

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**April 23, 2017**

*We who have not seen and yet believe faithfully gather to  
celebrate the work of the Lord among us.*

**Knights of Columbus & Catholic Women's League Annual  
Garage Sale - Saturday, May 6th, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

This year proceeds will be distributed to the Life Centre/Blackburn Food Cupboard and the K of C and CWL charities.

The key to success for this event is having lots of quality items to sell, and parishioners can help by donating *useful articles* such as: books, children's clothing, toys, working electronics, sports equipment, tools, and small home furnishings & appliances. Unfortunately we *cannot accept*: tires, large furniture, major appliances, old computers, and CRT tube televisions & monitors. When doing your spring cleaning this year please consider saving a few goodies for the Garage Sale.

Donations can be dropped off at the Church on Friday, May 5th from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Any questions call Mike Goulet, 613-824-3740

**THANK YOU** - A big thank you to all who donated towards the beauty of our church this Easter by making a donation towards the purchase of flowers.

**Parish Pastoral Council - Nominations Open Until May 19th**

Nominations are now open for representatives to sit on our Parish Pastoral Council. Pastoral Council is an advisory body that provides advice and support to our pastor while outlining concerns of parishioners. Members humbly and prayerfully seek God's will for our parish, and work hard supporting parishioners and parish ministries to carry out His mission.

Do you feel called to serve your parish in this manner? Do you know of someone who you feel would make a humble, responsible representative as we seek God's will for our parish? Nominations will be open until May 19th, and elections will take place on June 10th and 11th.

More information can be found on the Nomination Forms, inserted into the bulletin on the week of April 22nd and 23rd, and found in the Gathering Space.

**CWL** The CWL is interested in sponsoring one or two youth in the parish to participate in the youth conference to be held in Ottawa at the March for Life event. The conference will be held May 12th 8 am-3 PM and features dynamic speakers and intensive workshops designed to arm young people with expert knowledge, and the necessary communications strategies to go back into their communities, advocating pro-life philosophies. Youth interested to attend must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Rose Dugandzic for more information or to express interest in participating. 613-834-7248 (Check website: [www.marchforlife.ca](http://www.marchforlife.ca))

**Offering for April 16, 2017**

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 4984.00
PAC/Visa/MC	\$ 2660.00
Loose:	\$ <u>2271.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$ 9915.00

Holy Land Collection	\$3652.00
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**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Today's Sunday is known popularly as Divine Mercy Sunday. As the Second Sunday of Easter, it closes the Solemnity of the Easter Octave. The Easter Season will continue until Pentecost, but will be celebrated with less solemnity than was the Easter Octave.

In today's Gospel, we are shown one of the most famous apparitions of the Risen Christ to His Apostles after the Resurrection. Saint Thomas the Apostle was not present when Our Risen Lord appeared to the other Apostles, and when they told him about the apparition, he refused to believe. "Unless I touch the mark of His nails, and place my hands in His side, I will not believe." This refusal to believe, of St. Thomas, is not uncommon. Thomas wants "proof" of the Resurrection, as do many people today. And indeed he is afforded that very proof when the Risen Christ finally does appear in his presence, eight days later (that is, today: the First Sunday after Easter). Thomas is overcome with a deep sense of the presence of the Lord and cries out to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus uses this "doubt" of Thomas to teach all of His disciples a very important lesson: Christ wants us to experience Him primarily through Faith. Faith believes even what is not seen. "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe."

This Easter Season, let us renew our Faith in Christ, who is truly risen from the dead. We do not need "proof"; we only need Faith. In Faith, we know that Christ rose from the dead and that He is indeed fully alive today in His Church.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be celebrated on 23 April from 2-4pm.

The afternoon will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, St. Faustina's way of the Cross and a talk on the Divine Mercy. Come to learn about and experience unfathomable mercy offered to us when we practice Divine Mercy devotions as given to us by God through Saint Maria Kowalska.

**Legion of Mary Spring Retreat**

The Legion of Mary is hosting a silent retreat for men and women at La Maison de la Providence in Orleans from Friday May 26th to Sunday May 28th 2017. Father Mark Slatter will be the retreat master and the theme is *The Holy Spirit*. REGISTRATION FEE: \$235.00 for two nights lodging, five meals, Daily Mass and three conferences. Please call Angela Beimers at 613-829-0320 for more information and to register.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING:**

Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 14, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2017. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. Deadline to register: Wed., May 3

## **INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, April 22 – Second Sunday of Easter**

#### **(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

- 5:00 pm †Leonidas & Carmelina Ropero req by the family  
†Luce Lavertu req by Suzanne Richmond  
†Lillian Romard req by Jean, Rene & Sarah  
Souls in Purgatory req by a Parishoner  
Deceased members of the Baillot & Absi families  
Deceased members of the CWL

### **Sunday, April 23 – Second Sunday of Easter**

#### **(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

- 9:00 am For Our Parishioners  
11:15 am †Raymonde Evans req by Barb & Paul Shannon  
†Siegfried Franz Joseph Randolph req by Caroline  
Brisson  
†Anne Delage req by her sister Margaret  
The intention of Guenter Andrews req by Stase Danaitis  
Souls in Purgatory req by Joe & Donna Verner  
Mass of Special Intentions req by a Parishoner

### **Monday, April 24 – Second Monday of Easter**

- 9:00 am †Souls in Purgatory req by a Parishoner

### **Tuesday, April 25 – Feast- St. Mark Evangelist**

- 9:00 am Mass of Special Intention req by a Parishoner

### **Thursday, April 27 – Second Thursday of Easter**

- 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory req by a Parishoner

### **Friday, April 28 – Second Friday of Easter**

- 9:00 am In loving memory of Jack, Peg, Joe & Sylvie

### **Saturday, April 29– Third Sunday of Easter**

- 5:00 pm For Our Parishioners

### **Sunday, April 30 –Third Sunday of Easter**

- 9:00 am †George Timko req by Bobbi Timko  
†Ron Cotton req by the Collection Counters  
†Ricardo de Guzman req by the Pittson family  
Thanksgiving Mass to St. Anthony req by George &  
Dorothy Gibbs  
11:15 am †Siegfried Franz Josef Rudolph req by Francois  
Sasseville  
†Teresa D'Souza req by Daphne D'Souza  
†Eva & George DaCosta re by Maggie

***Please pray for our sick;*** Larry Clow, Bonnie Lehman, Elsie & Steve Stadler, Lorretta Dillon-Robinette, Dorothy Dillon and John MacDonald.

***Please pray for our deceased,*** that they may be received into God's love.

#### **PRO LIFE CORNER**

Let us pray that Jesus, who conquered the power of death, may give our society the strength to eliminate the evils of abortion and assisted suicide.

Baby bottles in support of the Miriam Centre should be returned to the church as soon as possible so that much needed financial support can be delivered to the centre. Thanks to all who have already given generously to the centre. Miriam centre staff work tirelessly to help struggling families who are often in dire need of emotional and tangible support.