

**APRIL 15 & 16, 2023**  
**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**



**DIVINE MERCY**

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter "Sunday of Divine Mercy" in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska's Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us, we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life's ideal and a criterion for our faith's credibility: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (**Matthew 5:7**).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FIRST COMMUNION MASS FOR SJS DR**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL:**

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 AT 9AM.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

**MASS FOR CATECHISM GROUP:**

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023 AT 11AM.



**OLGS'S FEAST**

APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL'S FEAST AND WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO A NOVENA BEGINNING TUESDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> - TUESDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 5PM. ON APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, THE DAY OF OUR PATRONAL FEAST, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MASS AT 6PM, FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.



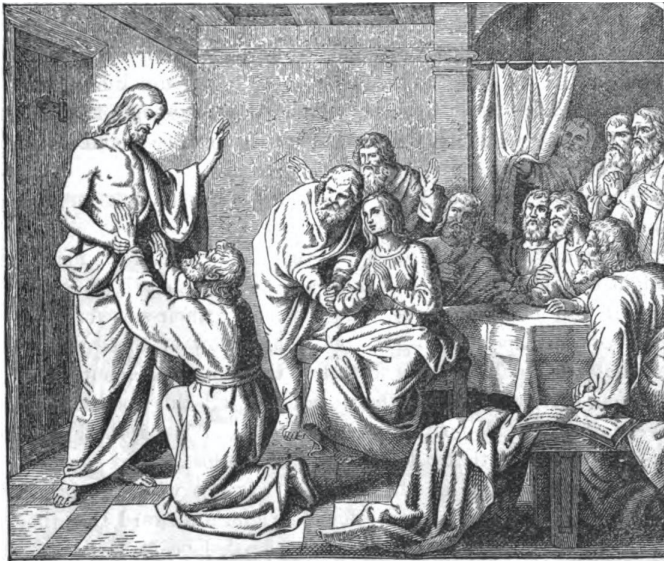
EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



**EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH**

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone "out"—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the "doubting Thomas" moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

**CONFIRMATION**

*By Dennis Tavares*

This sacrament more perfectly binds us to the Church and enables us to defend Christ, the Church, and our faith by word and deed through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like Baptism, it also marks the soul as belonging to Christ, so the sacrament cannot be repeated. The ordinary minister is the local bishop but priests can confirm in an emergency. Confirmation is given by tracing a cross on the forehead with blessed oil, called Chrism, while reciting the form "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Confirmation is given to any baptized Catholic after instruction in the duties and responsibilities of Christian life. Sponsors are to be practicing Catholics knowledgeable about Christian life. All Catholics are obliged to be confirmed and to grow in knowledge of the Faith. The vast number of Christ's followers over the last 2,000 years is proof of Confirmation's effectiveness.



**The Fundraising Committee of OLGC  
is hosting their first dinner**  
curbside or dine-in  
For the benefit of our Church

**Mole, Zacatecas style with hand made tortillas**

The order comes with chicken, a side of Mexican rice  
and an order of handmade corn  
tortillas (3).

**\$30.00 per order**

Extra tortillas may be ordered at an additional cost  
of \$1.50 per order (3)

Please pick up your order on

**Sunday, April 30th**

from 12 - 4pm at the Parish Hall  
605 Maple street., Fort Bragg Ca.

To order please contact:

**Belen Renteria at 707-671-3731**  
**Or the church rectory at 707-964-0229**  
or e-mail: [olgcinf@gmail.com](mailto:olgcinf@gmail.com)

**Congratulations and a huge Thank You  
from SJSDR**

Congratulations **Elizabeth Huerta** for purchasing the  
winning ticket in the San Jose Sanchez Del Rio School  
Raffle held Easter Sunday!

The students and staff would like to thank **La  
Mexicana Market** for so generously donating the  
beautiful picture of Our Lady and Pope Saint John Paul II  
for us to raffle. Thank you, also, to everyone who  
purchased tickets in order to support our recent school!  
The students successfully raised a total of \$740.



**KNIGHTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS  
FOR GRADUATING SENIORS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.  
**APPLICANTS MUST COME TO PICK THEM UP. ALSO, THEY MUST BE  
MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE  
RETURNED TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST OFFICE BOX 1641  
BEFORE APRIL 23, 2023.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT  
STEVE BEEMAN: 707-480-4614.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**APRIL 15 - 21, 2023**

Saturday (15)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Albert & Evelyn Bernardini † Raylene Mertle † Mateus & Maria Freitas †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Nicasio Flores † Jorge Fierro † Brianda Venegas † Luisa Martínez † Josefina Castañeda † Victor Martin & Raquel Dzul † Dionicio, Carlos & Virginia Barrera † Maria Yáñez † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (16)	8:00am	Maria Rosa Afonse †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (17)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (18)	12:05pm	Wilfred Brown †
Wednesday (19)	12:05pm	Jacob Mary Sr. †
Thursday (20)	12:05pm	Barbara Brown †
Friday (21)	12:05pm	Lois Brown †

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

APRIL 8 & 9, 2023...\$5,022.00  
MAINTENANCE FUND .....\$838.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL (AMA)**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

NEXT WEEK WE WILL TAKE UP THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL.  
TODAY, NEARLY 40% OF DIOCESES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ITS  
TERRITORIES ARE UNABLE TO FUND THE ESSENTIAL PASTORAL WORK  
THEIR COMMUNITIES NEED. YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS APPEAL HELPS THEM  
MEET THESE FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL NEEDS. PLEASE  
PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS APPEAL. MORE  
INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

## **CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

I arise today  
through God's strength to pilot me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's hosts to save me from the snares of the devil.



### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



**We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides "ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software!** *This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.*

*Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.*

To get started, you can visit our Parish's new giving page at [olgcinfb.org](http://olgcinfb.org).

*From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!*

*If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.*