

April 19, 2020
Divine Mercy Sunday
2nd Sunday of Easter



Parish Calendar

As we are all aware, we are in a unique time in which a pandemic that has had deadly effects needs to be halted.

Therefore, the public celebration of Mass will be canceled in all locations until April 30.

No group prayer meetings, no gatherings etc. in the church and the hall, due to “social distancing” being enforced.

Father Diego will offer private Masses for the spiritual welfare of the people and specially to offer the Mass “pro populo” (for the people of the parish) every Sunday.

If you want to offer Mass Intentions, you can do so by calling the office, email, parish website and our Facebook page.

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****Have a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday****



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision” rooted in gratitude for and confidence in the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.

Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, describes this beautiful way of life as it was by practiced by the first Christians. “They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.” And, “They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.” This is a snapshot of the very first community of Christian stewards living out their daily life — embracing prayer (the breaking of the bread), formation (the teaching of the apostles), hospitality (the communal life and fellowship through joyful meals together) and mutual service. What an inspiration to us modern-day stewards!

The Easter season is not the time to let up in the practice of our faith now that Lent is behind us. Rather, it is a time to live our faith with deeper joy and gratitude as we bask in the celebration of our Lord’s victory over sin and death for us. St. Peter summarizes this Easter outlook eloquently in our second reading. Our daily lives should be a reflection of this attitude: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is... kept in heaven for you.” St. Peter acknowledges that life can be difficult however, saying that “In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials.”

Certainly it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crisis, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus’ first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed “seen the Lord” as they claimed.

Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. They actually drew Him to Thomas in an extraordinary way. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas’ statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds.

When we are tempted to give in to doubts to the faith, for whatever the reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

Stewardship Collection

- Due to this covid-19 pandemic, we are asking for your support for our church through your offerings or envelope. You can drop off your envelope to the parish office from Monday to Friday from 8am to 12pm. Or you can mail it to the office. Thank you all for your continuous support. We will get through this crisis together. Mahalo

Offering Envelopes



Ordinarily, families would bring their Rice Bowls to Mass on Holy Thursday. Because of the COVID-19, the Diocese is encouraging us to conclude our Lenten journey by counting the sacrificial gifts collected in your Rice Bowls. Families you may send your gifts directly to CRS online or save it and bring it to your parish when all are able to safely gather again. Mahalo!



Aloha Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Although the COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives in so many ways. As we each reflect on our blessings and the best uses of our time, our talent, and our treasure. Support our Parish although public Masses have been suspended. We humbly ask for your continuous support for our church through your "Offering Envelope". We are grateful for your generosity and your stewardship. We will overcome this pandemic together. Let us continue to pray and unite in our Masses. Mahalo



Mass Intentions

Rest of the Souls of:

- Leona Ramos Palting
- Felix Palting
- Pedro. M Domingo
- Emilia M. Domingo
- Leonard & Shirley Decorte
- Saturnino "Tony" Ramos Palting

Healing:

- Margaret Padilla

Thanksgiving:

- Philip & Gaylyne Cavaco & Friends
- Kyle Miyashiro

Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift). As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rev. Diego Restrepo
Serna
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
Secretary &
Business Manager

Carol Chong
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P
Sisters Convent &
Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education
Director

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance

Baptism Preparation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Marriage Preparation

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

Altar Server

Altar Cleaners

Ushers/Hospitality

Social/Outreach

Neo-Catechumenal Way

Divine Mercy

Music Ministries

Knights of Columbus

Youth Ministry

Gimong ti Novena

Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano, Chuukese)

Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am -Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass

First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay Associates

First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass

First Sunday @ 10am Samoan Mass