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An inviting faith community building up the Body of Christ

APRIL 19, 2020 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The 2nd Sunday of Easter calls us to focus on God's divine mercy revealed by Jesus the Cross and Resurrection.

St. Pope John Paul II, when instituting *Divine Mercy Sunday* in 2000, said: "[T]he risen Christ, who bears the great message of divine mercy and entrusts its ministry to the Apostles in the Upper Room [said]: *Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained* (Jn 20:21-23).

"Before speaking these words, Jesus shows his hands and his side. He points [...] to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. From that heart Sr. Faustina... will see two rays of light [which] represent blood and water (*Diary*, 299).

"Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by [...] John, who [saw] blood and water flowing from [the side of Christ on the Cross] (cf. Jn 19:34). [T]he blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water [represents] Baptism [and] the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39)" (30 April 2000).

As Pope Francis reminds us, the Church is meant to be a witness to divine mercy and a channel for its distribution. But mercy is related to repentance: without sorrow for sin, there is no room for God's mercy to work in our lives. That's why the message of Divine Mercy is really a call to conversion: to return to Jesus who loves us and imitate His mercy toward others.

Jesus, we trust in you! Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

In this time of quarantine,
Fr. Roger will be celebrating daily Mass
for the following intentions:

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, Apr 19 - Pro Populo (9:30am Live-stream)
- Divine Mercy Prayers (3pm Live-stream)

Mon, Apr 20 - Desmond, Donna & Children

Tue, Apr 21 - George & Maria Chrunik

Wed, Apr 22 - Adam Rabel

Thu, Apr 23 - +Marie Wilmot

Fri, Apr 24 - +Florence Cook

Sat, Apr 25 - +Juan Manuel Munoz Ramirez

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, Apr 26 - Pro Populo (9:30am Live-stream)

RESOURCES

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AS WE ENDURE THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK ALL MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED FOR YOUR SAFETY.

LIVE-STREAMED & TELEVISED MASSES – Several options are available for daily, Sunday and Easter Masses:

- **Fr. Roger:** 9:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@sacredheartwetaskiwin](https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartwetaskiwin)
- **Archbishop Smith:** 10:30AM Sundays on Facebook [@archedmonton](https://www.facebook.com/archedmonton)
- **Other Parishes' Masses & Adoration:** bit.ly/2JJDAGZ
- **Daily TV Mass:** bit.ly/3amhQWN

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION – Can't receive Holy Communion? Make a *Spiritual Communion!* a prayer asking Jesus to come to you in the same way He would if you could:

MY JESUS,

I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there,

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

ONLINE FAITH RESOURCES:

- [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) – Free access to movies, programs, talks, children's resources (Parish code no-longer needed)
- [The Kid's Bulletin](https://www.kidbulletin.com) – Weekly activities that correspond to Sunday readings
- [Catholic.org](https://www.catholic.org) – Daily reflections, faith classes, and more
- [CatholicTV.org](https://www.catholicTV.org) – Daily Mass, programs, and more
- More resources on our Website – [Catholic Resources](https://www.catholicresources.com) and [Resources for During the Pandemic](https://www.resourcesforduringthepandemic.com)

Don't forget to read your Bible and a good spiritual book.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

UPDATES AND INFO FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Go to www.caedm.ca, with links to [Grandin Media](https://www.grandinmedia.com) and [Quid Novum](https://www.quidnovum.com), as well as [Archbishop Smith's Blog](https://www.archbishop-smiths-blog.com)

Visit [caedm.ca/covid](https://www.caedm.ca/covid) for COVID-19 updates, Abp. Smith's video messages, homily texts, prayer resources and Mass texts ([Living With Christ](https://www.livingwithchrist.com) currently for free)

LIVING IN THE WORD OF GOD

Excerpts from Archbishop Smith's Pastoral Letter

I invite each member of our Archdiocese to examine their practice of turning to God for mercy. Let us each consider: When was the last time I went to confession? How often do I seek the Lord's mercy in this wonderful sacrament? These are essential questions that every missionary disciple must ponder with great seriousness, because only by receiving God's mercy can we become its agents for others.

[caedm.ca/Letter](https://www.caedm.ca/Letter)

PARISH NEWS

DEACONS CORNER – Now on Facebook Live, Wednesdays at 3:30pm [@DeaconsCorner](https://www.facebook.com/DeaconsCorner)

PARISH FINANCES – In the absence of public Mass, our Parish has essentially lost all revenue. Please consider continuing your donations through one of these options:

- **Cheque:** Mail, drop by during Office Hours or slip through doors
- **Pre-authorized Debit:** Call the Parish Office
- **Credit Card:** Donate online through the Archdiocese at [caedm.ca](https://www.caedm.ca)

FLOWER MINISTRY – Thanks to those whose donations add to the beauty of our Liturgical services as we continue live-streamed Sunday Masses.

STAY CONNECTED

We're still here to serve you!

OUTREACH PHONE MINISTRY – We're setting up a ministry team to do weekly check-in calls to parishioners to pray, to support and to build community. If you'd like this type of support please contact the Office to give us permission to call.

CONFESSION - Call to set up an appointment with Fr. Roger.

HOLY WATER - Regular water can be brought in to be blessed.

BULLETIN - Sign up to receive our Bulletin by email.

SACRED HEART PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!



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Like and Follow our page for latest Parish news and spiritual resources.