

**April 11, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
*Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35*  
*Ps. 118*  
*1John 5:1-6*  
*John 20: 19-31*

How Willing Are You to Breathe the Justice of  
God into the World?

The opening of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy states, "O blood and water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust You!" Jesus gushed out his life, giving life for the justice of all. He opens the way, tears the veil in the sanctuary, that all of the Father's creation may gain access to the sublime love. As we say, Jesus died once for all. Now he is risen!

In the earliest time, the beginning days of the Church, the people were filled with an enthusiasm of Joy. Joy is the recognition of "someone being with me". That joy was manifested in service to each other. They were with each other. In the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35, the boldness of the Church screams out. It was Liturgical. That is, they gathered for communal prayer and the Breaking of the Bread. However, this Liturgy (the work of the people) goes well beyond the gathering on the Lord's Day. It burst forth; it inspired the sharing of the "bread", that is, all that was needed.

The Spirit filled life of the early Church and being of "one heart and mind" compelled the people to care for others. "There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need." The community was living Divine Mercy. One feels the energy in the telling of the story. Led by the fresh example they just witnessed in the whole "Jesus event" they gushed forth works that were mercy, to all people.

The members of the early Church were so aware of their connectedness to Jesus they knew intuitively what the right thing was to do. First John 5 says, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his

commandments." In faith they were able to act boldly. Believing they just saw the promise of God unfold before their eyes they knew they may be fearless acting in the justice of God because indeed they now knew Jesus is the Son of God. He is the victor over the world. Care of all and speaking out in the name of God was possible.

The Gospel passage, John 20, places emphasis on Peace. "Peace be with you" Jesus says. Further, the peace is attached to forgiveness and the capacity of the Church, through its ministers, to forgive sins. Jesus breathed on them the Holy Spirit, "Receive the Holy Spirit". The events in this passage highlight the coming of understanding who Jesus is.

John's Gospel is written more than a generation after Jesus walked the earth. John's community has now developed a deeper understanding of Jesus' total teaching. The community would be familiar with all the miracles Jesus did. These miracles aimed at making people, indeed all of creation, whole. The true Christian comes to understand their responsibility to the whole community. In Justice all must be able to thrive.

Once again, we return to what is emphasized in the Acts of the Apostles. Sharing what they had among themselves becomes the expression of what it is to be a believing member of the faith community. It is justice that all may live with dignity. If Justice was not the gift of God embodied in Christ, then what was the purpose of His coming? Was it just to worship another deity? It is to worship and celebrate one God who calls all people to unity, to be one body. And now the presence of Jesus must be continued through the Works of the Spirit.

With the Holy Spirit comes works of mercy. The corporal works are: feeding the hungry; giving drink to the thirsty; sheltering the homeless; clothing the naked; visiting the sick; visiting the imprisoned; and burying the dead. The spiritual works of mercy are: admonishing the sinner; instructing the ignorant; counseling the doubtful; comforting the sorrowful; bearing wrongs patiently; forgiving all injuries; and praying for the living and the dead.

With these works of mercy we breathe out the life of Christ on all through the Holy Spirit. As one whole community of faith we may do great things

boldly! If we wish to revitalize the Church of today, we might return to the view of our early brothers and sisters. Jesus's continuing presence must be maintained in Justice done through works of mercy, divine mercy. That will take all people to be willing to share what they have.

How willing are you to breathe the Justice of God into the world?

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance Palm Sunday:	290
Tithes Collected:	\$7,099.00
Online Giving:	\$385.00
Total:	\$7,484.00
Holy Thursday attendance:	91
Holy Thursday collection:	\$138.00
Good Friday Attendance:	92
Good Friday Collection:	\$975.00
Attendance last week (Easter):	414
Easter Tithes Collected:	\$16,906.50
Online Giving:	\$1,120.00
Total:	\$18,026.50
Thank you!	

### Welcome to All!

Welcome to all of you who might have wandered into our humble church this weekend! We are still observing COVID safe protocol. However, we still wish for you to experience the warmth of God through our people and our celebration.

Fr. Bob Tywniak

**Tithes (Donations) for the Easter Season**  
**Please plan for making an extraordinary tithe for Easter! It is much needed to support the mission of the parish. We want to be here to welcome all who seek wholeness in the Lord.**

**Fatherdennisreflections.com**  
**This is Father Dennis's**  
**New Webpage!**

Take a look at the page. It contains reflections by Fr. Dennis. You have come to know him. For the better part of a year, he has graced the pulpit of Blessed Sacrament Parish with fine, courageous preaching. Perhaps you would like to read his challenging columns.

## LITURGY FOR APRIL 11, 2021

### 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)

- **HYMN #1: JESUS IS RISEN**

1. Jesus is risen! Let us sing! Praise to the everliving King! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him in song, ye Seraphim! Praise him with Joy, ye Cherubim!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. On this most holy of days, Let us together sing his praise! Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise joyful voices to the sky! Sing out, ye heavens, in reply: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. To God the Father let us sing, to God the Son, our risen King! Alleluia! Alleluia! And equally let us adore the Holy Spirit evermore! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- **GLORIA:**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.** We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ

Only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God

Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,

Receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High

Jesus...Christ.

With holy spirit in the

Glory to God the Father, Amen!

- **PSALM 118:** GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.

## **HYMN #2: GOD OF MERCY (Manalo)**

1. God of mercy, holy mystery, ever faithful one, you have pitched your tent among us, reconciling love. Heart and mind of Christ, live within our lives, form us into people of mercy and grace.
2. You have called us each by name in your great compassion, encompassing our failings with mercy. God of mercy, lead us.
3. Slow to anger, rich in love, you bestow forgiveness. May we, in turn, forgive those who harm us. God of mercy, lead us.
4. In our midst as one who serves, breaking down divisions, to all in need you send as neighbor. God of mercy, lead us.
5. Reaching out to those in pain, wounded and abandoned, may we create safe havens for healing.

## **HYMN #3: MIRACLE OF GRACE (C. Stephan)**

1. Miracle of grace, mystery of faith, calling us to venture to the deep. Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail, and we become the love that we receive.
2. **BREAD OF LIFE, BREAD OF LIFE, THOSE WHO EAT THIS BREAD SHALL LIVE AND NEVER DIE. BREAD OF LIFE, BREAD OF LIFE, YOUR TRUE PRESENCE IN THIS HOLY SACRIFICE.**
3. Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart with bread come down from heaven above. And like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet, dying here with you. Oh, let us rise!
4. Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed with your very body and your blood. Come claim your bride again with love that can not end, for what God joins no one can divide.

## **HYMN #4 (O Word of Christ (S.Hart/D. Liles)**

1. Word made flesh who dwelt among us; God from God and light from light. Word made flesh for our redemption; love come down to give us life. In the weakness of an infant all the strength of love defined, heaven's truth,

the Father's mercy in the gentle face of Christ.

2. O Word of Christ, true God from true God. O Word of Christ, broken for love, spoken for the world.
3. Word who died by thorn and piercing on a cruel cross alone. Word who died for our transgressions; love who rose to lead us home. For the suffering of our Savior brings us to eternal life and a place at heaven's table, welcome in the love of Christ.
4. Word revealed, our God indwelling, we become your hands and feet. Word revealed to reach the stranger; love to turn us toward the least. For your bread alone will fill us, and your cup alone is life; all the world in this communion, gathered as the word of Christ.

## **HYMN # 5 Alleluia! Love is Alive! (Angrisano/Hart/Mannibusan)**

1. People of God, see the morning anew; rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and see! He is alive! A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled. God who was with us is here with us still. He is here! He is here! He is alive!
2. **Alleluia! Love is alive; conquered the grace and defeated the night. Alleluia! Love is alive! The Son has arisen for all. Your people sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
3. People of God, let your fear fall away. Your chains have been broken, abandon your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive! Here now is mercy embracing your soul; here the fulfillment that once was foretold. It is true! It is true! He is alive!
4. People of God now rejoicing in Christ, carry your joy to the darkness of night. Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive! Hear the good news of this glorious day, every heart singing as heaven proclaims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience, VIRTUAL WEEKEND, June 11-13, 2021**

If you are spending time together, but feel the distance between you...THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND A WEEKEND IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME. This VIRTUAL Weekend gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times. The weekend starts **Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm and ends **Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** at about 3:00 pm. You need a good internet connection and computer/laptop/tablet with a camera and microphone. Sign up here: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) (Used Fort Lauderdale for the location).

Contact Information: For more information contact Frank & Fran Kulzer, 954-961-5078 or Steve & Kathy Franzone, 754-204-5996



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 10

- 4:00 p.m. † Hernani Espinosa by Cecilia Espinosa
- † John B. Nicotera by Carmela Dee

Sunday, April 11

- 9:00 a.m. † Deb Botta by Chris & Jim Jordan
- 10:45 a.m. † Pedro & Candida Martin by Children & Grandchildren
- † Dottie Jewett by Sharkey Family

Monday, April 12

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, April 13

- 8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz

Wednesday, April 14

- 8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors of SVDP Society

Thursday, April 15

- 8:00 a.m. † Octavio Reyes by Cesar & Claudia Aispuro

Friday, April 16

- 8:00 a.m. † Ted Moser by Jean-Pierre Kolodziejcki

Saturday, April 17

- 4:00 p.m. † Tina Bishara by Family
- † Jack Symonette by Theresa, Mom

Sunday, April 18

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
- 10:45 a.m. † Robert D. Joyce by John Joyce & Judy Dempsey
- † Solange Jeanneau by Catherine



Message from the Archdiocese of Miami Development Corporation

1. Giving isn't just about donating. It's about making a difference. Be a part of the difference by making a gift today! [www.isupportabcd.org](http://www.isupportabcd.org)
2. One of the easiest ways for you to support the mission of the Church, is to leave the Archdiocese of Miami or any of its parishes, schools, or agencies a bequest. A bequest is a gift made to charity in your will or trust. Contact the Office of Planned Giving for more information, (305) 762-1112.
3. "Thomas answered and said to him "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" – John 20: 28-29

How many times in our stewardship journey do we find ourselves to be a "doubting Thomas" before we proclaim, "my Lord and my God"?