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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



REFLECT

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

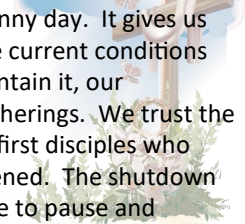
If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace.

"Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

FROM FR. GOLAS



Easter Sunday was a beautiful, pleasant sunny day. It gives us hope of the coming Spring. Because of the current conditions caused by coronavirus and the effort to contain it, our celebrations were not our usual joyous gatherings. We trust the Risen Lord is with us as he was with those first disciples who struggled to understand all that had happened. The shutdown of so many features of our lives allows time to pause and consider many things. We can prayerfully give thanks for the blessing of faith in the Lord Jesus.

St. Jeanne Jugan parish is open and provides encouragement and spiritual guidance. Mass is celebrated daily in each church and each are kept open daily from 10 am - 4 pm. Our churches are simply but elegantly decorated for this special season. The Mass is also live-streamed daily at 7:30 am Monday - Saturday and on Sunday at 8 am from St. Bernard Church. The parish received a donation to St. Bernard Church for some of the equipment to broadcast the Mass. Since the equipment was presently unavailable because of the demand at this time, I accepted the donation. This allows for the Mass to be available on our parish website (sjjenfield.org) and Facebook. The broadcasts are also archived for further viewing. I also received a generous offer to provide this equipment for Holy Family Church. I will be in the process of making arrangements for this broadcasting capability shortly. Let us pray for these generous benefactors.

Thank you for your cards and Easter greetings. I am grateful for your prayers and support at this time. May you experience the peace and joy of the Risen Lord at this time.

Fr. John

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun named Sister Faustina began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."





2020 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVING YOU?

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you". And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said "receive the Holy Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit moving you to respond to God's call? Contact Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, by calling 860-761-7456, by e-mailing vocations@aoht.org, or by visiting www.hartfordpriest.com.

Please pray that those who are being called to the priesthood and religious life hear and answer the call.



HAPPY HOUSE

The Haitian Health Foundation sent a letter to the parishioners of Holy Family Church to thank them for their support and generosity.

Dear Father Golas and Members of the Holy Family Church,

The Haitian Health Foundation (HHF) is pleased to enclose photos of the Happy House that Holy Family Church donated in June 2016.

We apologize for the long delay! As you know, after Hurricane Matthew struck our area in 2016, our focus turned to making repairs to thousands of existing houses that had been terribly damaged. HHF resumed the building of new houses in 2018 and, since then, our construction crews have been working diligently to catch up.

The family who received your Happy House lives in the village of Marfranc. The enclosed photos include one showing the family on site where their former home stood; the piles of rocks and sand in the photo went into the concrete used to construct their strong and secure new house.

We regret the amount of time it has taken to get you these photos, but hope you understand and are happy to see that the house you provided is bringing safety and security to a family in need. Be assured that they are extremely grateful for your generosity and compassion.

Thank you so much for your patience, and for your parish's continued, generous support of our work in the Grand' Anse region of southwestern Haiti.





THIS WEEK

Location Key:
HF = Holy Family Church
SB = St. Bernard Church
SBS = St. Bernard School
LA = Little Angels PreSchool

BAPTISM
To register for the Parish's Baptism Prep Class, please call 860-973-1717 to speak with Kacey at the Holy Family Church rectory or Sally at the St. Bernard Church rectory. Baptism Prep Class occurs on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in classrooms 2 and 3 at Holy Family Church. Baptisms can be scheduled by calling Kacey or Sally once parents have completed the Baptism Prep class. Baptisms can be scheduled on any Sunday of the month except on major religious feasts or holidays.

RECONCILIATION
Temporarily suspended.

CONFIRMATION
In the Hartford Archdiocese, students are confirmed in their sophomore year after a year of preparation. Please contact our Religious Education office for more information.

MATRIMONY
Arrange with pastor at least 6 months before wedding date.

HOLY ORDERS
Young men interested in the priesthood may speak with any priest for more information. Please visit hartfordpriest.com for more information.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Priests are available for anointing either at home or in the hospital. Please contact the parish office to arrange.

SATURDAY APRIL 18
Daily Mass (SB)
Daily Mass (HF)

SUNDAY APRIL 19 (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)
Weekend Mass (HF, SB)

MONDAY APRIL 20
Daily Mass (SB)
Daily Mass (HF)

TUESDAY APRIL 21
Daily Mass (SB)
Daily Mass (HF)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22
Daily Mass (SB)
Daily Mass (HF)

THURSDAY APRIL 23
Daily Mass (SB)
Daily Mass (HF)

FRIDAY APRIL 24
Daily Mass (SB)
Daily Mass (HF)

SATURDAY APRIL 25
Daily Mass (SB)
Daily Mass (HF)

SUNDAY APRIL 26 (THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER)
Weekend Mass (HF, SB)

Masses will be offered by the priest with no congregation present and will be live-streamed on our website (sjjenfield.org) Monday through Saturday at 7:30 am and Sunday at 8:00 am. Please see page 5 for the Updated Important Directive from the Archdiocese of Hartford including the most recent information regarding Confessions.

Both Holy Family Church and St. Bernard Church will be open daily from 10 am to 4 pm. Please observe social distancing while in these sacred places.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED
Adult Altar Servers, male or female, are needed to serve at funerals at both Holy Family Church and St. Bernard Church. If you would like to become a part of this special ministry or would like more information, please contact:
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SENIOR LUNCHES FOR MAY AND JUNE
There will be no Senior Lunch in May or June. This decision was made with heavy hearts, but in an effort to keep us all safe and healthy, we feel it's best to cancel the lunches for May and June.
An announcement will be made when the Senior Lunches are scheduled to resume.
Stay safe and healthy!

GROCERY GIFT CARDS
Due to the current situation of the coronavirus, Grocery Gift Cards are unavailable from the stores. This fundraising program is being suspended at this time.
There is a limited supply of Gift Cards available at the St. Bernard Church rectory during regular office hours. Currently, there are no \$25 in stock.
Thank you to everyone who supported this program.

At St. Bernard Church, the sanctuary candle burns in memory Brien Kivlen, at the request of his Grandmother; there are no intentions noted this week for the chapel candle.



Contact the St. Bernard Church office for information about having the sanctuary or chapel candles burn for your intention.

UPDATED

IMPORTANT DIRECTIVE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

In light of continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state of Connecticut and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, the cancellation of public Masses and liturgies in the churches of the Archdiocese of Hartford that was originally mandated through April 3rd, will now extend through **April 30th**.

Priests will continue to offer a daily Mass with no congregation present.

Therefore, any Mass Intention requested will still be offered, with the exception of weekends. Only one Mass will be offered each weekend. If you have a scheduled Mass Intention on a weekend and it is not offered, the church where it was scheduled will contact you to reschedule to a later date. Please call the rectory with questions.

A schedule of televised Masses are available below:

- **ORTV** - Broadcast seven days a week at 10 am on WCCT-TV (CW20) and WCTX-TV (MyTV9). It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5 am on WCCT-TV.
- **EWTN** - The daily Mass is televised at 12 am, 8 am, 12 pm and 7 pm.
- **Salt + Light TV** - The daily Mass can be found streaming on <https://saltandlighttv.org/live> at 6:30 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, 3 pm, and 10:30 pm.
- **CatholicTV** - The daily Mass can be found streaming on www.catholicTV.org/watch-live at 9:30 am, 12:30 pm, 7 pm, and 11:30 pm.

Our parish will also live-stream Masses on our website (sijenfield.org) Monday through Saturday at 7:30 am and Sunday at 8:00 am.

As of April 2nd confessions will no longer be available on Saturday afternoons.

Please know that any and all decisions made by the Archdiocese regarding closures and cancellations are based on the current understating of the severity of the situation surrounding the pandemic at any given point and may be altered (modified, extended, or revoked) when deemed necessary.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY APRIL 18

Daily Mass. . . Fr. Robert Vargo† - SB

Daily Mass. . . Diane Hensel† (Requested by her Husband) - HF

SUNDAY APRIL 19 (SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Weekend Mass. . . Gerard Ayotte† and Francis Ayotte† (Requested by Joyce Ayotte) - HF

Weekend Mass. . . Ray Surapinet†, 3rd Anniversary (Requested by his Family) - SB

MONDAY APRIL 20

Daily Mass. . . Mary Zawistowski†, 16th Anniversary (Requested by her Family) - SB

Daily Mass. . . Francis Daglio†, 1st Anniversary (Requested by his Family) - HF

TUESDAY APRIL 21

Daily Mass. . . St. Jeanne Jugan Parishioners - SB

Daily Mass. . . Thomas Olechnicki† (Requested by Tim and Sue Neville) - HF

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

Daily Mass. . . Paul Pratson† (Requested by Sally Pratson) - SB

Daily Mass. . . Jeanette Sas† - HF

THURSDAY APRIL 23

Daily Mass. . . Fr. Thomas Hickey† - SB

Daily Mass. . . Louis and Albina Yelinek† (Requested by their Family) - HF

FRIDAY APRIL 24

Daily Mass. . . Robert and Albertha Welch† (Requested by Tom and Sandie Welch) - SB

Daily Mass. . . Harold Ross† (Requested by Alicia Ross) - HF

SATURDAY APRIL 25

Daily Mass. . . Fr. Stanley Staront† - SB

Daily Mass. . . Anastasia O'Connell† (Requested by her Mother) - HF

SUNDAY APRIL 26 (THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Weekend Mass. . . Bill and Lill Zaccaro† (Requested by their Children) - HF

Weekend Mass. . . Paul Durkin†, 1st Anniversary (Requested by his Family) - SB

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DAILY MASS READINGS

MONDAY APRIL 20: Acts 4:23-31•Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]•Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY APRIL 21: Acts 4:32-37•Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]•Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22: Acts 5:17-26•Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]•Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY APRIL 23: Acts 5:27-33•Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]•Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY APRIL 24: Acts 5:34-42•Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]•Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY APRIL 25: 1 Pt 5:5b-14•Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]•Mk 16:15-20

SUNDAY APRIL 26: Acts 2:14, 22-33•Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]•1 Pt 1:17-21•Lk 24:13-35

You can access the Daily Mass Readings via our parish app, at our parish Web site (www.sijenfield.org) or by visiting the U.S. bishop's Web site (www.usccb.org).



A Prayer of Solidarity

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website www.usccb.org

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between
food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.
Grant comfort.
Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

Pope Francis recited this prayer by video on March 11th for a special Mass and act of prayer asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during the coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary,
you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the
Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon
himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us,
through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver
us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

GET IN TOUCH

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ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH SUPPORT

"Happy House" is a free-will collection taken up at Holy Family Church to fund construction of simple, sturdy houses in Haiti through the Haitian Health Foundation. Gift cards for Dunkin Donuts, Big Y, Stop and Shop, and Shop Rite are sold after Masses at St. Bernard Church with proceeds going to St. Bernard School.

Please note the weekly and online amounts represent the combined totals from Holy Family Church and St. Bernard Church.

THANK YOU to all those who have mailed their weekly offertory to the rectory office.

Below are the combined totals from March 22nd through April 13th.

WEEKLY: \$10,051

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: \$664

ST. BERNARD SCHOOL: \$739

EASTER FLOWERS: \$774

HAPPY HOUSE: \$136

Although we are not currently able to gather together to celebrate Mass in our churches, please consider making your weekly offertory online. Visit sijenfield.org or go to <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4536> to learn more.

ONLINE: \$2,088 (April 7th through April 13th)



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