



Christ and the Good Thief by Vecellio TIZIANO, ca. 1566

At Easter, we celebrate anew the work of our Redemption. Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity was sent on a mission by God-the-Father: to bear the weight of our sins and “redeem” us from that burden through his own suffering and death. The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the proof that Jesus accomplished fully this mission of love entrusted to him by the Father.

And as a sign that no one is excluded from this work of mercy, St. Luke gives us the account of the “Good Thief”—who is known through tradition by the name of St. Dismas. One might have thought that the first one to accompany Jesus into paradise would have been a great saint, or perhaps one of the great persons of the Old Testament, like the prophet Isaiah. But, no, Jesus promises to this humble repentant thief that he would be there with Jesus when Jesus rose from the dead:

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:39-43)

Bishop Fulton Sheen put it this way:

A dying man asked a dying man for eternal life;

A man without possessions asked a poor man for a Kingdom;

A thief at the door of death asked to die like a thief and steal Paradise.

One would have thought a saint would have been the first soul purchased over the counter of Calvary by the red coins of Redemption, but in the Divine plan it was a thief who was the escort of the King of kings into Paradise.

If our Lord had come merely as a teacher, the thief would have never asked for forgiveness.

But since the thief’s request touched the reason of his coming to earth, namely, to save souls, the thief heard the immediate answer.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter.

Fr. Philip Creurer

Pastor

Mass Intentions - Assumption Parish

Fri	Apr 07	3:00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat	Apr 08	9:00 pm	EASTER VIGIL
Sun	Apr 09	9:30 am	EASTER SUNDAY
Tue	Apr 11	9:00 am	+Adrienne Rajotte
Wed	Apr 12	9:00 am	+Sonja Hamilton

Mass Intentions - Resurrection Parish

Fri	Apr 07	11:00 am	GOOD FRIDAY
Sun	Apr 09	11:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY
Thu	Apr 13	9:00 am	Trish Underwood
Fri	Apr 14	9:00 am	+Josephine & Joseph Ng

SPECIAL MASSES TO NOTE

Easter Monday

Monday April 10, 2023 – 7:00 pm
Resurrection Parish

St. Joseph the Worker

Monday May 1, 2023—7:00 pm
Resurrection Parish

Easter Season Schedule

Good Friday:

April 7, Resurrection 11:00 am, Assumption 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil:

April 8, Assumption 9:00 pm

Easter Sunday:

April 9, Assumption 9:30 am, Resurrection 11:00 am

A Prayer for Easter Eyes

Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me.

Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace.

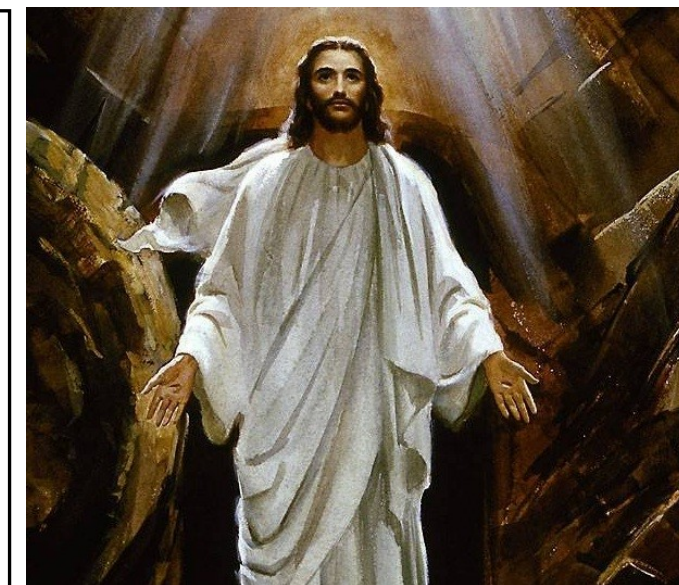
Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom.

Soften my gaze so that I view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many.

May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory.

In your sacred name I pray.

Amen

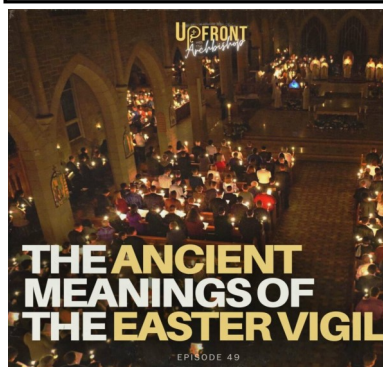


Easter Hours

The parish office will be closed from noon on Thursday, April 6 reopening on Tuesday April 11.

Have a blessed Easter!

HE IS Risen



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EPISODE 49

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 16, 2023



Divine Mercy, in General

Divine Mercy gets to the heart of Sacred Scripture. In fact, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners" (1849). Right there: That summarizes it. Divine Mercy is the Gospel. It's the good news. And so, it gets to the very center of our faith. Moreover, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but an integral dimension of Christian faith and prayer." Benedict even goes so far as to say, "[M]ercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message."

Okay, so what is Divine Mercy? What is this thing that gets to the heart of Sacred Scripture and to the very center of our faith? To begin, mercy is "love's second name," as John Paul II said. It's a particular kind of love, a particular mode of love when it encounters suffering, poverty, brokenness, and sin. Divine Mercy is when God's love meets us and helps us in the midst of our suffering and sin. In fact, because this side of eternity we're all sinners and because suffering is our lot in life, God's love for us here always takes the form of mercy. It's always the Lord stepping out in compassion to help us poor, weak, and broken sinners. From our perspective, then, every good we receive is an expression of Divine Mercy.

The Message of Divine Mercy

The *message* of Divine Mercy is something that's most associated with a Polish nun who died in 1938, about a year before the start of World War II. She's known today as St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. Saint Faustina was a mystic. In other words, she received extraordinary experiences of the Lord Jesus in prayer. In fact, Jesus appeared to her and even spoke with her. Of course, Jesus didn't reveal some new Gospel when he appeared to St. Faustina. He already revealed everything He needed to say 2,000 years ago to the Apostles and through Sacred Scripture. So, why did He do it? Why did He appear to Faustina? Actually, why does He appear to any mystic for that matter? God sometimes appears to mystics because He has a prophetic message for a particular time in history, and He uses particular men and women to share His message. Sometimes it's to remind us of something that's been forgotten. Sometimes it's a warning. At other times, it's a message of comfort. Or it may simply be a call to conversion. Whatever it is, it doesn't change the Bible. Rather, it brings us back to it at a certain time in history.

To continue reading this article and to view the website please go to: <https://marian.org/divine-mercy/what-is-it>
[Click here](#) to recite the Divine Mercy Novena beginning of Good Friday April 7, 2023 and ending on April 16, 2023

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Assumption
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:00am Saturday: 5:30pm Sunday: 9:30am
Resurrection
Thursday & Friday: 9:00am Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday 11:00am
Rosary at Resurrection at 8:30am on Friday mornings before Mass
Latin Mass (Assumption Parish) Sunday: 12:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSION by appointment or half hour before Mass
Adoration each Thursday at Assumption Parish following the 5:30pm Latin Mass
If you are aware of anyone in our parishes who would appreciate a phone call and who has been unable to attend Masses, please call the parish office: 780 468-4071.

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