



# Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

## April 23, 2017



*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ~John 20:29b*

### Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday – April 22

8:00am- ~Unborn babies in wombs & their families  
 5:00pm- † Esperminio Velez  
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Deacon Jim Stahlnecker  
 Offered by: Nina & Joe Lopez

#### Sunday – April 23

8:30am- † Ivan Delgado & Carlos Mora  
 10:00am- ~ Special Intentions of Christian Pepo  
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mayra Calderon  
 Offered by: mom, Joyce Pepo

#### Monday – April 24

8:00am- †  
 12:05pm- † Giovanna & Gaetano Ventrudo

Offered by:  
 By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

#### Tuesday – April 25

8:00am- †  
 12:05pm- † Elizabeth Mooney

Offered by:  
 Offered by: Linda Graves

#### Wednesday – April 26

8:00am - †  
 12:05pm- † Murat Renazile ~*Birthday in Heaven*~

Offered by:  
 Offered by: Family

#### Thursday – April 27

8:00am - †  
 12:05pm- †

Offered by:  
 Offered by:

#### Friday – April 28

8:00am- †  
 12:05pm- †

Offered by:  
 Offered by:

#### Saturday – April 29

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones  
 5:00pm- †

Offered by: daughter, Marta  
 Offered by:

#### Sunday – April 30

8:30am- † Dolores & Edward Zukowski  
 10:00am- †

Offered by: Cappucci Family  
 Offered by:

### Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine**

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**Tabernacle Candle**

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**Memorial Candle**

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### Liturgical Minster's Schedule APRIL 2017

#### Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)  
 E.M.: Lindford Smith, Cinderella Wonszewitz & Nancy Velez Sub: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

#### Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Ceferino Albarracin & Maria Oliveras (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Joan Fortunato  
 E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & MaryAnn Ugbo Sub: Delmeter Carey

#### Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)  
 E.M.: Theresa Contardo, Beverley Marryshow & Cresencia Pascua Sub: Emmanuel Fode



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

*Although you have not seen Christ you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.* Do our lives reflect the joy and beauty of this proclamation?

Do we love Christ? To love Christ is to desire a living relationship with him through prayer, through reflection on the scriptures and through our trust and confidence in him in the joys and sorrows of our lives.

Do you love Christ? Do you cultivate a living relationship with him? Do you pray regularly? Does your prayer help you to believe in his presence with you even in the darkest moments of your life? And if you say that you love the Christ you cannot see, is that evident in the love of the Christ that you do see? Christ said that what we do to the least of our brothers and sisters we do unto him. So, if you violate the dignity of another person by your treatment of that person, or if you fail to show compassion toward other persons, if you fail to have a genuine concern for those in need, then you do not love the Christ that you do see. And if you do not love the Christ that you see, how can you claim to love the Christ that you do not see?

The Easter season offers us the opportunity to renew our relationship with the Risen Christ and to strengthen our faith in him. If you were faithful to certain Lenten disciplines such as extra prayers, fasting, or giving up something, what will you do this Easter season to deepen your love for Jesus and strengthen your faith in him? Will you continue to pray regularly? Will you continue to control those thoughts and behaviors that you know are not in conformity with his life and teaching? Will you look for opportunities to see Christ in others and respond to them as you would want to respond to Christ – the sick, the homebound, the homeless, the hungry, the immigrants in our midst? Will you do all of this in the **joy** of knowing that through these efforts you will come to know your salvation in Jesus Christ – eternal life with him?

May this Easter season be rich in blessings for all of you!

**Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."*

### **April 23: Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

### **April 30: Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts of the Apostles: 2:14, 22-33  
1 Peter 1:17-21  
Luke 24:13-35



**A PRAYER for EASTER** - 0 Lord Jesus Christ, who upon the first Easter day did conquer death and rise from the dead, and who are alive for ever more, help us never to forget your Risen Presence forever with us.

Help us to remember,

That you are with us in every time of perplexity to guide and to direct;

That you are with us in every time of sorrow to comfort and console;

That you are with us in every time of temptation to strengthen and to inspire;

That you are with us in every time of loneliness to cheer and befriend;

That you are with us even in death to bring us to the glory of your side.

Make us to be certain that there is nothing in time or in eternity which can separate us from you, so that in your presence we may meet life with gallantry and death without fear.

You turn our darkness into light, in your light we shall see light.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Christ the Lord is risen! **ALLELUIA**

**REFLECTION of the HOLY FATHER FOR EASTER:** Christian hope is a gift that God gives us if we come out of ourselves and open our hearts to him. This hope does not disappoint us because the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts (cf. *Rom* 5:5). The Paraclete [the Holy Spirit] does not make everything look appealing. He does not remove evil with a magic wand. But he pours into us the vitality of life, which is not the absence of problems, but the certainty of being loved and always forgiven by Christ, who for us has conquered sin, conquered death and conquered fear. Today is the celebration of our hope, the celebration of this truth: nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from his love (cf. *Rom* 8:39).

Pope Francis

**REMEMBER – THERE ARE 50 DAYS in the EASTER SEASON** – How will you celebrate the 50 days of the Easter season? Will you remember to pray each day in gratitude for the hope that is ours that one day we will share in Christ's victory over death? Will you ask forgiveness each day for the times when you failed to live in faithfulness to what is necessary of us if we are to share in the risen life of Christ forever? Will you do one kind deed every week as your expression of gratitude for what Christ has done for you and for the hope that he has given you? What will you do to make the Easter season a time of grace and blessing for you?

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!** – We have achieved our goal in gifts and pledges of \$27,500 for this year's Cardinal's Campaign. Thank you! Now is the hard part. We need you to fulfill the pledges that you made so that we do, in fact, meet our goal. Thank you for your tremendous generosity, your support of the Archdiocese and the support of our parish. If you would like to make a donation to the Campaign, there are envelopes in the entrance of the church and in the parish office. The more we receive in actual gifts, the more the parish will receive in return.

**PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** – Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the Padre Miguel Room.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – 12pm to 2pm in the Padre Miguel Room. *All are welcome!*

**MOTHERS' DAY FLOWER SALE** – The Hispanic community is organizing a sale of flowers and adornments for the weekend of Mothers' Day, May 13 and May 14<sup>th</sup>. The sale will take place before and after all the Masses.

**BENEFIT FOR THE SETON FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING** – Art sale with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Old Bermuda Inn. Cost of \$60.00 includes open bar and food. Please call Debbie at 718-876-0939 or Stephanie at 718-982-5084 to reserve a place for yourself.

**PREVIOUS PASTORAL ASSOCIATE CELEBRATES HIS 70<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** – Fr. Evangelio Gil Rina Suaybagueio (Fr. Gil), who served here at Mount Carmel + St. Benedicta Parish, will celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Hotel with a luncheon from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$60 with all proceeds being distributed to various charities. Please contact Fr. Gil to RSVP – 917-842-5169.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** Holy Thursday: \$1,054; Good Friday: \$1,329; Easter: \$10,036. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**MOTHERS' DAY REMEMBRANCE** - Mothers' Day memorial envelopes may be found in your envelope packs or in the parish vestibule. You are invited to make use of these envelopes to have your mothers, living or deceased, remembered in our Masses on Mothers' Day. Once completed please place your envelope into the collection basket or take to the rectory. The envelopes will then be placed on the Altar during the month of May.

*"God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14)... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish." ~ Pope Francis*