**BULLETIN 04-07-2024**

***DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY***

***Pastor’s Message***

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

In today’s gospel we hear that the apostles, bound by fear, have locked themselves into the upper room, and then "Jesus came and stood before them...Then he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.  Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn. 20:22-23).

***In this Easter season, we celebrate the Divine gift of the third person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit, as an outpouring of the Risen Christ. Today the Church shares in the Resurrection and the life of Christ by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. What does this mean to the Church?  It means that the very life of the risen Lord always comes to us with the forgiveness of our sins through the power of the Holy Spirit.***

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us what the Church has always believed when we say in the Creed: "I believe in the forgiveness of sins." The Creed links "the forgiveness of sins" with its profession of faith in the Holy Spirit, for the risen Christ entrusted to the apostles the power to forgive sins when he gave them the Holy Spirit.

***This Sunday is also Divine Mercy Sunday, a day which the late Pope John Paul II established in 2000, and which was later to be the eve on which his earthly life ended.  Aptly, today marks the anniversary of the beatification of Venerable Pope John Paul II.***

Divine Mercy Sunday is a reminder that our Easter story must be far more than a simple re-enactment, for if we have truly encountered the Risen Lord then we must not fail to recognize the immensity of what He did for us in order to save us from our sins.  As Easter People we will not only want to celebrate our joy at being forgiven and redeemed, but also be eager to take this out to others and make them wonder at what we say and do.

***To better understand this special day, please read the message written by Pope John Paul II: “As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, who revealed the Father’s love by Your Death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You… Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world. Amen.”***

Let us joyfully embrace the gift of Divine Mercy!

 — Fr. Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***1.*****Please remember that our parish weekly Saturday Vigil Mass time will be changed from 4:00pm to 5:00pm beginning this Saturday April 06. Confession will start from 4:00pm to 4:45pm on Saturday.**

***2.******We thank all for participating in our parish Lenten fish fry. It was a big success for our small parish. A thumbs-up for the Knights of Columbus for their great job!***

***3.*****With sadness we inform you of the passing of Yvette Rand, a longtime member of our parish. Please remember to pray for her soul.**

***4.******Please take home the book titled The Rocking Chair Prophet as an Easter gift to you from our parish. We hope that the book would inspire you to grow closer to the Lord. And also remember to return your Lenten rice bowls to feed the hungry throughout the world.***

***5.*****Please mark your calendar for these two important dates: Sunday June 02: First Communion celebration, and Sunday June 23: Confirmation celebration.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

04/06 Saturday 9:00am + Staub family— Deceased members

5:00pm + Margaret Janawitz

04/07 Sunday 7:00 am + Iolanda Brewer

9:30 am + Tess & Robert Black

12:00 pm + Maria de Jesus Fernandez Lechuga + Guadalupe de la Cruz Nicolas

04/08 Monday NO MASS

04/09 Tuesday 7:00 am (SI) Thanksgiving to God from The Sang’s family

04/10 Wednesday 7:00 am + Daminh Maria Giuse

04/11 Thursday 7:00 pm + ISave

04/12 Friday 7:00 pm (SI) For the Chien’s family

**NEXT WEEKEND**

04/13 Saturday 5:00 pm + Eugene Rosensky

04/14 Sunday 7:00 am + Richard Langone

9:30 am + Frances & Charles Bundy

12:00 pm (SI) Maria Olivia Villa’s Family

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

*O my Jesus, direct my mind, take possession of my whole being, enclose me in the depths of your heart, and protect me against the assaults of the enemy. My only hope is in you. Speak through my mouth when I, wretchedness itself, find myself with the mighty and wise so that they will know that is undertaking is yours and comes from you.*

— Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska

**Let Us Pray For Our Parishioners...**

Johnny Apodaca

Tracy Barber

Joseph Carter

Angel M. Cuellas

Marie Forbert

Theresa French-R.

Amanda Garcia

Mario Garcia

Willa Graham

Myles Harris

Maria Hdz.

Aber Johnson

 Jorge Lagueruel

Deacon Larry Lisk

Daysi Martinez

Linda McKinney

Felicia Murphy

Nancy Nkwokolo

Gladys Ozor

Hector Sanchez

Maria G.Sanchez A.

Mariane Smith

Paula Rodriguez

Andrew Royster

***DePaul Academy*** *at Christ the King*

\* NC Pre-K Program

\* Children must be 4yrs old by Aug 31 2024

\* Program starts September 2024

\* Free to all who qualify

\* Pick up Application at the school

\* For more info contact the school

**(336) 781-0064 or (336) 875-1449**

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION**

Offertory: $ 5,366.00

Holy Thursday: $ 726.00

Good Friday: $ 350.00

Seminarian Education: $ 816.00

DSA: $ 1,950.00

Restricted Donation: $ 2,700.00

Mass Intension: $ 125.00

Total: $ 12,033.00

***THANK YOU!***

DSA

**2024 Parish assessment: $23,396.00**

Please be generous to the Diocesan Support Appeal. Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters & brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. You may drop your pledge cards/donation in the collection basket or donate at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa.

**CURSILLO**

Would you like to connect with a group of joyful

Catholic friends who are thriving in a disconnected

secular world? If so, Cursillo may be just the thing you are looking for. Consider an upcoming weekend:

Men’s: June 6-9 | Women's: June 27-30

Weekends at Catholic Conference Cntr, Hickory, NC

**For more information contact:**

Dr. John McKinney - (336) 886-3086 DOCLUV2RUN@HOTMAIL.COM

**Knights’ Charity Raffle**

Tickets are $5.00 each \*\* Top prize $5,000.00

**Drawing on May 4, 2024**

**Please see a Knight for tickets**

— Curtis White — Dan Shea — Oscar moreno

— John McKinney — Brian Moser

**Do you have an answer for Pontius Pilate?** Standing face to face with Reason Incarnate, Pilate asks, “What is truth?” (John 18:38). Discover how we can know the truth in a world desperately trying to deny it. **Traditional Logic starts April 23rd. FREE. FAITHFUL.**

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**336-288-1984**

**UPCOMING**

April 6 Saturday Vigil Mass returns to 5:00pm

April 13-17 Spring Furniture Market

April 22 Elder Ministry— SPRING FLING

May 3-5 Marriage Encounter Weekend

June 2 CTK FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

June 23 CTK CONFIRMATION

July 19-21 Retrouvaille Weekend

**PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED!**

- Mac & Cheese - Saltines - Cookies -

- Canned Fruit - Pasta 1Pound Box

- Pasta Sauce (NO GLASS PLEASE)

(NO MORE EGG CARTONS PLEASE)

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*Please be Sure All items are in Date & Unus*