

# APRIL 6 & 7, 2024

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



*By The Word Among Us*

*My Lord and my God!* (John 20, 28)

Why wasn't John with the other apostles the first time Jesus appeared to them? Perhaps he was so discouraged that he simply wanted to be alone, or perhaps he was hiding somewhere else. In any case, he did not believe that Jesus had really appeared to the disciples that night (John 20:25). He had to see the resurrected Christ for himself.

Jesus knew this, so exactly one week later, he appeared again, this time to all the apostles. When Jesus invited Thomas to place his hand on his wounds, Thomas exclaimed, *"My Lord and my God!"* (John 20, 28).

This passage is truly appropriate for Divine Mercy Sunday. In his great mercy, Jesus deeply wanted Thomas to believe that he had truly been resurrected, so much so that he came back especially for him.

The Gospels are filled with examples of Jesus' mercy: From healing the sick to his compassion for those who were far from home and hungry. Of course, his greatest act of mercy was to offer himself on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

*"Speak to the whole world of my unconceivable mercy."* That was the message that Jesus gave to the Polish nun Faustina Kowalska in 1931 (Diary, 699). This is the mercy that knows no limits, that longs for the salvation of all. It is difficult for us to understand it because it is so different from anything we have seen on earth!

No matter how long we have followed Jesus, we all need his mercy and compassion. Even Thomas, his own apostle, needed it! Contemplate his image of Divine Mercy and ask Jesus to grant you his grace to believe in his deep mercy. Then, like Thomas, he exclaims: *"My Lord and my God!"*

***"Jesus, my Lord, have mercy on me and on the whole world!"***



### WHAT DOES A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR DO?

*Taken by Diocese of Santa Rosa and USCCB*

Confirmation sponsors *"bring the candidates to receive the sacrament, present them to the minister for anointing, and will later help them fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit whom they have received."* (Rite of Confirmation, 5)

There are a few requirements to be a Confirmation sponsor. They must be spiritually fit to take on their responsibility which is evidenced by:

1. Sufficient maturity to fulfill their function.
2. Membership in the Catholic Church and having received all of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
3. Freedom from any impediment of law to fulfilling the office of sponsor. This means that a sponsor must be in good standing with the Church (no public dissent, believes in the teachings of the Church, and in full communion with the Church).

Since a sponsor has such a significant role to play in the development of a confirmation candidate it is important that this person be one who is a living example of faith, one whose actions reflect the actions of Jesus. A confirmation sponsor offers support and encouragement during the confirmation preparation process.

Confirmation sponsors need not be of the same gender as the candidate nor do they need to be from the same family. As long as they fulfill the requirements above.

### HOW DO I CHOOSE A SPONSOR?

Think carefully about someone you know who meets the criteria above. The Church encourages us to consider our godparents as sponsors for confirmation. Confirmation's strong connection to baptism makes one's godparent to be a natural choice if this person meets the requirements above. If you do not know someone who meets the criteria above or they are not able to sponsor you then discuss your options with the confirmation coordinator at your parish to see if they can find someone suitable. Often members of the parish will volunteer for those who are unable to find a suitable sponsor.



### ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has responded generously to Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family in Mission. The success of the Appeal depends on you. No gift is too small and every gift is sincerely appreciated. If you have not responded to the Appeal, we urge to consider you to offer your commitment now. Envelopes are available, and completed envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket. Gifts to AMA can also be given online at [www.srdiocese.org](http://www.srdiocese.org) . Our goal is \$10,300.00. So far, our pledges are \$5,650.33.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

## ATTENTION

FOR THE STUDENTS THAT ARE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR, THERE WILL BE A GROUP PRACTICE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:30PM IN THE CHURCH.



## BINGO

**EXTRAVAGANZA SAT. APRIL 20TH  
FUNDRAISER SJS DR CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH HALL**

**GUARANTEE \$150 Each Game  
Regular Packs \***

**BUY IN \$35 (Includes 1 Regular Pack  
of 10 Games, Dinner, Dessert,  
Coffee or Tea)**

**Additional Game Packs \$10 Each  
Special Games \$1 Each**

**LIMITED SEATING RESERVE NOW! CALL 707-964-3775  
DINNER Starts 6pm - bingo 7pm - dessert half time**

**\*GUARANTEED PAYOUTS Based on Minimum of 60 People**

**RAFFLE PRIZES!!**

**Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5  
(NO FREE PASSES)**



## KNIGHTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

APPLICANTS MUST COME TO PICK UP. ALSO, THEY MUST BE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH. SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE KNIGHTS' POST OFFICE BOX BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>. FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT STEVE BEEMAN 707-480-4614.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CONFIRMATION MASS:**

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 AT 6PM.

**FIRST COMMUNION MASS:**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 AT 10AM.

**~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS ~**

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. Email changes to [olgcinfb@gmail.com](mailto:olgcinfb@gmail.com) or call at 707-964-0229 ext. 1.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**APRIL 6 -12, 2024**

Saturday (06)	9:00am	Marie Fernande †
	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Joe Scott †
	6:30pm	Lupe & Antonia Rentería † Teresa Medina García † Alfonso & María Bran † Eleuterio & Manuel Gaona † Beatriz Valencia † Belén Mandujano † Eliazar & Maria Ramírez † Mauricio Escobedo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (07)	8:00am	Epifanio Rentería †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (08)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Tuesday (09)	5:30pm	Open Intention
Wednesday (10)	12:05pm	Open Intention
Thursday (11)	12:05pm	Open Intention
Friday (12)	12:05pm	Open Intention

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

MARCH 30 & 31, 2024...\$5,240.00

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY....\$1,348.00

HOLY LAND...\$277.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
LIABILITY INSURANCE**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR  
MAINTENANCE FUND**

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Esperanza Barba, Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, 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, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

## LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS 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.

## 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 ext. 1 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.

## **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

If you are new to Our Lady of Good Counsel's Church,  
Welcome! We hope you find a spiritual home here.  
Please formally register in the parish and be a part  
of our family. Come to the Parish Office  
Mon - Fri, 10am – 2pm to register.  
Registration forms are also available  
in the church vestibule.



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 WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:  
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides  
“ParishSOFT Giving,” an online giving software!**

**To get started, you can go to [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 or a  
one-time donation, 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.*



**EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,  
WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,  
FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**