

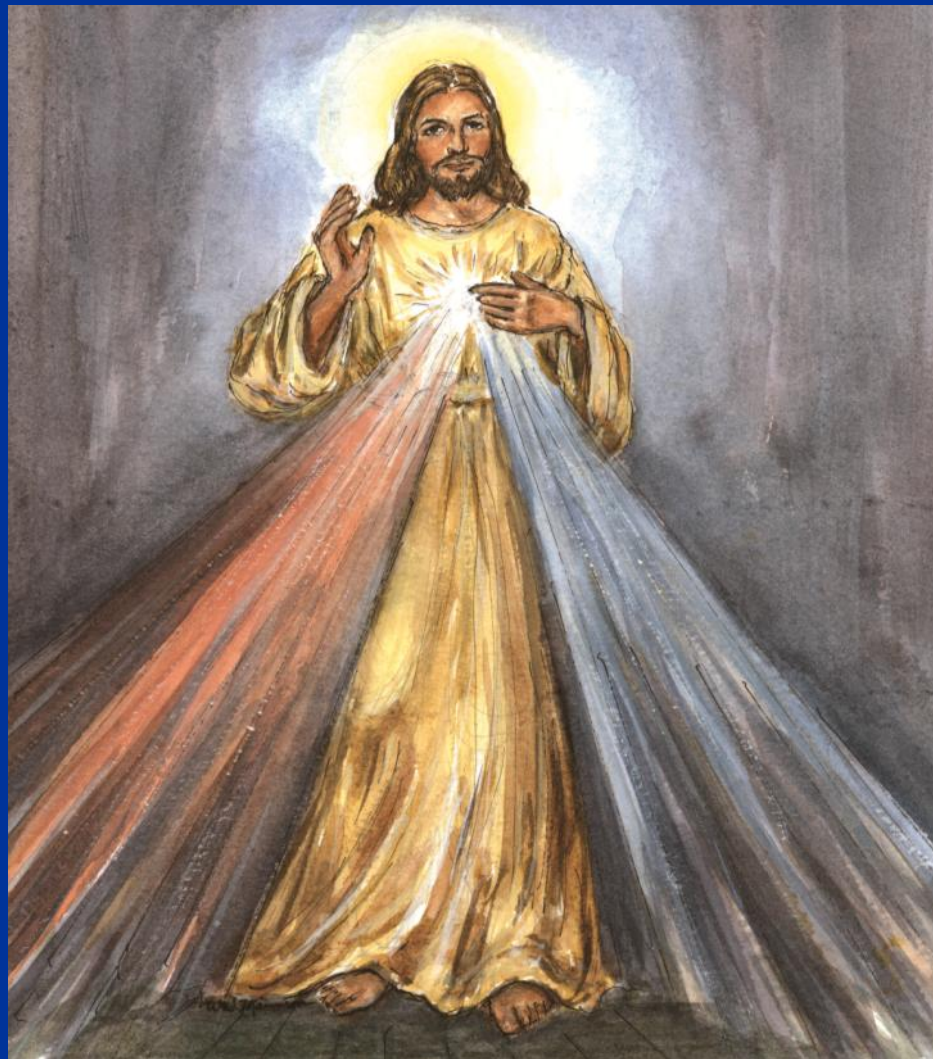
Saint James Catholic Community

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Although we cannot gather in the church to celebrate this feast day, you can have your own celebration at home.

The prayers and intentions are on the St. James website.
See page 5 for more information about Divine Mercy Sunday.

St. James Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday, 8:15am

Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, 8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

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Mission Statement

We, the community of St. James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us; sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.

Join the Celebration of the Sunday 8:00am Mass Livestreamed on Facebook



We livestream the Celebration of the Mass on Sundays at 8:00am via Facebook Live.

The recording of the Mass, along with the songs and readings, are then posted on our St. James website for you to view at any time.

www.stjames-liberty.org

The video of the Mass is also available on our YouTube channel for you to follow along at home at your convenience.

St James Catholic Church - Liberty MO - YouTube

Support Our Own During Stay At Home Mandate

Several locally owned businesses that support St. James are continuing to operate within the Mandate Guidelines.

Restaurants

- Rancho Grande - Curb side / Carry Out
- The Landing - Curb side / Carry Out
- Dairy Queen - Drive Thru
- McDonalds - Drive Thru

Rogers Sporting Goods is open and their website is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They also have curbside pickup available by calling 816-781-9026.

www.RogersSportingGoods.com

Serenity On The Square offers free on-line classes.

While the location on the square is closed, most of their classes are livestreamed on their Facebook page.

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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, the Gospel tells the story of the disciples locked in the Upper Room and Jesus appearing to them. The disciple Thomas was not with them and refused to believe that Jesus had really risen from the dead. When Jesus appeared to them a second time, Thomas was with them and refused to believe until put his hands in Jesus' wounds. When he did, he says, 'My Lord and My God'.

Often we, like Thomas, need proof. In this time of quarantine and the pandemic, it's hard sometimes to feel the presence of God in our lives, but that's the message of the Resurrection – that Jesus is alive and present within each of us. That's why the Easter season lasts for 50 days!

In this time, we need to share with one another the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection, because that's what strengthens our hope and deepens our belief in the power of God among us.

This Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We reflect, as we have been praying the Divine Mercy Novena, on the power of God's unconditional Love and Forgiveness in our lives. Again, especially at this time, may we reflect on the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus, and the image of the Divine Mercy of God in our own, everyday lives.

A special thanks to Danny Baker, Quinn Knabe and all who have made our 'Livestream Masses' possible throughout this quarantine, especially for the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday.

On behalf of Fr. Michael and Deacon Chuck, we are most grateful to our Parish Staff as we continue communicating and sharing, each and every day, ways in which our families can stay connected.

We are very proud of our School staff and faculty as they continue 'In-home learning', giving a tremendous amount of time and talent caring for our students, which will continue to the end of the school year!

What a blessing to have such generous folks sharing their time, talent and treasure. That's what makes St. James such a great community – everyone being good and faithful stewards of God's gifts – especially in these tough times!

And a very special thanks of gratitude to all who are being so faithful to giving through on-line, as well as the envelopes that come in daily.

One of the sayings I have run across during this time is 'If God has led us to it, God will see us through it'. And I firmly believe God is faithful to His promises – that's the message of the Resurrection.

We remember whenever Jesus appeared to His disciples, he always challenged them to go and share the Good News with others.

May we continue to share that Good News each and every day.

Blessings to you and your family!

Peace, Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of April 20 - April 26

Monday 8:15am	In Thanksgiving for Our Priests
Tuesday 8:15am	St. Anselm Those on Our Prayer Line
Wednesday 8:15am	Our Senior Citizens
Thursday 8:15pm	St. George †Sylvester Ginther
Friday 8:15pm	†Joe Gubera
Saturday 5:00pm	St. Mark †Patricia Blankenship †Clarence Sequeira
Sunday 8:00am	Pat Cull
10:30am	† Mary Mahoney
5:00pm	†Mary & Carl Paretta

About Mass Intentions

Although are unable to have daily Masses during this time, we will continue to list the intentions by date requested.

As our priests celebrate a private Mass each Sunday all the intentions for the week will be remembered.

Our Lady of Mercy Country Home Help Wanted



Our Lady of Mercy Country Home is currently increasing their staff.

They are looking for receptionists for all three shifts (7am - 3pm, 3pm - 11pm, and 11pm - 7am) including weekends .

Also needed are housekeepers, especially for weekends.

If interested, contact Brad Hover at brad.a.hover@gmail.com or cell phone 806-676-7140.

Contact Info

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptismal Preparation Classes: Once a month
Contact Kirsten Maggi in the parish office, ext. 202 or kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org

Religious Education: For Preschool through adult spiritual development, please notify office of needs.

New Parishioners: Please register at the parish office.

We Welcome You!

St. James School: PS-8th grade offered.

Call the School Office, to inquire, 781-4428

Sacrament of Marriage: 9 months advance notice

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

To Schedule an event in our Parish Facility:

email daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org

or call Daryl in the Parish Office.

All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday

12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org

Stewardship of Treasure

Month End Estimate

March 2020

Operating Income:	\$248,661
Operating Expenses	(\$279,249)

New Church Fund (NCF) Information

March 2020

Income \$ 110,387

Loan Balance: The funds we have been gathering were applied this month. Our loan amount should be down to \$4,517,693.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our parish and its ministries! Your kind notes are uplifting to all of our staff. We WILL make it to the other end of this journey, traveling along with the Lord by our side.

As you can see, our income was down quite a bit for a regular month and \$31,000 below bills. Our electric bill is still our largest utility. We continue to investigate options to lower this expense. There are certain expenses that will continue whether we are occupying the buildings or not.

Please do not get discouraged during this time of uncertainty. Stay safe and healthy!

Our parish lives on – outside of our given property.

Any questions/concerns.....

As always, if you have any questions and/or concerns about any financial numbers – please feel free to contact me.

Katie Klassen

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Support Our Own (continued from page 2)

It's free to everyone and all the classes remain in the video section so anyone can take a class anytime at home. This is their way of helping people mind, body and spirit with the hope that all who are struggling will find something in their virtual classes that helps them in whatever way they need it: Mind-Body-Spirit. Their Monday Morning Meditations are there also. Scroll through – the outdoors meditation is a great one to start with during these times.

With so many businesses closed, please support OUR OWN during this difficult time.

We look very forward to the day when our beautiful Liberty B&B Theatre reopens and we can enjoy going to movies again.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



I am sure most of you never dreamed of seeing a US Naval hospital ship pulling into New York City harbor for the purpose of treating COVID-19 patients. What a pathetic situation to realize there is no longer room in the City's hospitals to admit patients who are critically ill, not enough ventilators or protective equipment for health workers, nor any approved, effective treatment. FYI, this floating hospital is named the **USS Mercy**.

Our familiar image for Divine Mercy Sunday, Christ's divine mercy, is featured on our bulletin cover. I believe that both the hospital ship pictured above and the bulletin image accurately depict God's mercy. Reflecting on these images, two scripture passages come to my mind (Matthew 25:31-46, God's Judgement and 2 Corinthians 12:9 – [. . . "He said to me, 'my grace is sufficient for you, [our] power is made perfect in weakness'.") I suggest you take a few moments with this reading from Matthew, then end with the brief passage from 2 Corinthians.

You may ask, "Why is Sandy suggesting these readings instead of reflecting on the readings for today's Mass?" I'm not suggesting instead of, rather in addition to. After reading the additional scripture, ask yourself, "How do I understand God's mercy, at this moment in time, given our current state of isolation?" Matthew's Gospel is clear. We are judged by how we serve one another, sharing His mercy. Today, most of us cannot visit the sick, feed the hungry, and so on in the traditional way, that is face to face. Thanks to our amazing technology, however, we can call one another, face time or email, donate to organizations providing food and shelter, be kind and patient to those sheltered with us, protect those whose jobs are essential by following the guidelines from epidemiologists and health professionals, even mail a card or letter. We are called to be people of faith, trusting God, and spreading His love, His mercy.

Before writing this article I looked for synonyms for mercy. Here are a few: compassion, grace, charity, forgiveness, forbearance, kindness, humanity, tolerance, blessing, goodwill, generosity, and godsent. Additionally, here are a few antonyms: cruelty, ruthlessness, inhumanity, selfishness, intolerance, disapproval, ill-will, malevolence, uncompassionate, and my own addition, un-god-like. Think about which words reflect your feelings and actions throughout this day, Divine Mercy Sunday, and this week. In our love of God may we show mercy as we continue to struggle through this very unusual time.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY ~ APRIL 19

While we cannot gather in the church to celebrate this special day, you can have your own celebration at home.



The Divine Mercy Sunday Prayers and intentions are available on the St. James website.

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Please join in prayer, ideally between 2:00 and 3:30pm, or if not convenient, anytime this day.

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She wrote in her diary that He said:

"I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it..."

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

H.O.P.E. / SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS

Yes - You Can Still Buy HOPE Cards



Thanks to those who continue to order HOPE cards on-line using their Presto Pay accounts.

You can also place an order an order for Hy-Vee or Price Chopper cards, please contact the parish office (816-781-4343 ext 200) and we will get in touch with you to arrange a safe drop/pickup. We also have some of the local gift cards that will be available as long as supplies last.

We are grateful to everyone who can continue to purchase HOPE cards as it's one way to help support your parish during this critical time. Our thanks also to folks who are mailing in their weekly contributions--it really makes a difference!!

Because of your purchases, during the Stay at Home Mandate from March 24 thru April 14, we have had a profit of \$804.61 from HOPE card sales.

Thank You For Supporting HOPE



We are All Called to Protect God's Children and Youth

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Is Easter Really Over?

Not Yet!! Easter Sunday is only the beginning!

Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

These Fifty Days are a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. This extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we remember our baptisms and how through this sacrament we are, according to the liturgy, "incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation." As "Easter people," we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

Why fifty days? It's actually quite simple. After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost.

The Feast of the Ascension the Lord falls on the 40th day, which is always falls on a Thursday. However, because this is a weekday, we observe the Ascension the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

This sacred season of fifty days comes to an end the following Sunday, on Pentecost, as we commemorate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, the beginnings of the Church and its mission to every tongue and people and nation.

Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.

David Adair	Austin Wantland	Catherine Conway
John Bouhan	Lindsey Wilson	David Feess
Linda Ceglenski	Kent Boeckman	Joni Fleck
Devin Cline	Janquil Boswell	Angela Fuentes
Nolan Denton	Jared Grisham	Kenadee Gallagher
Colin Dymond	Grace Michalski	Daniel Gatzemeyer
Matthew Gastner	Aramas Pernice	Emily Koesterer
Rockne Gross	Aidan Rohr	Sofia McCroskie
Alyssa Kelly	Christine Veach	Christopher Rizo
Jakob Mattox	Jack Barreca	Carri Roberts
Cole Roberts	Jonathan Cantrell	Ada Shannon
Jeff Starke	Julia Dunn	Jennifer Adams
Karl Winbigler	Laura Dunn	Bridget Boswell
Rachel Zimmerman	Samantha Milano	Claire Boswell
Anthony Acock	Avery Nguyen	Hugo Jorgensen
Matthew Aust	Ian Schneider	Charlie Moubry
Maden Duffy	Meghan Steinbauer	Charles Curtis
Thomas Hancock	Edward Szczuka	Kiera Dunn
Gretchen Lathrop	Delicia Vaz	Megan Hummel
Dana Norton	Loretta Venneman	Mary Melling
Julie Peetoom	Hudson Baker	Shannon Tritsch
Jacob Schwarz	Mary Burns	

Thank You Notes

Dear Prayer Warriors,

I looked forward to each prayer of encouragement you have sent throughout Lent. I have read each one everyday and I pray for each one of you daily. It has been a blessing in my life. Thank You.

Marge Myers

Pat and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our St. James parishioner's and parish staff for the heartwarming prayers, cards and letters of support during her ongoing health issues. In particular, we wish to thank the Prayer Chain Ministry and the Over 50s group for their comfort, dedication, diligence and love. Pat is improving and growing stronger each and every day as we too self quarantine during this epidemic.

We truly miss our attendance at Wednesday and Sunday Masses and hunger to return and receive the sacraments once again and be together with our parish family. Until We Are Together Again,

PAX - Dave & Pat Timm



We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Janet Ward & Jeff Julie Miller	Jamie Martin Stivers Family	Nancy Carr
James Filippe	JoLynn Distasio	The Hollomon Family
Alicia Paredes	Deacon Bud Jackson Erwin	Trivino Family
Mike Mall	Pat Carey & Family	Jacke & Enike Hayes
Bob Pezman	Gavin McKenna	Jeanette and Roberta Casel
Jack & Sue Schwarz	Helen Szczech	Catherine Finley
George Polsdofer	Angie Parnacott	Loren Wolken
Patty Larson	Monica Nelson	Kristie Koontz
Denise W.	Eddie Campbell	Carla George
Mark Collins	Joe Witherow, Jr.	Sue McKnight
David Roach	Ricky Gisi, Jr.	Kyle Sellmeyer
Marina	Adam McCray	Margarita Mendoza Family
James Gubera	Melissa Andrasik	Bob Hedrick
Tina Helm	Randi Amess	Marie Brancato
Becky Collins	Tom Biggs	Rich Curasi
Hazel Lewis	Diana Marchisio	Tricia Kauffman
Dan Tomc	Wilfredo Crespo, Jr.	Bob Roach
Laurie Beach	Sandra Hensley	John Brocato
Rachel Johnson	Rachelle Pomfrey	Barbara (Roach) Still
Deacon Chuck	Ron & Peggy Peltz	Debbie Pickett
Mary Margaret Parrish	Paul Gossett	Kathleen Haines
Wanda Finnigan	Julie Rush	John Phannenstiel
Geralyn Hosticka	John & Susan-Kelly Corsione	Mike Sheeley
Beth Atwater	Tony & Jo's Family	Rick George
K&M Davis	Colleen Kearney	Saree Morely
Jordan	Walter Ruby	Christy Mock
Lynn Driggers	Lynn & Monica Nelson	John Findlay
David Butel & Family	Ricky Deese	Duane Sander
Eric Cummings	Michael Amos	Mattie Mae Weaver
Ciara Davis	Alice Hosticka	Troy Cronkite
Pam DeMasi	Hannah Taylor	June Bender
Pat Neibergall-Timm	Carol Rakoczy	Matt Biskup Family
Brian Akers	Ellen Wentz	Kim Lackey
Janice Brimer	Rodriguez Family	Pam Fink
Audria & Eddy Martin	Ralph & Jan Peters	John Nausea
Jose Torres	Scott Neibergall	Bill Roach, Jr.
Erma Brecht	Bob Leonardo	Jacob & Dana Lansford
Charley Moubry	Margo Eastland	Roberta McCallum
Dan & Bibi Chadwick	Adalina Simmons	Keith Newman
Pat Aten	Margie Myers	Gary Andrew Reese
John Vrocato	Jean and Richard Jackson	Emma Shay
John Barrington	Steve Decker	Joseph Greenwald
Donnie Smith	Linda Smith	Sam Porter
Eddie & Teresa Rogers	Pamela & James Anderson	Mary Alice Worth
Philip Pernice	Travis Shay	Amy Villarreal
Don Taylor	Barbara Meigs	Lori and Sam Dale
Leo Oberfoel	Tony and Tet So	Mary Kaye Masnado
Kai Bennett	Travis and Sarah Shay	Louie & Carole Bussjaeger
Jacob McKay	Julie Sildeck	John Amaro
Nick Peters	Stan Carver	Randy Baumert
Dwain Jones	The Curiel Family	Jackie Plack Pelling
Joanna Mooney	Reba and Debra Sutlief	Kennedy Noel Holcumbink
Desmond Arciga-Quenga	Alice Rusch	Rita Lowe / Megan
Colette	Hanna Carver	Tony V. Sr.
Kathleen Amos	Jeff Richardson, Sr.	Deric DeMasi
Frances Parker	Monica Barrington	Sarah Rupp
Michelle Bacus	Anna Jackson	Chris Alvey
Gabrielle	Kari and Jesse Rainey	Carol Yeager Laplant
Brian Glaser	Louise Andrasik	Patrick O'Neill
Baby Brooke	Barbara Fortier	John McMahan
Carol O'Brien	Barb Schwery	Eddie Ansalmo
Helen Finn	Nichole Stewart	Les VanBibber
Anna Kain	Doug Schuster	Maria Giannelli
Mark Schweitzer	Adolph Barringhaus	Kenadee Gallagher
Jennifer Goens	Kelly Gentrup	Shawn Adkins
Lucy Arthur	Denny Farrell	Jason Robinson
Fr. Joe Miller		Leah Biskup Coady
Bill Kirwan		Olivia Hernandez
		Darleen Farnan Kenny

Please notify us to remove your name from our prayer lists when it is time. In respect of HIPAA we will add names to the prayer list only by request of the person or immediate family.

