April 19, 2020

Divine Mercy Sunday

**Mass Schedule**

- **Mon—Fri** 8:15am
- **Wednesday** 2:15pm (school Mass)
- **Saturday** 5:30pm
- **Sunday** 8:00, 9:30, 11:15am
- **Holy Days** 8:15am, 7:00pm

**Reconciliation**

- **Friday** 8:45-9:30am
- **Saturday** 4:00-5:00pm

**Parish Office**

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- **Mon—Thur** 8:00-4:30pm
- **Friday** 8:00-2:00pm

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- **Monday—Friday** 8:00-3:30pm

**Community Outreach Office**

- 503.641.1842
- www.h-t.org/outreach
- **Tues, Wed, Fri** 10:00-12:30pm
Easter continues! I hope you and your families were able to enter deeply into the Easter spirit this year, despite so many things being very, very different from the “old days”! I am grateful for the huge response we are getting from our online Masses and reflections. Thanks for adapting — and thanks for your comments. We are continuing to explore means of connecting in the best possible ways. And, it has been fun to get comments from folks all over the country — some from former parishioners and some who were just browsing and stumbled on our Mass. Our Pastoral Council is looking at ways we can benefit from continuing some of these practices after we are resume our in-church Masses. Your ideas are welcome always. We had over 4,000 people login to our Easter Masses over the weekend. Impressive huh?

And, here’s one too good not to share. One of our families went out to Henry Hagg Lake on Easter morning, set up their device on a picnic table, and watched Mass overlooking the lake. Now that is a GRAND cathedral!

Please pray for Mary Alice Judy, Al Miller, and Mary Stoneman who died last week, and for their families. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.
Hello everyone! Here we are at Divine Mercy Sunday, named for the devotion started by St. Faustina and extended to the whole church by St. John Paul II not that many years ago. Many of you, I know, like to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in your homes with your families.

One of the things I love best about this devotion is the little prayer that often accompanies the Divine Mercy image: “Jesus, I trust in You.” As Fr. Dave mentioned in his Easter homily last weekend, even more than the Church and her sacraments, our faith is in Jesus Himself, who’s not limited by the Sacraments in terms of the ways He’s able to reach us with His grace. It’s in Jesus that we trust.

In this time when we are denied the possibility of fully participating in the Mass, it’s humbling to remember our brothers and sisters around the world who only see a priest once a year, or the plight of Christians living behind the Iron Curtain for decades, to whom the Mass was also forbidden. In each case, believers have turned to personal prayer, to Scripture, and to love of neighbor in order to encounter the Lord. And in each case, the Lord has made Himself known. Moreover, access to the Sacraments is no guarantee that we’ll actually come to know Jesus, as opposed to just knowing about Him.

A little instruction that Mother Theresa once gave to her sisters reminded me of this the other day. I reprint it here for you to be encouraged by it as well:

“I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus — one to one — you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in the chapel — but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how He looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus — not from books but from being with Him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you? Ask for the grace; He is longing to give it. Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying ‘I Thirst’ in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as the real living person — not just the idea.”

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**Scripture Readings**

**Monday 20th**  

**Tuesday 21st**  

**Wednesday 22nd**  
Acts 5: 17-26 | Jn 3: 16-21  

**Thursday 23rd**  
Acts 5: 27-33 | Jn 3: 31-36  

**Friday 24th**  

**Saturday 25th**  
1 Pt 5: 5b-14 | Mk 16: 15-20  

**Sunday 26th**  
Acts 2: 14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1: 17-21 | Lk 24: 13-35
In high school, I earned my money mowing lawns. My favorite client was Margie. She was about 150 years old way back then, so I doubt she'll complain that I'm telling you this story now. Marge was a widow who paid me to mow her tiny lawn, and then insisted that I stay for an hour and a half of lemonade and chitchat (which she also insisted on paying me for). Margie was a sweet old bird, but lonely. She never left her home. Groceries were delivered, handymen and cleaners had weekly appointments. She once told me, “I even do my own church right here in my easy chair. I have my Bible and God, that's all I need.”

But it really wasn’t.

In the Gospel, Jesus — the almighty Son of God, in case that wasn’t clear — gathered a team of disciples because it was his intention to establish a community of faith. Look at Sunday's first reading: the apostles have continued to stress that the communal life was central to the Christian path. “They committed themselves to communal life, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers.” Even all the way back in Genesis, God was expressing his desire for people to experience him together (see Genesis 2:18). And so it seemed only natural that the Christians would passionately take their community to the next level. They lived together, worked together, prayed together, and during times of persecution they even died together.

But now, our Church has been scattered. Holy Trinity, a vibrant, joyful, welcoming community, has entered the tomb. We are cut off from familiar faces, and many of us, like Old Margie, are sitting in our recliners with just a Bible and God — and, because it’s the 21st Century, Mass on YouTube.

(You-charist?)

We risk losing the “communal life” that our ancestors worked so hard to build. But we don't need to! This time of social distance does not necessarily have to be a time of spiritual distance. The same Holy Spirit that was filling our hearts in January is still filling them now, and the same Communion that made us one at Christmas is binding us to each other here in the Easter season. So let's be committed to the renewal of our spiritual union, which has never been broken (and never will be)!

Pull out the old parish directory. Call someone you wouldn't usually call. Write a letter. Visit the parish Facebook page and leave a comment to let us know how you’re doing. Read someone else's comment and leave a reply! Spam Deacon Brett with cat photos (that's brett@htsch.org, in case you need it). Send Al and the Community Outreach team an encouraging email. Check in with your kid’s old third-grade teacher. Reconnect with someone you haven't talked to in a while.

Because before too long, our church is going to burst out of this temporary tomb and the Body of Christ will be as strong as it ever was!

Or maybe we'll use this time to strengthen our bonds, to reunite the Old Margie’s of the world with our joyful parish community, and we'll come out of the tomb stronger than we have ever been before.

**An Announcement from the Catholic Sentinel**

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For What It’s Worth: Thoughts on Faith
Erin Nieves – erin@h-t.org

**Jesus’ Divine Mercy...**Let’s imagine Jesus, appearing to a simple Polish girl. Let’s imagine that those revelations have spread to influence Catholics everywhere, because they have and they did!

How so? Jesus' revelations to Faustina flood onto the pages of her simple journal and diary. A simple soul, called by her superiors in her convent as nothing special, became a way for Jesus to lead us into His passion and death as a way to bring salvation to the whole world. Isn’t that what Jesus did on the cross for all humanity? Concealed within that simple soul’s life, was the hidden life of a mystic. Her divine revelation introduced a way for you and me to offer “Jesus’ sorrowful passion” as we ask God to have mercy on us and on the whole world. How can you and I coherently do that? WE CAN’T, but God can! And here is how. He allows us to do that by first allowing us to offer and use the *Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.* “For what?”, you ask. *In atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.* Oh, is that all!

Let’s let that sink in a moment. Not only did he give us a “How”, He gave us a divinely inspired picture that even someone simple like me can understand, along with written instructions on what to do next: “Jesus, I Trust in You!” This Divine Mercy Sunday, let’s learn more about this simple soul, and a devotion handed down by Jesus himself. Like any Catholic devotion, we don’t have to believe, but based on the fruit of it, why wouldn’t we want to?

**Happy Divine Mercy Sunday & Second Sunday of Easter!**

**How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
*(just use an ordinary rosary)*

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an *Our Father, Hail Mary,* and *The Apostle’s Creed* using the first three beads
3. For each of the Five Decades:
   - On the Our Father beads say: *Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*
   - On the Hail Mary beads say: *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*
4. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times: *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

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**Community Outreach**

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**HOLY TRINITY FOOD CLOSET IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.**

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Many of you have reached out to me wanting to know two things:

- How can you help or donate?
- What are we doing differently today than we have in the past?

First, your prayers for all of the volunteers who are making this happen, and for all of those we serve, are always welcomed and appreciated. We gain strength from that! Thank you.

Second, the easiest way to donate is to go online at [h-t.org/donate](http://h-t.org/donate) and select “Food Closet – Food & Assistance” from the drop-down list of giving options (labeled “Type of Giving”). Should you have any questions about the process, don’t hesitate to contact Erica at the Parish Office.

Now, for the “what has changed” question. The simple answer is EVERYTHING! We no longer allow anyone into the building except for the volunteers who all wear masks and gloves the entire time.

Social distancing is a must. We accomplish this by serving pre-built bags of food out of the garage space attached to the Food Closet. Clients are given a few options like milk, eggs, meat, but that’s it. Once we know the order, it is placed in a shopping cart and rolled out to the car. Once the volunteer backs away, the client gets out of their car and retrieves the food from the cart. When completed, the volunteer takes the cart, wipes it down and serves the next in line.

The served client then drives toward the Parish Office area where we have a tent and tables set up with additional optional items. From their vehicle, the client tells a volunteer the items they would like to have which are then bagged up and placed on a table. Again, once the volunteer backs away, the client exits their car, takes the food, and off they go.

All-in-all a smooth process that serves while staying safe. It’s a whole new world that we are all adjusting to. Frankly, I will not miss it when it is gone. In the meantime, we are here to serve and truly thank you for your support.

STAY HEALTHY EVERYONE!
It’s so fun to look through your responses to our photo/story challenges in the bulletin and on Facebook each week! What a delight to stay connected with you all.

In case you missed it, every week I’m offering a different prompt challenging you to show how you’re making the most of these difficult times. Prove that you completed the challenge by emailing me a photo or story (your choice) of you and/or your family doing something that fits the prompt.

On the right you’ll see what we got from some of our bulletin readers and Facebook followers for last week’s challenge, which asked you to show who in your house is learning new tricks or skills. You came through with some fun (and surprising) ones!

This week’s challenge for everyone: Send me a picture or story of how your household is staying active.

Ready? Go, and try to break a sweat!

Laura Ruhl’s family is trying tower building… with cups! Architecture at its best.

In addition, plenty of people in our parish family are learning new cooking skills! Rocio Deatherage’s family, Steve Krautscheid’s family, and Michelle Fricke’s family are all exploring their culinary talents. They’re making grilled chicken, cinnamon rolls, meatballs, lemon bars… Yum!

Josh Ritcheson’s pet, Wilhelm, is expertly honing his hockey (modeling) skills. Looks like a real MVP!

Jean Dalrymple-Feigion’s family is getting handy with some baseboard installation! Great craftsmanship.
**Ministry News**

**Out of Love: Social Justice Ministry**
Eileen Sleva – 503.713.7939 – eileen.sleva@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 22 is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! Celebrate Earth Week at home! Check out our parish website for ideas at h-t.org/social-justice.

Interfaith Power and Light is inviting congregations across the US to view a new documentary by environmental photographer James Balog, which captures the lives of everyday Americans on the front lines of climate change. With rare compassion and heart, *The Human Element* relays captivating stories from coast-to-coast, inspiring us to reevaluate our relationship with the natural world.

Because of our quarantine status, you can sign up to receive a link to watch the movie for FREE at home for this week only (April 17-26):
interfaithpowerandlight.org/2020/01/the-human-element

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**Parish Finances**
For the Weekend of April 11-12

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The USCCB’s Pro-Life Committee has launched a nationwide effort called **Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service** to assist pregnant moms and families in need. HT’s Respect Life Ministry invites you to join us in this effort! You can visit walkingwithmoms.com to learn more.

**Did you know?** We have a brochure available in the narthex called “Listen to Your Heart.” It lists places where, if you know a woman facing a crisis pregnancy, you can provide help during this year of Walking with Moms in Need. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us reach out to moms in need by communicating where they can find help.