

From the Deacon

The opening scene in today's Gospel presents the disciples locked away in a room afraid for their lives. Jesus appears to his disciples and offers them a greeting of peace. These words are more than a simple greeting. They are a divine gift. When we are paralyzed in guilt, shame and fear, only God can free us. He gives us inner peace based on the knowledge the he is with us and that he loves us without reservation.

All of the disciples were present that evening except for one named Thomas. When Thomas encounters Jesus the following week, he makes the profound proclamation of faith before Jesus: "My Lord and my God." His doubt and disbelief are replaced by a surging faith that Jesus is God. His personal encounter with Jesus changes his outlook and life. Strengthened by this experience, Thomas, like the other disciples is now ready to proclaim to the world that Jesus is truly our Savior and that he lives.

Today's feast invites us to experience through the eyes of faith what the disciples experienced on that day. Jesus wants us to come to know him in a very personal way. Doubt and fear have no place in the life of a disciple of Jesus. His mercy and his love for us sustains us in all the moments of our lives. Jesus says that Thomas became a believer because he saw Christ. How much more blessed are we he says who have never seen him and still have believed.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are asked to humble ourselves before Jesus and to renew our faith in him. "Jesus, I trust in you." These words express our abiding faith in Jesus and in his love and mercy for us. We for our part are to then show the same love and mercy to others that we have received from the heart of Christ.

All the promises that Jesus had made to his disciples concerning his abiding presence, the gift of the Spirit, forgiveness, peace and eternal life, find their magnificent fulfillment in the account of today's Gospel of John. We who believe in the risen Lord have life because of our belief. Mercy and peace are meant to be a part of our lives. This is the guarantee that Jesus offers us today. We only have to accept his offer in faith.

In Christ,
Deacon Frank

This Week in Our Parish

- Sunday, APRIL 08 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)
1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)
COFFEE BY THE NEOCATCHUMENATE AND TACO BREAKFAST
BY THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY
- 1:00 p.m. Couples for Christ-Welsch Center
--2:00 p.m. Bible Study-Meeting Room
--3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena/Benediction-Chapel
--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Parish Hall
Monday, April 09-Mass at 6:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES
--5:00 p.m. Mondays with Mother Mary-Parish Hall
--8:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary-Chapel
- Tuesday, April 10-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.
--6:00 p.m. CCE CLASSES
--7:00 p.m. Sharing the Faith-Bishop Odin
--7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Church
--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room
--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel
- Wednesday, April 11- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm
--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Chapel
--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room
--7:00 p.m. That Man is You-Parish Hall
--7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Community Center
--7:30 p.m. Neo Cats-Meeting-Alleluia-Noah's Ark & "A",
--8:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Church
- Thursday, April 12- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm
--7:00 p.m. FTCM-Community Center
--7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room
--7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer-Bishop Odin
--7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary-Room "B"
--7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus-Parish Hall
--8:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer-Chapel
--11:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel
- Friday, April 13- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &
7:00 p.m-Church
--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Meeting Room
--7:30 p.m. Lord's Flock-Alleluia
--7:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel
--8:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Chapel
--8:00 p.m. Totus Tuus Prayer Group-Parish Hall
- Saturday- April 14- Mass at 8:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Shroud of Turin Encounter--7:00 p.m.
--7:30 a.m. Rosa Mystica Rosary-Chapel
--12:00 p.m. USCAT-Alleluia
--12:00 p.m. Antonio Sanchez & Vitalia -Wedding-Church
--2:00 p.m. Riqui Morales & Krista -Wedding-Church
--4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church
--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Welsch Center
- Sunday, APRIL 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)
1:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m. (English)
COFFEE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST BY THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS @ THE COMMUNITY CENTER
- 1:00 p.m. Couples for Christ-Welsch Center
--2:00 p.m. African Community-Parish Hall
--2:30 p.m. God the Father Prayer Group-Chapel
--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Meeting Room

SECOND SUNDAY, SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY



Shroud Encounter

Notre Dame Catholic Church
Saturday, April 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
\$5.00 Admission

The Shroud of Turin is the most analyzed artifact in the world yet remains a mystery. The 14-foot linen cloth has been in Italy for over 400 years. The Turin contains an image of a crucified man with apparent wounds and bloodstains that match the crucifixion as recorded in the bible. A team of nearly 40 scientists in 1981 concluded it was not the work of an artist. They found no visible trace of paint, pigment, dye or other artistic substances on the cloth. The blood is type AB with human DNA as determined in 1995. If the cloth indeed wrapped a corpse, there are no stains of body decomposition.

Hearts of Jesus & Mary Ministries

presents

“Powerful 2018 Houston Retreat”

By Brother Uwakwe C. Chukwu

Theme: “Cripple that Strongman”

Friday, April 27 5pm-10pm

Saturday, April 28 2pm-10pm

Sunday, April 29 11am Mass

Venue:

Notre Dame Catholic Church

At the Community Center

Contact Josephine Uzoanya @ 832-602-6905

For more information.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP

May 19, Saturday, 9a.m. to 5p.m.; Ave Maria Center,

St Laurence Catholic Parish, Sugar Land

If you like to experience the power of the HOLY SPIRIT and practice his charismatic gifts, attend this Workshop! This is a hands-on presentation of the charismatic gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT (1 Cor. 12:7-11): the gifts of tongues, interpretation, prophecy, word of knowledge and wisdom, discernment, faith, healing and miracles. Fr. Mark Goring, director of the Catholic Charismatic Center, is our main speaker; he brings with him a team of spirit-filled speakers. The Workshop ends with a powerful healing service. This Workshop is free and lunch is provided. To register, call Deacon Rey Arellano (713-854-8804).

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY, April 08-

Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Jn 5: 1-6; Jn 20: 19-31

--7:00 a.m. + Delfin & Vicenta Jugueta

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. + Obinna Izuakor (Birthday)

--1:00 p.m. + Ramiro Rincon

--5:00 p.m. + Jarret Vanderwilt

Monday, April 09- Monday in Octave of Easter

Is 7: 10-14; 8:10; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1:26-38

--6:15 a.m. + Antonio Otero

--7:00 p.m. + Anthony Thekkekara

Tuesday, April 10- Tuesday in Octave of Easter

Acts 4: 32-37; Jn 3: 7b-15

--6:15 a.m. Melissa y Vanessa Alvarez (Spec. Int.)

--6:30 p.m. + Gertrudis L. Paras

Wednesday, April 11- Wednesday in Octave of Easter

Acts 5: 17-26; Jn 3: 16-21

--6:15 a.m. + Dinh Viet Thuc

--7:00 p.m. Vocations

Thursday, April 12- Thursday in Octave of Easter

Acts 5: 27-33; Jn 3: 31-36

--6:15 a.m. Chinelo Nsobundu (Birthday)

--7:00 p.m. + Timoteo Say Gan

Friday, April 13- Friday in Octave of Easter

Acts 5: 34-42; Jn 6: 1-15

--6:15 a.m. + Juan Aguila, Sr.

--10:00 a.m. + Pedro Bautista (Death Anniversary)

--7:00 p.m. + Kosulu Ughanze (Death Anniversary)

Saturday, April 14-Saturday in Octave of Easter

Acts 6: 1-7; Jn 6: 16-21

--8:00 a.m. + Amadi Family (Thanksgiving)

--5:00 p.m. Anna Helen Nguyen (Birthday)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, April 15-

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5a; Lk 24: 35-48

--7:00 a.m. + Elizabeth, Martha & Philippe Nguyen

--9:00 a.m. + Simeon Daen

--11:00 a.m. + Marcelina O'Limpo

--1:00 p.m. + Zoila Ferrufino

--5:00 p.m. All Parishioners



2018 Sessions:

**Bible Study/Reflection: Every 2nd & 4th
Sundays of the month**

Place: Meeting Room-CCE Complex

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sactuary Candles burning in Memory of:

Mariano Apao

From: Mina Labuga



Barbara Collier, Cary Kearns, Francisco Saiza, Alfred Mikula, Mike Rios, Joel Castro, Antonio Macrohon, Becky Navarro, Mary Lou Walker, Ianne P. Quila, Anthony & Maria Tran, Sue Zientek, Jesus de Mora, Mike Trimbom, Trisha Lovetro Koch, Mel Gayao, Severo Zapata, Ma. Dolores D. Zapata, Madelaine Zenaida, Richard & Iris Treviño, Lucita Ramirez, Sidonia Klekar, Patricia Miata, Loc Ngo, Loan Ho.....
and ALL sick members of our parish community.

Homebound: Visited by our Ministers of the Sick...

Lydia Agustin, Sam Barletta, Dolly Cyganski, Elizabeth Misri, Carolyn Starrette, Francisca Salaria, Rosa Waguespack, Don Wenglar, Stephen Mustafa Kroma, Lawrence Carter, Patricia Mohnorah, Zenaida Maglalang, Carmen Calderas...

We Welcome all of our New Catholics



Please continue to pray for them throughout the year so that their faith continues to grow...

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| Yanelis Morejon | Alessandra Hernandez |
| Francisca Morejon | Alexandra Santes |
| Esperanza Morejon | Juan Santes |
| José Guzman | Nataly Gomez |
| Liam Guzman | Angela Casia |
| Anthony Alvarez | Carlos Medrano |
| Christopher Alvarez | William Bernardi |
| Susana Alvarez | Carlos Alcantar |
| Monserrat Blancas | Abel Maldonado |
| Jazmin Rediske | Claudia Reyes |
| Trinity Tran | Rene Díaz Marcos |
| Jolynn Truong | Priscila Guevara |
| Allan Patino | |

PARISH SUPPORT

**Financial Results for Church Operations
Six Months: July-December, 2017**

Receipts.....	\$473,006
Expenses.....	\$518,069
3 Month Deficit.....	\$ 45,063

PARISH WEEKLY NEEDS \$17,500

Collection 04/01/2018

Regular Collection.....	\$21,104.58
Poor Box.....	\$149.73
Novena	\$227.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$10,759.39
 Holy Thursday.....	 \$1,757.48
Holy Land.....	\$1,459.41
Salubong.....	\$565.40

**Parish Goal \$105,000
DSF (453 Families)-**

Pledged.....	\$87,790.00
Payment.....	\$49,703.35

**Notre Dame Prepares for its 50th Year Anniversary
We Need Your Help!**

Take lots of pictures of your group meetings, activities, celebrations, etc. for the Parish Pictorial Directory Special Edition. Send pictures to admin@ndgh.org or accounting@ndgh.org or bring them to the parish office.

**CCE Office Hours/ Horario de Oficina CCE
281-495-1256**

- Monday/Lunes.....4-8 pm
- Tuesday/Martes.....4-8 pm
- Wednesday/Miércoles.....9 am-2pm
- Thursday/Jueves.....9am-5pm
- Friday & Saturday.....Closed/Cerrado
- Sunday/Domingo.....9am-1pm

**Hours subject to change/Horario sujeto a cambio*

Religious Life for Women:

Live from six months to a year with the Religious Sisters Disciples of Jesus helping in parish ministry. Organizing catechism. Teaching children religious education. Experience religious life by serving in a parish. Call Mother Rosita 832-297-1315

SECOND SUNDAY, SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Del Diácono

La escena de apertura en el Evangelio de hoy presenta a los discípulos encerrados en una habitación temerosos por sus vidas. Jesús se aparece a sus discípulos y les ofrece un saludo de paz. Estas palabras son más que un simple saludo. Sus palabras son un regalo divino. Cuando estamos paralizados en la culpa, la vergüenza y el miedo, solo Dios puede liberarnos. Él nos da paz interna basada en el conocimiento de que Él está con nosotros y que nos ama sin reservas.

Todos los discípulos estuvieron presentes esa noche excepto por Tomás. Cuando Thomas se encuentra con Jesús la semana siguiente, hace la profunda proclamación de fe ante Jesús: "Mi Señor y mi Dios". Su duda e incredulidad son reemplazadas por una creciente fe de que Jesús es Dios. Su encuentro personal con Jesús cambia su perspectiva y vida. Fortalecido por esta experiencia, Tomás, como los demás discípulos, ahora está listo para proclamar al mundo que Jesús es verdaderamente nuestro Salvador y que Él vive.

La fiesta de hoy nos invita a experimentar a través de los ojos de la fe lo que los discípulos experimentaron en ese día. Jesús quiere que lo conozcamos de una manera personal. La duda y el miedo no tienen lugar en la vida de un discípulo de Jesús. Su misericordia y su amor por nosotros nos sostiene en todos los momentos de nuestras vidas. Jesús dice que Tomás se hizo creyente porque vio a Cristo. Cuantos más benditos somos, los que no lo han visto y han creído.

En este Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, se nos pide humillarnos ante Jesús y renovar nuestra fe en Él. "Jesús, confío en ti". Estas palabras expresan nuestra fe permanente en Jesús y en su amor y misericordia por nosotros. Es por eso que debemos mostrar el mismo amor y misericordia hacia los demás ya que lo hemos recibido del Sagrado Corazón de Cristo.

Todas las promesas que Jesús hizo a sus discípulos con respecto a su presencia permanente, el don del Espíritu, el perdón, la paz y la vida eterna, encuentran su magnífico cumplimiento en el relato del Evangelio de Juan. Nosotros que creemos en el Señor resucitado tenemos vida debido a nuestra creencia. La misericordia y la paz están destinadas a ser parte de nuestras vidas. Esta es la garantía que Jesús nos ofrece hoy. Solo tenemos que aceptar su oferta en la fe.

En Cristo,

Diácono Frank

EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Domingo 08 de Abril-

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Lunes, 09 de Abril-

--9:00 a.m. AMSIF-Salón Parroquial y Varios Salones

--7:00 p.m. RICA-Centro Comunitario

--7:00 p.m. Legión de María-Salón Odín

Martes 10 de Abril –

--7:00 p.m. Catecismo de la Iglesia-Salón de Conferencias

Miércoles 11 de Abril-

--7:00 p.m. Coro en Español-Salón "F"

--7:30 p.m. Rosario en Español-Capilla

--8:00 p.m. Coro Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "G"

--8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz-Salones Odín y Conferencias

Jueves 12 de Abril-

--7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones "F" y "G"

Viernes 13 de Abril-

--6:00 p.m. Legión de María Jóvenes-Salón "E"

--7:00 p.m. Grupo ELI-Salones B,C,E y G

--7:00 p.m. Solo para Parejas-"Meeting Room"

--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón "A"

--7:00 p.m. Preparación de Matrimonio-Salón de Conferencias

Sábado 14 de Abril-

--4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Movimiento Familiar Cristiano-Salón Aleluya

--7:00 p.m. ELI-Salón "C"

--8:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Meeting Room

Domingo 15 de Abril-

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Vida Religiosa Para Mujeres

Vive de seis meses a un año con las Hermanas Religiosas Discípulas de Jesús ayudando en ministerio parroquial. Organizando el catecismo. Enseñando niños educación religiosa. Experimenta la vida religiosa sirviendo en una parroquia. Llama a Madre Rosita 832-297-1315
¡Gracias, Que Dios los bendiga!

Encuentro con el Manto de Turín

Iglesia Católica de Notre Dame
Sábado, 14 de Abril a las 7:00 p.m.
Admisión de \$5.00

El Manto de Turín es el artefacto más analizado en el mundo y sigue siendo un misterio. El lienzo de 14 pies ha estado en Italia por más de 400 años. El Turín contiene una imagen de un hombre crucificado con heridas aparentes y manchas de sangre que coinciden con la crucifixión como se registra en la Biblia. Un equipo de casi 40 científicos en 1981 concluyó que no era obra de un artista. No encontraron rastros visibles de pintura, pigmento, tinte u otras sustancias artísticas en la tela. La sangre es tipo AB con ADN humano como se determinó en 1995. Si la tela de hecho envolvió un cadáver, no hay manchas de descomposición del cuerpo.