

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary
Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry
Cathy McFee

Eucharist: Sunday: 11:30 AM

Holy Days: 5:30 PM

Holy Communion for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
Paula Clemens, Secretary
PH: 814-944-4603

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603
Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick and Grieving - 944-4603

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy
Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org
Eldorado (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-942-7835
Fairview (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-381-7011

Director of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday**

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation**

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:
Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM
Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) 8:00 AM
Weekdays: 12:00 PM
Saturday: 12:00 PM 12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

Today, April 7, Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

Colleen Douglass (MM Larry Neving)

Next Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter/

Charlotte McCall (Karen Query)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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8:00 AM +Patrick Duffy (Tim & JoAnn Bettwy)

10:00 AM +Joseph Gallagher (Family)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

April 8, Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00 PM +Deacon John Rys, Anniv. (Family)

April 9, Tuesday, Easter Weekday

12:00 PM +Hannah Wilken (Rich & Nancy Hall)

7:00 PM Confirmation

April 10, Wednesday, Easter Weekday

12:00 PM +Ken Luke, Anniv. (Wife)

April 11, Thursday, St. Stanislaus, Bp. & Martyr

12:00 PM +Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

April 12, Friday, Easter Weekday

12:00 PM +Mary Martha Kilcoyne (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

April 13, Saturday, St. Martin, Pope & Martyr

12:00 PM +Mary Ann Eger (Family)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM +The Hockenberry Family (Anonymous)

April 14, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM +Tony Alianiello & Anna Marie Jacobs (Family)

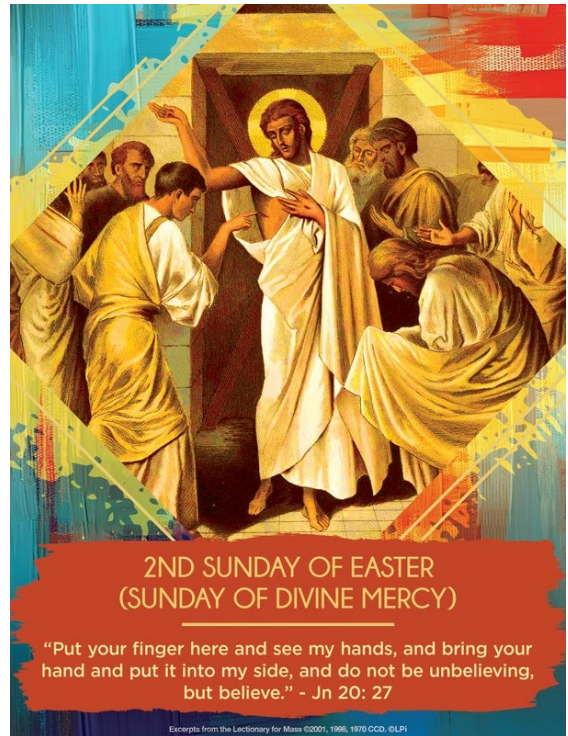
10:00 AM +Regina Kuttruff (Tony & Anna Rose Eckenrode)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

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**TABERNACLE
CANDLE**

During the month of April, the sanctuary candle is lit in memory of Tom Riggelman by his wife, Carol, and family. Thank you.



Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8 -9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

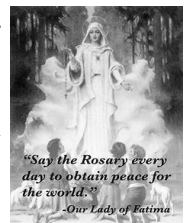
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, March 31, were \$1,664. The Easter collection will be published next week. Thank you.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Written in the Wounds

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all." It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28 ©LPi



The *2024 Catholic Ministries Drive* has begun. Our sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and the formation of our priests and deacons.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties—and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. This year, our campaign's theme is *Encountering Christ*. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, *Encountering Christ* is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist, to open our hearts to serving our brothers and sisters, and to fulfill our holy duty of supporting the Church by gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the near future. Our diocese's ministries need our support. **Our parish's target is \$9,813. So far, \$5,039 has been received in pledges/gifts from 20 donors. Thank you.**



A NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to the leadership of Chris Keagy, his family, and parish volunteers, our church is attractively decorated for Easter. The generosity of folks who have contributed towards the flowers in memory of loved ones is also deeply appreciated.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires. . Father John Muir