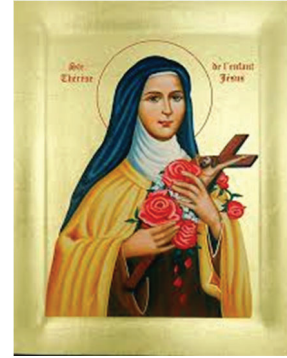




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Second Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2019
Divine Mercy Sunday

Scripture Readings

Acts 5:12-16 Many signs and wonders were done among the people

Ps 118 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 I am the first and the last, the one who lives

Jn 20:19-31 Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed

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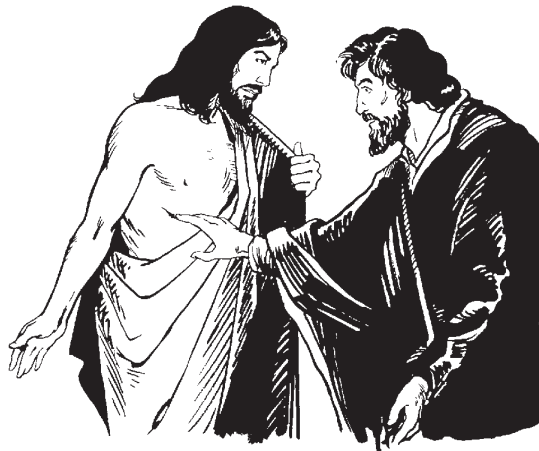
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Catholic Eastertide Practices...

The annual blessing of families may take place in our homes during the Easter season. Appreciated by the faithful, this practice provides a precious occasion to recollect God's constant presence among Christian families. It is also an opportunity to invite the faithful to live according to the Gospel, and to exhort parents & children to preserve & promote the mystery of being "a domestic church".

We thank Father Paul for his generous gift of "Holy Water Bottles" available to all parishioners at Easter. If you missed out or need one more there are some extras available.



Responsorial Psalm 118

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.”



SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

ST. Thomas Villanueva was a preacher, a writer, university professor and ultimately an Archbishop. He directed the first group of Augustinians to the New World, built a college for children of converts, and organized plans for social assistance, education of the poor and Charity.



Introduction: Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The church teaches that St. Faustina, a 20th-century Polish nun, recorded revelations that she received from Jesus who, as she wrote in her diary, desired that “a Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls.” The readings tell the story of God’s abundant mercy and love for us. We ask for the grace to more clearly respond to these great signs and wonders of mercy and love that God continues to bestow on us and our world.

Life messages: 1) Let us accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy: One way the Church celebrates God’s mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and are enabled to receive God’s merciful judgment. 2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service. The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: a) We may come know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) Next, we may strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer. c) Third, we may share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: “If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action.” (L-19)

“The things that we love tell us what we are.” – St. Thomas Aquinas

April 28, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Easter: *“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (John 20:21)*

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

*Commitment: The chicken and the pig were walking past the church one day and discussing the problems of world hunger. The chicken suggested that between her species and the pig's they could provide everyone in the world with a good breakfast of bacon and eggs every morning. The pig thought long and hard before replying,

Mass Intentions for the Week

'That's OK for you to say, because from you that's only a contribution - from me that's total commitment!'

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy

Saturday April 27 7:30 p.m. Russell: + Phyllis Keller req. Frank & Family

Sunday April 28 9:00 a.m. Russell: For All Parishioners req. Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: + Friends of suffering souls in Purgatory
req. Joe, Rose & family

No Weekday Masses – Fr. Paul is at the Retreat for all Priests in the Archdiocese

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday May 4 11:00 a.m. Rossburn: Mass
7:30 p.m. Russell: +Deceased family req. Simone

Sunday May 5 9:00 a.m. Russell: For All Parishioners req. Father Paul
11:00 a.m. Rossburn: +Marie Kalyniuk req. Murray & family

Please Note: Father Paul is away to the Archdiocese's Priest Retreat this coming week Monday, April 29th to Friday, May 3rd. Parish office hours will be Tuesday 3-6 & Thursday afternoon. If no answer when calling, please leave a message, and your call will be returned.

Wednesday, May 1st is recognized as International Worker's Day. It may be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations – On May 12, 2019 we are celebrating 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We would like to unite our prayers to those of the Universal Church in asking the Lord to “send laborers into His harvest” (cf. Lk 10:2) - that He would raise up from our midst many priests, religious and deacons who would serve God and His people with their whole hearts. Let us come together as local Church in Winnipeg and pray for this in **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on **May 12th, 2019 at 7:00 PM** at **St. Mary's Cathedral** (353 St. Mary's Ave, Winnipeg). The Presider is going to be our **Archbishop Richard Gagnon**. For further information please contact the vocations director - Fr. Peter Nemcek – (204) 947-0294 or vocations@archwinnipeg.ca

Mother-Daughter Retreat, 2019! Girls only! This will be a beautiful weekend retreat for mothers and daughters and grandmothers! Bonding, prayer, and loads of fun will have you going all weekend! This year's theme: Mary - Our Mother. May 4 & 5th, Catholic School of Evangelization in St. Malo, MB. \$40/person, under age 14: \$30 for first, & \$10 for all others of the same family. For more information call, 204-347-5396.



Thursday, May 9th, “March For Life” – There has now been 50 years of legal abortion in Canada (over 4 million missing children). Advocate for the Pre-Born & Vulnerable by attending March for Life, Winnipeg. Begins with Mass, St. Mary’s Cathedral, 10:30 a.m. See poster at back of church for more information. Download the promo video: <https://vimeo.com/318055455/d7aca9d6c4> .

St. Theresa’s Parish News:

If **anyone** has any personal petitions, you can place them in the box at the back of the church. They will not be individually read but prayed for generally.

St. Theresa's Finance Report 2019 Month of April

REVENUES:	
March 31 collection	\$1,165.00
April 7 collection	\$1,265.00
April 14 collection	\$935.00
April 19 Holy Land collection	\$550.00
April 21 collection	\$885.95
Year To Date Revenues	\$14,800.95

EXPENSES:	
Hydro	\$376.00
Archdiocese 1/4ly assessment	\$1,492.50
Water & sewer	\$184.78
St Joseph the worker shared expense	\$2,000.00
Year To Date Expenses	\$10,483.73

For a donation envelope set contact Raymond Lysyshin at 204-859-2409 or 204-859-2134

St. Joseph the Worker Parish News:

Remember our Parishes Patron Saint, Saint Joseph the Worker: “Pray for Us”, feast day: Wednesday, May 1st. Saint Joseph the Worker exemplifies working people, dignified by their labour, who bring Christ into the workplace. Kind & generous in his private life.

Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 7th, Mass 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m.

This Sunday will be the last children’s liturgy until the fall. It’s been a great pleasure to serve in this ministry. The children have been such a joy and I have received so many graces and blessings every Sunday. I do hope to see many of the children at our summer camp July 29-Aug 2. Until then, have an awesome summer and I will still look forward to seeing you all at Mass every week. May God bless you all! Glenda

May is Marion Month...Sunday mornings before 9 a.m. Mass throughout the month of May, the CWL ladies will be leading us in praying the rosary. Come early & join them as we honor our Blessed Mother!

CWL Meeting – Wednesday, May 1, 11:30 p.m., Club Café.