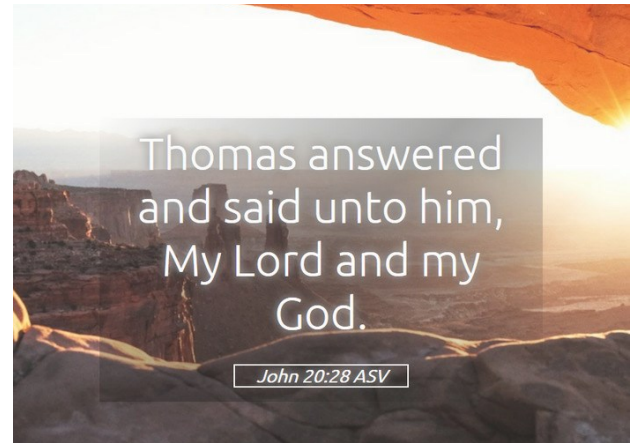


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	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Apr. 25	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Joe/Evangeline Zerr	Darby/Linda Zerr
Tue. Apr. 26	9:00 am	Goodsoil	Catholic Women's League	Goodsoil CWL
	7:00 pm	Pierceland	Harold Foss	Gail Foss
Wed. Apr. 27	7:00 pm	Goodsoil	+Paul Lutter	Rosemarie Lutter
Thur. Apr 28	9:00 am	Pierceland	+Paul Lutter	Ted/Carmen Stremick
	5:00 pm	Loon Lake	+Gisella Greschner	Natalie McFarlane
Fri. Apr. 29	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Marianne Schamber	Calvin/Sandy(Schamber) Jones
Sat. Apr. 30	5:00 pm	Loon Lake	+Adeline Urlacher	Rudy/AnneMarie Urlacher
Sun. May 1	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Fr. Tony Schmidt	Bernadette Puffer
	11:00 am	Pierceland	For All Parishioners	

ST. BONIFACE	MINISTERS	LIST May 1st	ST. ANTONINUS
Commentator - Nadyne G.		Greeter - Gail	Sunday School - Bev
Readers - Ed H. Gloria F.		Readers - Andrea Susan	
Greeters - Joe & Nadyne G.		Music - Folk	Mono - Leona
Gift Bearers - Leo & Lorraine H.		Gifts - Pam, Janna and family	
Rosary - Adam & Regina F.		Servers - Marla	
Cleaning - Bender Group		Cleaners - Pam	Rosary - None



MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY Sr. Faustina's devotion to Jesus Christ found its center and wellspring in the **Holy Eucharist**. As she wrote in her *Diary* (entries 1392, 1489, 1037, 223):
All the good that is in me is due to Holy Communion. ... Herein lies the whole secret of my sanctity. ... One thing alone sustains me and that is Holy Communion. From it I draw my strength; in it is all my comfort. ... Jesus concealed in the host is everything to me. ... I would not know how to give glory to God if I did not have the Eucharist in my heart. ... O living Host, my one and only strength, fountain of love and mercy, embrace the whole world, and fortify faint souls. Oh blessed be the instant and the moment when Jesus left us His most merciful Heart!



For Sr. Faustina the Eucharist is the fountain of all graces because the merciful Jesus is uniquely present there, Mercy Incarnate, and He pours out all His graces upon us from His merciful Heart.

GOODSOIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Mercy Holy Hour - Today @ 3:00 pm St. Boniface Church. Everyone is welcome

Mother's Day Tea - Wed. May 4 at 7:00 pm at The Senior Center. If anyone has a Bingo prize they would like to donate please drop it off at Larry's Place.

May Cleaning - Bender Group

PIERCELAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Cleaners - Pam Johnson 839-2167 Colleen Nault, Angie Gelowitz, Jeanette Riebel, Susy Hetlinger, Sharon Rawlake

Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands . . . (John 20:25)

You might expect Jesus to be disappointed in Thomas' attitude. Annoyed, even. Instead of taking the other apostles' word for it that Jesus was risen from the dead, Thomas said he wouldn't believe unless he saw for himself.

But Jesus wasn't upset. Instead, He showed mercy to Thomas. He was compassionate and made sure to return when Thomas was present. He was patient with Thomas' weakness, and went up to him, offering His hands for Thomas to probe the nail marks. This astonishing mercy drew forth from Thomas a profound profession of faith:

"My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

That's what mercy does: it leads us from unbelief to belief. It draws us to deeper faith in the Lord. Why? Because, like Thomas, it surprises us. It undercuts our defenses and sweeps us off our feet. We come face-to-face with a God who doesn't simply forgive our sins from afar but who comes close to us.

Confronted by our weakness, He doesn't get annoyed or angry.

When He sees our failings, He is full of compassion. He shows us the mercy that "endures forever" (Psalm 118:2).

St. Faustina, called the "Apostle of Divine Mercy," heard Jesus tell her, "I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart" (Diary, 1588).

Isn't this just what Jesus did for Thomas? And isn't it just what He wants to do for us?

As you celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday today, spend some time thinking about the ways in which you've experienced mercy from God. Let the memory of these experiences fill your heart with greater love for Jesus—who is Mercy incarnate—and draw you to a deeper faith.

"Jesus, I trust in you! Thank you for your mercy. Increase my faith."

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Receive the Holy Spirit. Who sins you forgive are forgiven them...

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked ...for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, *"Peace be with you."*

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side.

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." Jn 20:19 -23

Recall the setting for this Gospel account. The first day of the week, is the Sunday after Jesus' crucifixion.

It is the evening and the Apostles are hiding in the Upper Room, where the Last Supper took place.

Having seen their Leader, in whom they trusted, and from whom they expected victory and freedom, falsely accused, beaten, and publicly executed by crucifixion, they are afraid.

The Risen Jesus passes through the locked door and stands in their midst. He encourages them, *"Peace be with you."*

But He is not just coming to calm their fears. *"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

This is John's version of the "Great Commission." Jesus shares His mission with the Apostles. So that they might carry on Jesus' work, He breathes on them and sends forth His Holy Spirit. *"Receive the Holy Spirit..."*

And what is Jesus' work or mission, which they now must continue? *"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."* Jesus was sent by the Father to liberate mankind from bondage to sin. Because sin is an offense against God, only God can forgive sin.

So Jesus empowers the Apostles with the Holy Spirit. Commanded by Jesus Christ, and filled with the Spirit, the Apostles will carry on this mission of freeing the world from the horrors of sin.

Reflection

The Church, established by Christ, and built on the Apostles, continues this mission until the end of the world. Before returning to the Father, Jesus promised that He would remain with His followers forever. (Matt 28:20, Jn 14:18) He does this in and through the Church by the mystery and power of the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost, we will celebrate the birthday of the Church.

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Easter Letter 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the darkness of the Easter Vigil, the Church sings over the Paschal candle: “May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star; the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death’s domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.” (*Exsultet*, 7th century)

In a wonderful way, this ancient song of Holy Saturday links the carrying of the lighted Paschal Candle into the dark hall of the church to the natural symbolism of the sunrise that will follow on Easter morning. The arrival of the day will certainly outshine the glow of the candle that burned so brightly in the night.

Anyone who has participated in the Easter Vigil knows how much light the Paschal candle gives out all by itself in the darkness and how that warm light is then intensified by the many little tapers we kindle from it. Even so that illumination does not compare with the bright light of the sun on Easter morning.

Our celebration of Easter reminds us then that a new and “peaceful light” came into our world when Christ came back “from death’s domain” but that the world is still on its way to the Day of Resurrection. The flame of faith that Jesus has enkindled in our hearts and minds is bringing a great light into the world and scattering the darkness.

May the endless alleluias of the fifty days of this Easter Season encourage us to share the beautiful light and serene joy of our faith to people and circumstances around us. We already share in the victory of Christ’s Resurrection and the Risen Lord is with us to help us combat the darkness and help others to know the love and freedom God gives.

I wish you all a very blessed Easter and pray that the Risen Lord may bless each of you with new life and radiant Easter joy!

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sincerely in Him,

† Stephen A. Hero

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