



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013



APRIL 07, 2013

Second Sunday in  
Easter

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, we honor the Risen Christ under the title of "King of Divine Mercy." Each of us has surely experienced the infinite mercy of the Lord in so many ways, including the reception of the gift of faith and the forgiveness of our sins.

We should manifest our gratitude to the Lord Jesus for his mercy toward us by being merciful to our neighbor. In this way, our lives will become a living witness to Christ's resurrection and will bring others to believe that, indeed, Jesus has risen from the dead.

Like the converted Thomas, let us approach the merciful Christ in the Eucharist and renew our profession of faith by proclaiming aloud:  
"My Lord and my God!"



### Witnesses of the Resurrection Today

Who could blame Thomas for his refusal to believe what his co-disciples were saying about the apparition of the risen Jesus? He was a concrete, "positive" man. To believe what his friends were saying about Jesus was like believing that the sun had risen at midnight!

But Thomas is a contemporary of every generation. Especially in our days, **the only valid proof of the Resurrection people are prepared to consider is our life – our Christian witness.** It is through our lives, more than our words, that we can show that Jesus is really risen from death and is now alive. An existence characterized by **charity and service** to the needy is undoubtedly a strong proof that, after the death of Christ, a new powerful stream of life has entered the stagnant marshes of human history and human nature.

Another decisive proof of the reality of the Resurrection is **forgiveness** of those who have wronged us. When we are able to **be good to the persons who have inflicted us those wounds, to do good to them, to speak well of them, to smile at them** – in other words, **to forgive them from the heart** – then even the hardest unbeliever is faced with a very strong proof (the strongest one, perhaps) of the Resurrection.

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*The Sunday after Easter is*



***Divine Mercy Sunday!***

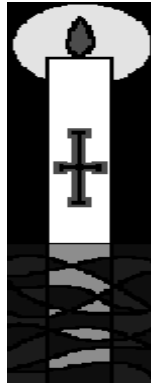
The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar.

Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina.

A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy to all the faithful who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take

part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!')." A partial indulgence (the remission of some temporal punishment from sin) is granted to the faithful "who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation."

***DO YOU KNOW... MORNING STAR***



At the very end of the *Exsultet*, that long and lovely prayer with which we blessed the Easter candle on Easter eve, we heard Fr. Frank sing:

***May the morning star, which never sets find this flame still burning:  
Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead,  
and shed his peaceful light on all humanity . . .***

Have you ever been awake early enough to see the morning star? It is the brightest star of the moment just before dawn. It's not the sun, but it brightens the sky and brings the dawn, in which the sun rises and sheds light everywhere freely.

The *Exsultet* here compares Christ, the Son of God, to the morning star, and God the Father to the sun itself. Christ, now risen from the dead, will never die again. Remember how in the account of the passion that we heard on Good Friday that the sun was blotted out when Jesus died. Old works of art show the sun covering its face in sorrow and in pain. But God's love is stronger than death, and so the morning star returns to the night sky, and day begins to dawn.

As we gave thanks and praise to God — the *Exsultet* is addressed to the first person of the Trinity — we asked to be faithful. We asked that this great candle may keep burning as we kept our all-night vigil on Easter eve. It's a very poetic way of asking God to help us stay awake and do the church's work of baptizing, anointing, breaking, pouring and sharing. And we did it. What a night it was. Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!



**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COLLECTION of the Church of Montreal-**

**April 07- April 21, 2013**

**Special Second Collection is taken up every Sunday  
Please be generous. Thank You.**



"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 MARCH 31, 2013 totaled **\$ 5,192.50**

Thank you for your continuing generosity !  
God bless you always!!!



- 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:

**LEA MATEO, THE SIGUE-MANGUBAT FAMILY, WILLIE & WILLIAM DELA CRUZ, KERABELLE DERIQUITO, JANNET SAMPANG, NIKOLAS FELICIANO LALIC, TEODORA RIOFLORIDO.**



- Please join in lifting up the **Special Intentions** of: **MARY ANNE ALEJANDRO**. May God grant them her heart's desires.

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, ANNIE MOJADO, ELECITA ARACENA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, IKE OSDON, TERESITA JALEA, WILFREDO DARIO, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, TERESITA PLAMENCO, OLIVER MARTINEZ, PATRIA FEDERIZO, ANTONIO FOZ, NORMA FOZ, ALICIA GINES, CECILIA CEÑAL, LEONIDAS ORBITA SIMBULAN, DERRICK SOTELO, JEFFORD SAMPANG**. May God bring them healing and peace.

Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially **JOSE SEGUERRA, MACARIA MABALHIN, RODOLFO KAHULUGAN SR., EVELYN REY, ENCARNACION FOZ, LEONILA DELA COSTA ROSALES, RPBERT BELANGER, OLIVER MARTINEZ, CIPRIANO BACOSA, PEDRITO and GERALDINE EMBALSADO, MARIA CLARA and SATURNINO QUIRAPAS SR., CONCEPTION PAULARI, SANTIAGA SAMPANA, 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING FOR ALL GRACES RECEIVED** offered by **TONY and NORMA FOZ**.

