

April 8, 2018 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday



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## Next Sunday's Readings: 4-15-2018

3rd Sunday of Easter



**First Reading** — The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

**Second Reading** — The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

**Gospel** — Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

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✦ Please join the Faith Sharing group after Thursday morning Mass. Come and talk about our Catholic faith and how it influences our lives over coffee with friends.



Dear Parishioners:

---**Easter Sunday** was a great day of Joy and Hope for all Christians and the whole world. Yet, **the second Sunday of Easter**, is now known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, is also a great and Joyful day because what the Lord has and continues to do through **His Mercy** for us and especially for the whole world.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**, a feast recovers an ancient liturgical tradition, reflected in a teaching attributed to St. Augustine about the Easter Octave, which he called "*the days of mercy and pardon*," referring to Octave Day itself as "*the compendium of the days of mercy*."

There is no need to force a link between *Divine Mercy* and *the Gospel story of Thomas and the Risen Christ*. The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday does not compete with, nor endanger the integrity of the Easter Season, nor does it take away from Thomas' awesome encounter with the Risen Lord in today's Gospel. **Divine Mercy Sunday** is the Octave Day of Easter, celebrating the merciful love of God shining through the whole Easter Triduum and the whole Easter mystery.

At St. Faustina's canonization, Pope John Paul II said in his homily before hundreds of thousand of people in St. Peter's Square: "*Jesus shows his hands and his side to the Apostles. He points to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity*." This is indeed, Divine Mercy of our GOD.

---**Congratulation to all the "New Catholics"**: The Neophytes (*newly baptized*), those who were received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church at the **Easter Vigil** (*Saturday, March 31*). The Church is much richer because of **all of YOU** and the Church is more alive because of the many unique stories of your faith journey and especially, your continue encounter with the **Risen Christ** in our Eucharistic community.

---Please, also, keep our **Confirmation Candidates** (*High School aged and Baptized Catholic Adult*) in your prayer as they're preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation **at St. Gabriel Church at 7:00 PM on Monday May 7**, by Bishop Eusebio Elizondo.

---Please, also, keep the children who are preparing for **First Holy Communion** in your prayer; their special day will be **Sunday, May 6 at the 9:30 AM (English) and 1:00 PM (Spanish) Masses**.

---**CHRIST has risen ..... ALLELUIA!!!** ..... a familiar phrase for all Christians, but so special for all of us to proclaim not just with our lips but living as witnesses to this new reality. May the "**risen Christ**" bless you and all your families in this Holy Easter Season and throughout the whole year.

Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Phuong Hoang

## Weekly Schedule

### April 8, Divine Mercy Sunday

9:30 AM Mass

Pro Life Rosary after Mass

RE Class - 11:15AM - 12:45PM

1:00 PM Mass in Spanish

The following classes are in Spanish

4-6 PM Marriage ~ 7-9 PM Baptism



### April 9, Monday the Annunciation of the Lord

K of C Rosary at 5:30 PM followed

by meeting at 6 PM.

### April 10, Tuesday

7-9 PM Catechists meeting

### April 11, Wednesday St Stanislaus

6-7:30 PM Choir practice

### April 12, Thursday Holocaust Remembrance Day

9:00 AM Cursillo meeting

10:00 AM Mass

10:45 AM Faith Sharing

Noon - St Monica meeting, please bring a bag lunch

### April 13, Friday St Martin 1

7-9 PM Teen Group ~ Spanish

### April 14, Saturday

10:00 AM Rosary Makers meeting

4:30 PM Mass

7-9 PM Hispanic Rosary & Coro

### April 15, 3rd Sunday of Easter

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### Ministry Teams:

April 14, Saturday - TEAM 2 Andrea Newcomer

April 15, Sunday - TEAM 3 Lynn Zumwalt

Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5

**WELCOME ~ BIEN VENIDOS!**  
**Thank you for celebrating with us.**  
**Rev. Phuong V. Hoang, Pastor**  
**Deacon John Ricciardi**

*If you are a visitor or new to Prince of Peace Parish,  
we welcome you to join in our many activities.*

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### Giving: Triduum 2018

Weekly Budgeted Goal ~ \$4,195.23

Holy Thursday ~ \$637.00

(The \$637 goes to Good Samaritan Account)

Good Friday ~ \$0

Rice Bowl Boxes ~ \$887.00

Easter ~ \$5,820.69

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**Thank you for your faithful  
stewardship & generosity as always.**



*April*  
**is dedicated to the  
Holy Eucharist & Holy**

### Word of Life

"While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin."

Learn how you can become an instrument of mercy at

[www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing"

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Sanctity of Life †



### **Prayer Requests ~ Oremos al Señor**

*In your kindness and charity towards others, please pray for the sick, the homebound, the imprisoned, the unemployed, all military overseas, and those who are held in our hearts:*

Archbishop Sartain, Jim & Joanna LeBlanc, Don Myer, Wendy & Jace Erickson, Luke Shiver-9 *moths old*, Harry Tachelll, Lucas Zick, Al Swenson, Carol Warborg, Kevin Connelly, Bill & Beverly Unruh, Bob, Louise & Taryn Houghtelling, Namoi Layhers, Brenda & Howard Riggelman, Lanny & Diana Zwan, Tom Lynch, Joseph Rodrick, Liam Riggelman-Howard, Thomasina Rogers, Katie Comer, Gerard Fitzpatrick and Maguiel Peredo.

† **For the souls of all those who have died, may God grant them the joy of eternal life & peace for their families.**

### **Monthly Meetings and Special Events - April 2018**

#### **Prayer Garden Project - ongoing month of April & May**

4-9 K of C, 5:30 Rosary followed by meeting at 6 PM

4-12 St Monica Guild meeting at noon

4-14 Rosary Makers meeting 10 AM (*Rosary sale 4-29-18*)

4-18 K of C 4th Degree (*time to be determined*)

4-28/29 Rosary Makers, Rosary sale after all Masses.

*Note: this is not the full parish calendar of meetings and events.*

*Please note the schedule is subject to change.*

### **Prince of Peace Prayer Garden**

*Celebrating the upcoming 25th anniversary of our church building*



We know you've been looking at dirt and mud since the fall of last year. We were just given the 'go ahead' to begin our garden project to beautify the exterior of the church.

First, the ceramic markers that were located on the old bushes were saved and each one of those markers will have a brick in the garden.

Second, we will be selling inscribed bricks to put in the shape of a cross from the upper exterior doors to the outside garden. Last week there was an insert in the bulletin with details of the cost to purchase the bricks.

Third, the amount of money we raise for this project will allow us to do more or less of what needs to be done, such as: exterior lighting, irrigation, electrical outlets on both sides of building, new front doors, and an update to the top Cross on the church building, plus the work that is represented in the graphic above. If additional funds are raised, we will pave the Way of the Cross path in the back of the church building so that we can use it year round. This will allow us to apply for a tax break on that portion of the land.

Many thanks to Remigio Miguel and Shirley Swenson for their dedicated patience in planning this project. Both of them have worked very hard to get this project off the ground. We have a commitment from our Hispanic community to maintain the gardens weekly.

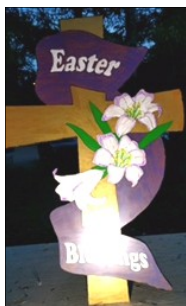
Now we need to sell the bricks, to pave a Cross to the center of our faith. There will be a representative with forms for the bricks to be purchased after Masses on the weekends. We will keep you updated on the progress of our beautiful prayer garden.



classes for 2018 school year will be held Sundays from 11:15A-12:45P upcoming class dates: April 15, 22.

**SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE** - It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Thank you to Father Belisle for celebrating the Triduum for us. His strength and stamina is incredible. Thank you to all our volunteers who made the Triduum very special. We have a spirit filled group of parishioners and friends here at Prince of Peace. May your Easter Season be full of blessings. Alleluia!  
*Thank you to Ken R. for sharing his pictures of the Easter Vigil.*