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Second Sunday in Easter

15 APRIL 2012

Feast of Christ, King of Divine Mercy

In his first appearances to his disciples Jesus filled them with the gifts of his presence and peace, the call to participate in his mission, and the Holy Spirit. With these gifts he not only strengthened their faith, but also increased their joy and empowered them in their struggle against sin.

These gifts were not meant only for the disciples in the Upper Room, but are for all believers. They are for all of us today if we open our hearts in faith to the Risen One and greet him in the words of the converted Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

Today we celebrate the feast of Jesus, King of Divine Mercy.

This consoling devotion is centered on Christ's merciful love for sinners. We all need this devotion because we all need to experience Christ's forgiveness and compassion. Likewise, we all have the duty to become instruments of his mercy to our neighbor. In the Eucharist, let us ask for the grace to be merciful.



DID YOU NOTICE? Today is called the "**Second Sunday of Easter**," not the "First Sunday after Easter." Our celebration of Easter is not over. These Sundays of Easter continue to present the mystery of Jesus Christ's victory. The readings begin with the "signs and wonders" abounding in those earliest days. Sick people lay in the street, hoping that at least Peter's "shadow might fall on one or another of them." Then, in a powerful passage from the Book of Revelation, the visionary falls down "as though dead" upon seeing the victorious Christ. But Christ extends a gentle touch: "Do not be afraid ... once I was dead, but now I am alive forever."

In the Gospel, that same Christ appears and breathes on the disciples, and gently leads Thomas to believe. This Christ—more powerful than any evil force, victorious over death itself—touches us and whispers, "**Do not be afraid.**"

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GREAT SUNDAY

The fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exaltation as **one "Great Sunday."** These are the days, above all other days, for singing "Alleluia!" The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ begins a new age—the age of a new creation in which God and humanity are reconciled in Christ; the age of God's abiding presence through the Spirit of Christ. As God's Spirit blew over the waters on the first day of creation, so does Christ's Spirit infuse and direct the new creation in us. During this Eastertide, let us continue to jubilantly rejoice in God's graciousness!



As you well know, our Archdiocese is quite vast and offers many pastoral and administrative services to over 200 parishes. In order to adequately maintain its mission,

everyone is invited to take a spiritual and material part in the missionary dynamism of our Church in Montreal. That is why all the parishes contribute, according to their own possibilities, to the diocesan financial effort, and the Diocesan Annual Collection adds to these individual efforts.

24TH ANNUAL COLLECTION of the Church of Montreal-

APRIL 15, 22 & 29, 2012

Special Second Collection will be taken up on these Sundays.

Please be generous. Thank You.



The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion



The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

A. Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B. Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C. Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

(www.thedivinemercy.org.)



**Hail, King of Mercy Divine,
King of Glory, King of Love!**

Shafts of multicolored light radiate from your heart to be a source of hope and comfort to all those who feel broken and doomed.

**I come to you, sinful and in pain,
not daring to raise my eyes to you,
the source of all holiness and consolation.**

I know I am not worthy even to stand in front of you, for I have turned my back on you, time and again in my quest for pleasure and proud assertiveness.

But I also know, deep in my heart, that your love unto death for me is stronger than my sinfulness; your mercy is greater than my unworthiness. And so I dare to plead that you will treat me as you treated your stubborn disciples and the unbelieving Thomas. Do lay your healing hand on me and blot away my sins, overcome my unbelief with the light of your presence, the gift of your life-giving Spirit, and proofs of your healing power, full of care and mercy. Make me doubt no more but believe. Make me fear no more, but only trust in you, the source of my hope and my salvation. And do make of me what you want me to be: a clear sign and an effective instrument of your love for all, especially the weak, the downtrodden and the forsaken, the unlovable and the unloved.

May I be for them what you have been and are for me: a source of hope, a source of strength, a source of meaning, a source of joy. Such is my mission, my treasured destiny.

This is what will make my life precious to me – precious to many, as you alone can count. This will be my lasting glory when all other glories will fade and vanish. In this will I find my boundless happiness and my enduring peace. AMEN!



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL DEPARTED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS** offered by **TONY and NORMA FOZ.**



"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own."

- ACTS 4:32.

Stewardship calls us to recognize, just as the early Christians did, that none of our possessions is our own. All that we have – our health, our education, our skills, our talents, and our livelihood – are gifts from God. The natural reaction when someone gives you a gift is to want to give something back. What do you give back to God?



OFFERING

Your Offerings for the week ending April 8, 2012 totaled **\$ 5,379. 50**

Thank you for your God bless you



continuing generosity ! always!!!



welcome!

- ❖ To the New Arrivals from the Philippines
- ❖ To the Visitors from other places;
- ❖ To those who have been away and are back;



- ❖ We join in the Thanksgiving Intentions of:

JARED JOSEPH VISARIO, MR. & MRS. CESAR CASTILLO and FAMILY, LEA MATEO, THE DERIQUITO FAMILY, THE PELAUSA FAMILY, MR. & MRS. HENRY UMALI, MARK and MATTHEW RUBIO, SAMPANG-VALENCIA and FAMILY, BUTCH ARACENA, MARITES QUIRAPAS, ROSIE & DENNIS DE LOS REYES, OFELIA MEJIA, JOSEFINA BAUTISTA, LUCILLE MANIGAO, NELSON & PERLA ORTIZO and FAMILY, SISLEYN UMALI, JOSEFINA YABUT.



- ❖ Please join in lifting up the Special Intentions of : **THE MANGUBAT & SIGUE FAMILY,**

❖ Your prayers are humbly requested for all the Sick and Suffering members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially: **FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, JESS ALCAIDE, ELECITA ARACENA, ANNIE MOJADO, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, WILFREDO DARIO, TRANQUILINO BIGCAS, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ADRIANA BACQUIAL, JOSEFINA CALDITO RAQUIZA, NIDA VIERNES, RODOLFO KAHULUGAN SR.** May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our Deceased Relatives and Friends, especially **MARIETTA SANTOS ABRIGO, TEOFILO TONG ABRIGO, DEXTER MAGDALUYO, EDUARDO FERNANDEZ, LEOVINO PACHEO, HELEN BUDD, VICENTE PURAY, ELENA CABARLES, NATIVIDAD VILLARICO, SHIRLETA MILLETE, DEMETRIO CASTILLO, CEFERINO CASTILLO, CONCEPCION CASTILLO, ERNESTO PANADO JR., ADELAI DA BRITOS, AMANCIO CORDERO, DR. JESUS PELAUSA, ANTHONY KURE, MATILDE OLARTE, JAIME KEVIN HUGO, LEONILA DE LA COSTA, SATURNINO QUIRAPAS SR., MACARIA MABALHIN, VIRGILIO MANGUBAT, MARGARITA ABASTA, FELICISIMO MONTEIRO, FELIX ALEJANDRO, SR. TERESITA CANIVEL,mic, CARLITO PAMPOLINA, JERSON GALAN, CHARLENE MAE GALAN, JULIAN & AMRIANO TADEO, FELY ALEJANDRO, QUIRICO CASTELLANO, IRENE CASTELLANO, PERPETUA BORJA, CARMINITO OJERIO, EDA MANRIK, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY** and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 387 – 5292) during normal business hours
and have a Mass offered for your intention.**