

Dear Padre,

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina Kowalska a saint of the Church on April 30, 2000, and in a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that “throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that [we] will experience in the years to come.”

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 and spent most of her life in Poland, in the Congregation of the Virgin Mary of Mercy. She experienced an extraordinary union with God. She received exceptional graces, revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, the ability to read souls, and the gift of prophecy.

One of the images that was revealed to Faustina was that of the merciful Jesus, touching his Sacred Heart, from which beams of red and white light came forth. This image and her devotion to the divine mercies gathered thousands of supporters throughout the world. We still see the traditional image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many of our churches today. In some churches, we might see the newer image, inspired by the saint. Saint Faustina Kowalska died in 1938 at the age of thirty-three, leaving an impressive mystical legacy. She is a disciple of God’s divine mercy for the twenty-first century. ●



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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| April 8 | April 9 | April 10 | April 11 | April 12 | April 13 | April 14 |
| Annunciation of the Lord | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Third Sunday of Easter |
| Is 7:10–14; 8:10 | Acts 4:32–37 | Acts 5:17–26 | Acts 5:27–33 | Acts 5:34–42 | Acts 6:1–7 | Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 |
| Heb 10:4–10 | Jn 3:7b–15 | Jn 3:16–21 | Jn 3:31–36 | Jn 6:1–15 | Jn 6:16–21 | 1 Jn 2:1–5a |
| Lk 1:26–38 | | | | | | Lk 24:35–48 |



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The story of Thomas is in fact the story of every believer. There are times of difficulty when life seems to belie faith, moments of crisis when we need to touch and see. Like Thomas, it is precisely in those moments that we rediscover the heart of Christ, the Lord’s mercy.

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022



The Thomas Dilemma

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Will is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they’re good people, but he would like them to have faith. It’s been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can’t argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about “Doubting Thomas” experienced Will’s dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus’ wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

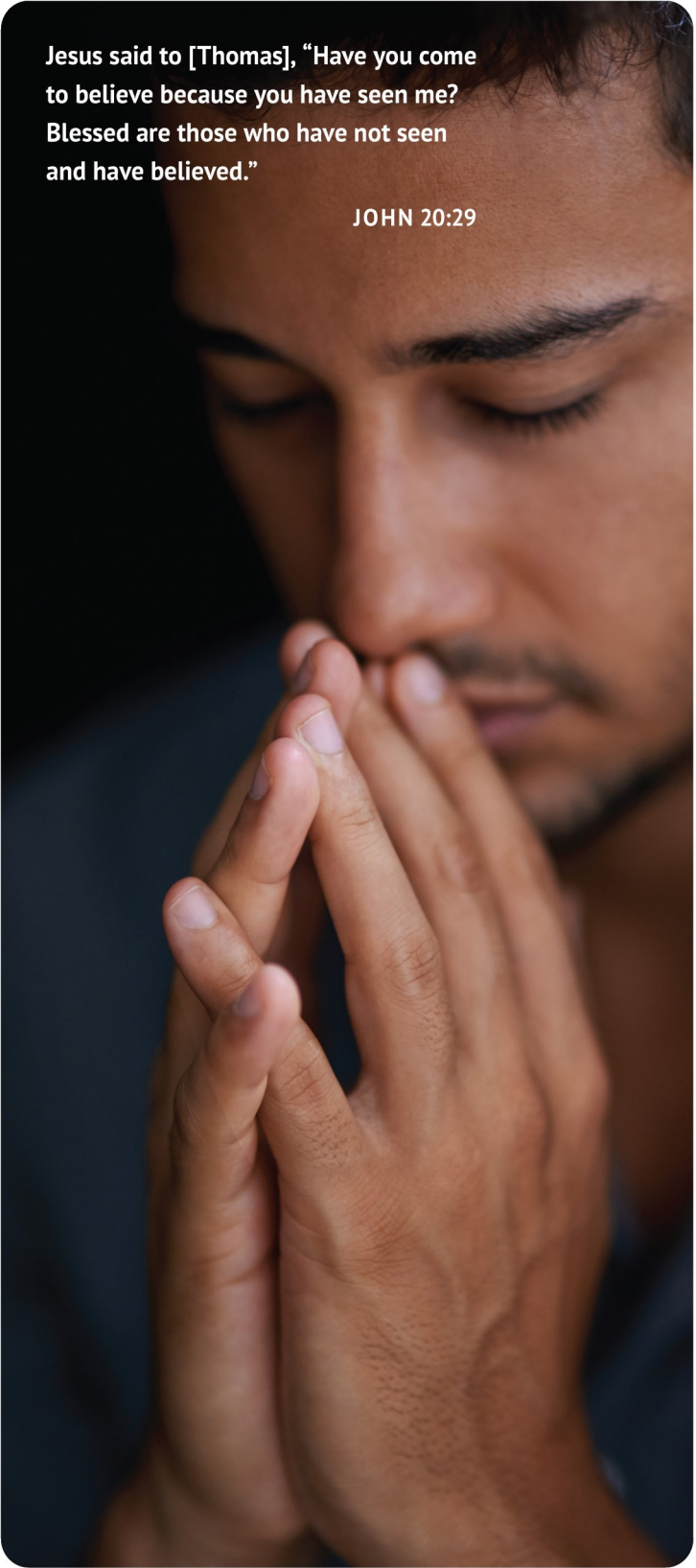
Sometimes that’s true for us. We’ve heard the truth, but we haven’t experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love. ●

Reflect

Have you ever surrendered to faith even when you were filled with doubt?

Jesus said to [Thomas], “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29





FROM THE DESK OF FATHR GILBERT

The Second Sunday of Easter, is dedicated to Divine Mercy. As we are aware our Parishes are under the protection of Divine Mercy which makes this a Feast Day for our Pastoral Unit. Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: APRIL 8TH (transferred from March 25 in 2024)

This is the ancient title for the feast celebrating the Incarnation of the Word. This feast is a joint celebration of Christ and the Blessed Virgin: of the Word who becomes the Son of Mary and the virgin who becomes the Mother of God. In the Universal Church, this liturgy celebrates the beginning of redemption. It also honours Mary as the “new Eve,” the faithful and obedient woman who responded to the call when she said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.” Luke 1.26-38

MASS WILL BE AT ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS AT 11:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2024

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| BINGO | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 26 | 40 | 58 | 73 | | | | | |
| 14 | 22 | 34 | 55 | 68 | | | | | |
| 4 | 24 | 39 | 46 | 72 | | | | | |
| 9 | 20 | 36 | 52 | 74 | | | | | |
| 6 | 28 | 35 | 49 | 64 | | | | | |

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS (44 MARIAN DRIVE PERTH ANDOVER) 50/50 BINGO SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2024 CANTEEN OPEN AT 12:30 P.M. HAMBURGERS/HOT DOGS ETC. BINGO STARTS: 1:00 P.M. CARDS: 25 CENTS. EACH. COME HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON.

The Parish of Saint Joseph (14064 Route 105, Tilley, NB) invites you to their \$0.25/card BINGO on Sunday, April 28 between 2 and 4 pm at their parish hall; canteen services available. A variety of prizes will be offered to be won, and a 50/50 ticket draw will also take place at the end of the event. Come support our parish fundraiser but mostly, come enjoy yourself with us, your friends and neighbours.

ST. ANN’S (TOBIQUE FIRST NATION) KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8405 BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY AT THE BINGO HALL DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M. EARLY BIRDS START AT 6:30 P.M. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JAMIE AT 506-273-8253.

AUCTION 45 CARD GAMES (EVERY WEDNESDAY)
ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH HALL: (WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE)
FROM 1:30 UNTIL 4:00 P.M. COST: \$5.00 PER PERSON: WITH REFRESHMENTS
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PLASTER ROCK AUCTION 45 CARD GAMES
MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. COST: \$5.00 WITH REFRESHMENTS



CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: SOCIAL ISSUES:

Many of us may have the idea that the women of the C.W.L. is an organization that only do cooking and putting on dinners **but the real work of the C.W.L. is being a conscience to Social Justice Issues** that could affect all of us and the mission of the Church. Many campaigns are ongoing to challenge the Governments and especially Canada to do the right thing. Some issues are:

Combating Textile Waste in Canada
Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste
Canadian Support for the United Nations *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*
Canada to Honour its Commitment to the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child*
Legislate Designation of Hospice/Palliative Care Services in Facilities to Exclude Medical Assistance in Dying and the ongoing campaign of **“PORNOGRAPHY HURTS EVERYONE”**
Let us ask Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patron of the C.W.L. to intercede to Her Son to help those who are addicted to pornography and other addictions.
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL: PRAY FOR US

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE OF CANADA:

are collecting stamps for Development and Peace. We are asking each parish to collect used stamps and leave them in an envelope at your parish church and we will make arrangements to pick them up and deliver them to the C.W.L. These stamps will help in the work for Development & Peace. **THANK YOU**



Catholic Women’s League:
Jackie Waye (President)
C.W.L. Contact 506- 273-2091.
Next meeting: May 1st,
Social at 3:00 pm
Meeting at 3:30 pm
Now collecting stamps for Development & Peace.
PLEASE SEE ABOVE



Knights of Columbus
Council 6414
GRAND KNIGHT:
WALTER MCDUGALL
NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 15TH at 7:00 PM,
Wish to join the Knights of Columbus;
contact James Fournier: 506-273-2637.

Knights of Columbus
Council 8405
GRAND KNIGHT:
JAMIE SAPPPIER 506-273-8253
NEXT MEETING:
MONDAY: APRIL 8TH
AT 6:00 P.M.
WILL BE MEETING IN THE
CHURCH HALL



WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY PASTORAL UNIT
BULLETIN FOR APRIL 7TH, 2024 (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EDMUNDSTON Bishop Claude Champagne o.m.i.
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E-TRANSFERS NOW AVAILABLE

For the parishioners of St. Mary of the Angels Parish, St. Patrick's Parish & St. Thomas Aquinas Parish: You are now able to make an e-mail transfer which will go directly into the parish bank account. All donations are tax receipted the same as a regular donation on Sunday.

For the parishioners of St. Mary of the Angels Parish: Send to: stmary@nb.sympatico.ca

For the parishioners of St. Patrick Parish: Send to: snbaker@xplornet.ca

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish: stthomasaquinas48@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



April 6th/April 7th: Second Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Mercy Mass-4:00 PM-Saturday, April 6th Fr. Gilbert
Mass for the People of Divine Mercy Pastoral Unit (pro populo)

St. Patrick Mass 9:00am-Sunday, April 7th Father Gilbert
+For Cyril McCarthy by Farrell and Edna McCarthy
+For the Deceased Members of the John McCarthy Family
By The Family.

St. Theresa LOTW 9:00 AM—Sunday, April 7th Judy St. Peter
No Intentions.

***St. Thomas Aq. LOTW—9:30am Sunday, April 7th Anne Dickson**
No Intentions.

St. Mary’s Mass—10:30am—Sunday, April 7th Fr. Gilbert
+For David Michael Finnamore by Mom and Dad
+For Bernadette Albert by Rita and Family
+For Leitha Ouellette by Sis Lorraine
+For Fidele Albert by Delores Susan Michaud
+For Edwina Fournier by James and Diane Fournier.

St. Joseph Mass—10:30 am Sunday, April 7th Father Cecil
No Intentions.

Assumption (BB) LOTW—11:00am—Sunday, April 7th Anne Dickson
No Intentions.

St. Ann’s Mass—12Noon—Sunday, April 7th Father Curtis
No Intentions.

***St. Thomas Aquinas new mass time will be at 10:15 a.m. &**
Assumption Blue Bell 11:30 a.m. starting on Sunday, April 14th.

UPCOMING WEEK DAY MASSES

St. Mary of the Angels: Monday, April 8th: 11:00am

St. Ann’s Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. April 9th

St. Mary of the Angels: Thursday April 11th:11:00am



Please remember those who are in our hospitals, manors, nursing homes, villas and those who are homebound in our Pastoral Unit. Prayers are requested for the following:

Brandon Bartlett, Father Curtis Sappier, Ann Babineau, Stephen Pangburn, Andre Michaud, Leroy Durepos, Cecil & Agathe Morrissey, Helen McLaughlin, Patricia Levesque, Mary Ann Agnew, Geraldine Morin, Daniella Duguay, Philip Lang, Martha Burden, Mrs. Judy Theriault, Lyn Clark, Ruth Knox, Randy Pirie, Lawrence Allen, David Simpson, Celina Landry, Sandra Nicholas, Sister Doucet r.h.s.j., Roger Robinson, David Brown, Michael MacKay, Hilda Dionne, Richard Levesque Sr., Narcisse Ouellette, Noella & Winston Merritt, Margaret Wells, Frances LeBlanc, Charles Rossignol, Ella Deschenes, Michelle Dixon-Dee, Mark Ouellette, Judy Theriault, Eileen McLaughlin, Braelyn Rossignol, Geneva & Frank Pirie, John L. Fournier and Fr. Lucien Levesque.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP: PRAY FOR US.

ASSUMPTION BLUE BELL (3710, ROUTE 108)
(EVERY) FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC
Every Friday evening from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. with music by Keith and His Country Friends. Cost: \$5.00 per person. Canteen open.

St. Patrick’s 2154 Route 130,
DSL-Grand Falls, E3Z1N3 Rummage Sale:
SATURDAYS IN APRIL
FROM 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
PLEASE NOTE: NO SALE APRIL 13TH

Assumption Blue Bell Rummage Sale:
Wednesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd, 10:00 am to 4:00 P.M.
Do not drop off any items before contacting Denise at 506-553-6661 or Linda Rossignol: 506-553-9930. **THANK YOU.**



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OUR LADY OF MERCY MEMORIAL WREATH:
Lights are shining this week for Fr. Leo Gregoire
by Father Gilbert, please, contact Doreen Roach at
506-273-3020 for more information. THANK YOU.