i> <i>Boz Sherlock</i> <i>Cross Sherlock</i> <i>Dale Thomas Sherlock</i> <i>Ivey Sherlock</i> <i>Jimmy Manning Sherlock</i> <i>John Bosco Sherlock</i> <i>Mary Lasaya Sherlock</i> <i>Neylan Sherlock</i> <i>Rumer Sherlock</i></p>
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THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

READERS

<p>Sat. Apr. 6th, 5:30 P.M. Natalie & Julie Ann</p>	<p>Sun. Apr. 7th, 11:30 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Jimmy Joseph</p>
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<p>Sat. Apr. 13th, 5:30 P.M. Paris & Mary Martha</p>	<p>Sun. Apr. 14th, 11:30 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Jimmy Joseph</p>
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READERS – WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Natalie
Wednesday	-	Gracelynn
Thursday	-	Christina
Friday	-	Lauren Ashley

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Tuesday	-	Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday	-	Lauren Ashley
Thursday	-	Cathy Carroll
Friday	-	Rosie Cat

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

<u>Saturday 5:30 P.M.</u>	<u>April 6th</u>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

Sunday 10:00 A.M

<u>April 7th</u>	<u>April 14th</u>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie