

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy April 11, 2021

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
—1 John 5:5

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Mass Intentions

April 11th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

April 17th: Jerry Graves + by Mark & Kay Bartel
April 18th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Liturgical Ministers

April 18th:
Lector: Eleanor Michie
Sacristans— Carmen McDaniel
Altar Linens — Anabel Gonzales, Susan Placencia
Ushers—Men of the Parish

DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

March 28th & April 4th	
Budget	\$4200
Actual	\$4859.30
Bldg.	\$246
Over	\$905.30

TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR B

First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Ethel Huffman, MaryAnn Maness, Deacon Jim Moss, Joey Wall, Shawn Wall

Relatives

Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness, Fr Robert Ponticello

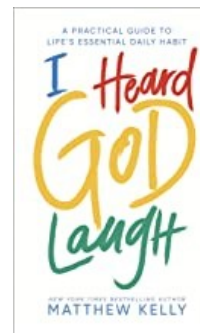
Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Goal is **\$8,000** and 100% Participation of our 51 registered Families

Participation 39.22%
Pledged \$5045
which is 63.06% of goal

Special Collection

Catholic Home Mission
April 25th



Deacon Jim Moss will have a class on each Tuesday, starting April 13th, at 1:00 pm. The book is *I Heard God Laugh*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; 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 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Mass Schedule



Monday: 11:30 am
Wednesday: 11:30 am
Thursday: 9:00 am
Friday: 11:30 am
Vigil on Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am

Coming Events.

Saturday/Sunday, April 17th & 18th: We will have an election for 3 new parish council members.

Friday, April 16th: The office will be closed.

Volunteers Are Needed

The parish is in need of

**Readers on Sunday
and
Sacristans for Sunday**

No experience required. Free training.

Please let the office know if you can give your time in support of your church.