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Confessions

St. Luke
Saturday before Mass 3:00 - 3:45 pm

St. Joseph
Sunday before Mass 9:30 - 9:45 am

Bulletin announcements and calendar changes should be typed and submitted by Tuesday to the parish office or emailed to saintluke.eureka@gmail.com



*“Blessed are those who
have not seen and have
believed”*

Jn 20:29

Divine Mercy *April 7, 2024*

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Like Christmas, Easter is too big to be contained to just one day, so we celebrate it as an octave, ending with Divine Mercy Sunday. The link between the resurrection and mercy may not be immediately obvious to us, primarily because we have a bad habit of reducing mercy to simple forgiveness, but the two do indeed go hand in hand.

The Latin word for mercy, *miserericordiae*, gives us more insight. It is a compound word made up of *miseriae* (unhappy or miserable) and *cordis* (heart). The merciful person is thus miserable of heart. The cause of their sorrow is seeing the misery of another. Mercy takes on another’s suffering as if it was our own, prompting action to resolve whatever causes harm.

Mercy is very closely related to love. When we love someone, we identify ourselves with them. Their good is our good and their suffering is our suffering. Mercy can be understood as a subset or aspect of love. If we love someone, we will be merciful with them, i.e. we will try to resolve whatever causes them sorrow.

At times, this will mean forgiving offenses, but mercy goes much further. Not only will we forgive, we will also take concrete steps to help the one struggling, even if doing so comes at great personal cost. Now the link between Easter and divine mercy becomes clear. Our Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection were acts of great love undertaken to free us from the misery of sin and death. They are acts of mercy.

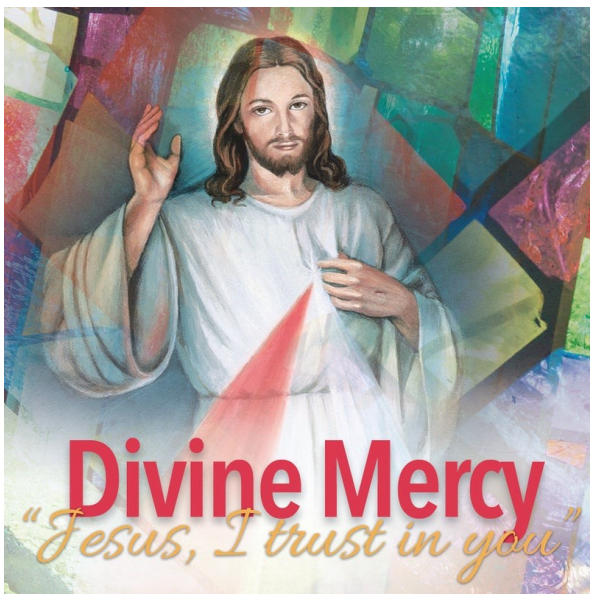
Our Easter celebration is not just us marveling at what great things God has done. Our joy includes and is intensified by the knowledge that He has done such great things for me, a poor sinner who in no way deserves it. “I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.” His mercy continues to be poured out on the world whenever a sinner repents. Once again Christ frees them from sin and returns them to life. No person of good will need ever again fear for their salvation, for “His mercy endures forever.”

The God of love and mercy has saved us and remains with us today, and so we rejoice. For those of faith, there is no greater source of joy than Easter. For those without faith, there’s not much joy in Easter at all. It lacks the nostalgia and romanticism of Christmas, which is probably why it doesn’t have a large place in broader American culture. When we rejoice it is a sign of our faith and a witness that the Lord lives. Our joy, especially in difficult circumstances, may be what brings the faithless “to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and... through this belief... have life in his name.”

In Christ,
Fr. Mattingly

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat, April 6	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Sharon Gries by Joseph & Barbara Pitlik
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Pro Populo
Sunday, April 7	Divine Mercy
8:00 am at St. Luke	Intention of the Celebrant
10:00am at St. Joseph	Gioletti Family by Ann Gioletti
Monday, April 8	The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00 am at St. Luke	No Mass
Tue, April 9	
8:00 am at St. Luke	No Mass
Wed, April 10	Weekday
9:00 am at St. Luke	Jim Meares by Marilyn Weidner
Thur, April 11	St. Stanislaus
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Fri, April 12	Weekday
8:00 am at St. Joseph	Teresa Martino by Michele Boland & Gia
Sat, April 13	Vigil for Sunday
4:00 pm at St. Luke	Pro Populo
5:30 pm at St. Joseph	Donna Coffey by Stephen Coffey
Sunday, April 14	3rd Sunday of Easter
8:00 am at St. Luke	Richard Ashbrook by Nancy Sales
10:00am at St. Joseph	Intention of the Celebrant



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 7

- 9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke)
- 9:00 am Adult Education (St. Luke)
- 9:00 am Coffee & Donuts (St. Luke)
- 9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)
- 11:00am Food, Faith & Friends Potluck (St. Joseph)

Monday, April 8

- 8:00 am No Mass (St. Luke)
- 8:30 am Rosary (St. Luke)

Tuesday, April 9

- 8:00 am No Mass (St. Luke)

Wednesday, April 10

- 8:00 am Adoration (St. Luke)
- 6:30 pm Scriptural Rosary (St. Joseph)

Sunday, April 14

- 9:00 am Faith Formation (St. Joseph & St. Luke)
- 9:00 am Adult Education (St. Luke)
- 9:30 am Rosary (St. Joseph)

FOOD, FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Food, Faith and Fellowship potluck will be on April 7 after the 10 am Mass at St. Joseph's. The main dish will be fried chicken. Bring a dish to share or simply come and enjoy great food and fellowship!



COFFEE AND DONUTS



Coffee and donuts will be served Sunday, April 7 at St. Luke's after the 8:00 am mass. All are invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 31

	St. Luke	St. Joseph
Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,732.44	\$ 1,431.34
Building Fund Offerings	<i>see Roof Fund</i>	\$ -
Votive Candles Offerings		
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 1,732.44	\$ 1,431.34
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 2,314.63	\$ 1,425.00
CDOP Collections - Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ 293.00	\$ 35.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 100,332.52	\$ 54,771.84
Budgeted INCOME YTD	\$ 90,270.38	\$ 55,575.00
Surplus or Deficit YTD	\$ 10,062.15	\$ (803.16)

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