

MASS INTENTIONS FOR April 7 –15, 2018

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday,	April 7	5:00 pm	For + Jaime & + Maria Araujo by Mike and Estrela Pereira
Sunday,	April 8	9:30 am	For Deceased Members of the Simoes and Rocha families by Ron and Cecilia Fernandes
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Tuesday,	April 10	9:30 am	Mass with Anne Fitzgerald School For + Colin Hansen by Fern and Carmen
		1:30 pm	Mass with St. Maria Goretti School
Wednesday,	April 11	9:00 am	For Tesfu Mehreteab and family by Tsega Yosef
Thursday,	April 12	9:00 am	For + Arsenio Balanga by Florence Ball
Friday,	April 13	7:00 pm	Community Intentions Zorine Mathias (birthday)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday,	April 14	5:00 pm	For + Rhea Sirianni by the CWL
Sunday,	April 15	9:30 am	For + Jacinto Pereira by Mike and Estrela
		11:30 am	For + Edwin Pfeider by Estrella Mendoza

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK :

Thursday, April 12 7:00 pm Legion of Mary



BLOOD DONOR CLINIC. *YOU HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE LIFE!!!*

Wednesday, April 18, 3:30—7:30 pm
At Kingsway Legion 14339-50 Street

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER AND DANCE: May 12 @ ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH HALL 6:30—11 pm Tickets only \$30.00 each

Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. 5 course dinner and dance to the music of "The Romantics" (a live band). Tickets will be available after each mass or by calling Noel @ 780-478-1623 or Don @ 780-634-8684 or the parish office 780-478-0198. Come join us for a fun evening of dance, dinner with your friends and parishioners.



Grace with lines inspired by this weeks readings.



Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word. May we pray for those who do not believe because they have not seen.

All: Lord, Jesus, Make us believers to have true faith and trust in you.

Together: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen"

After the meal: "We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever. Amen"

HEARING, REFLECTING AND LIVING THE WORD

John 20;20b-23

Hearing the Word: The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Reflecting on the Word: Through the breath of the Holy Spirit Jesus animates the souls of his disciples and sends them out to change the world. That same breath is always surrounding us everywhere we go. We simply need to intend to tap into it and we can also be filled with the Holy spirit and the ability to preach and heal through our lives. **This isn't a call reserved for the few.** Imagine if with each breath we took, we blessed those around us. Such a blessing would transform how we see and are seen with each exhale.

How do you think the disciples felt when they saw Christ again?

What does it mean for the disciples to forgive or retain sin?

Living the Word: Gather the family in your prayer space and guide them through the following meditation. Take a deep breath in as you allow your eyelids to gently close. Notice how your eyelashes rest gently on your cheeks, the rise and fall of your breath, and the beating of your heart. For a moment, imagine yourself in a beautiful place in nature, and as you look to your right you notice a kind person beckoning you. As you approach, the person places his/her hands on your shoulders and gently breathes on the top of your head filling you with a warm white light. As you soak it in, notice every muscle, every cell feeling more relaxed and more alive.

SUMMER CAMPS: Summer registration is open online for **Camp Encounter** and **Our Lady of Victory Camp**. Programs are available for campers and youth aged 8-14 with leadership opportunities for youth aged 14-18. Register online at www.olvc.ab.ca or www.campencounter.com.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: PALM SUNDAY, 2018
MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS
Con't from Palm Sunday's bulletin

Today, there are many young people who feel the need to be different from who they really are, in an attempt to adapt to an often artificial and unattainable standard .

They continuously “photo-shop” their images, hiding behind masks and false identities, almost becoming *fake* selves. Many are obsessed by receiving as many “likes” as possible. Multiple fears and uncertainties emerge from this sense of inadequacy. Others fear that they will not be able to find an emotional security and that they will remain alone. Many, faced with the uncertainty of work, fear not being able to find a satisfactory professional position, or to fulfil their dreams. Today a large number of young people are full of fear, both believers and non-believers. Indeed, those who have accepted the gift of faith and seek their vocation seriously are not exempt from fears. Some think: perhaps God is asking or will ask too much of me; perhaps, by following the road he has marked out for me, I will not be truly happy, or I will not be able to do what he asks of me. Others think: if I follow the path that God shows me, who can guarantee that I will be able to follow it through? Will I become discouraged? Will I lose my enthusiasm? Will I be able to persevere for the whole of my life?

In moments when doubts and fears flood our hearts, *discernment* becomes necessary. It allows us to bring order to the confusion of our thoughts and feelings, to act in a just and prudent way. In this process, the first step in overcoming fears is to identify them clearly, so as not to find yourself wasting time and energy by being gripped by empty and faceless ghosts. And so, I invite all of you to look within yourselves and to “name” your fears. Ask yourselves: what upsets me, what do I fear most in this specific moment of my life today? What blocks me and prevents me from moving forward? Why do I lack the courage to make the important choices I need to make? Do not be afraid to face your fears honestly, to recognize them for what they are and to come to terms with them. The Bible does not ignore the human experience of fear nor its many causes. Abraham was afraid (cf. *Gen 12:10ff*), Jacob was afraid (cf. *Gen 31:31; 32:7*), and so were Moses (cf. *Ex 2:14; 17:4*), Peter (cf. *Mt 26:69ff*) and the Apostles (cf. *Mk 4:38-40; Mt 26:56*). Jesus himself, albeit in an incomparable way, experienced fear and anguish (cf. *Mt 26:37; Lk 22:44*).

“Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?” (*Mk 4:40*). In admonishing his disciples Jesus helps us to understand how the obstacle to faith is often not *skepticism* but *fear*. Thus understood, the work of discernment identifies our fears and can then help us to overcome them, opening us to life and helping us to calmly face the challenges that come our way. For us Christians in particular, fear must never have the last word but rather should be an occasion to make an act of faith in God... and in life! This means believing in the fundamental goodness of the existence that God has given us and trusting that he will lead us to a good end, even through circumstances and vicissitudes which often bewilder us. Yet if we harbour fears, we will become inward-looking and closed off to defend ourselves from everything and everyone, and we will remain paralyzed. We have to act! Never close yourself in! In the Sacred Scriptures the expression “do not be afraid” is repeated 365 times with different variations, as if to tell us that the Lord wants us to be free from fear, every day of the year. Con't next week.



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7/8, 2018

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Easter Sunday Collection: \$ 8, 813.00
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REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS.

2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

“I’ll need to see some proof.” “Can you back that up?” “How can you be certain?” Have you used any of those expressions today?

Influenced by the scientific mindset which shapes so much of our way of looking at the world, most of us want proof for anything beyond our experience. We don’t want to be “taken in” by extravagant claims or wild speculations

So today’s Gospel, the story of “**Doubting Thomas**,” has a modern appeal. Thomas wants proof of the Resurrection. Scripture scholar Father Raymond Brown notes that, in John’s Gospel, Thomas’s story is part of a string of experiences linking faith to something concrete: the Beloved Disciple sees folded cloths in the tomb, Mary Magdalene hears Christ’s voice, the disciples see the risen Lord. It’s natural for Thomas to want concrete evidence.

But the evangelist and Jesus, Father Brown notes, are interested in a different reaction: **What about those who believe *without any physical evidence***? Clearly, John wants his readers to make an act of faith, for Jesus calls such believers “blessed.”

When we hear this Gospel proclaimed at Mass today, we can draw some reassurances from our fellow believers. The idealistic portrait of the Church in the first reading may not mirror our own parishes in every detail. But when our individual faith wavers, we can gain strength from the Holy Spirit at work in the midst of a community of faith.