

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

This Second Sunday of Easter is called the Doubting Thomas Sunday, because the gospel that we use every year during this Sunday is about Thomas who doubted the resurrection of Jesus when his companions told him about the event. St. Thomas the apostle is one of the chosen twelve disciples of Jesus to be His apostles. Throughout his life, he always believed in Jesus. He did not miss attending to the teachings of Jesus. He lost hope when the source of his inspiration, the light of his life, was nailed on the cross and died. So, when his companions said that his inspiration was raised from the dead, in the first place, he did not believe. Rather, he said: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hands into His side, I will not believe," (v.25). In other words, a firsthand experience or 'to see is to believe.'

Anyway, what we can learn from St. Thomas is first, not to do what he did. What he did was he left the group. The other ten, even if they are sad at the death of Jesus, banded together except St. Thomas. He detached himself from the group. That is why when Jesus appeared to the group, St. Thomas was not able to enjoy Christ's presence. So, when we are sad or are discouraged of our church leaders and other groups, we should not detach ourselves from the Christian community, the church. The presence of Christ always comes within our Christian community.

The second thing is: St. Thomas was sincere. He did not understand what was happening, so he did not presume that he knew everything. He could not grasp it fully that a person died and came back to life. He taught us a lesson that if we do not understand, then, let us humbly, honestly and sincerely accept the fact that we do not know and understand, so we ask others to explain it to us.

The third thing that we can learn from St. Thomas is we need inspirations in order to make our life more meaningful. All of us need inspirations; it may be people or an event, in order to be strong and to continue serving Him.

The last thing that we can learn from St. Thomas is after he knew and understood that great event, he went all the way even unto death in following Jesus Christ. I hope that when everything becomes clear to us, we can also give ourselves to the Lord all the way. (Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil)

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Monday, April 20

In Memory of Helena Palynchuk

Tuesday, April 21

St. Anselm

**For the intentions of Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil
req. Erin, Anne, Donna, Antu, Flo and
friends**

Wednesday, April 22

Daniel Schlett

req Peter and Barbara Stirling

Thursday, April 23

**St. George,
St. Adalbert**

Kathleen McMahon-Yuda

req. Anne and Flo

Friday, April 24

**St. Fidelis of
Sigmaringen**

Marilyn Belshaw

req F.M. Sweeney

Saturday, April 25

St. Mark

Juanito Caballero

req Lina Caballero

Juanita Martin

req Janet Martin

Sunday, April 26

St. Charles Garnier Parish Community

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, all public services are cancelled. However, Fr. Saju will continue to celebrate Mass privately and pray for all your intentions during this time. The office is also closed. You may leave your message. The voice mail will be checked periodically. You can make mass offerings for your intentions through the phone and send a cheque to St. Charles Garnier through the Canada Post or later date give it in person.

CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Saju on his 21st anniversary of Priestly Ordination He was ordained on April 21, 1999 as priest in India. May God bless you, Father Saju, abundantly in your priestly ministry.

Check out our Web-Site!

Please visit our newly designed website at www.stcharlesgarnier.com., for more information and announcement.



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP
BURNS THIS WEEK FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF
REVEREND SAJU
OREETHAPARAMBIL,
C.S.S.R.**

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in our Church. You may dedicate our Sanctuary Lamp for a special prayer intention of yours or for a deceased loved one. We will publish the **Sanctuary Lamp Intentions** in the bulletin each week. Suggested donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is as follows:

One Week - \$25

One Month - \$100

Please call or see Flo in the parish office to request an intention or for more information.

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it."

John 1:5

**The Lord is Risen!
Alleluia!**



COME, LORD JESUS! Bible Study

If interested, contact Fr. Saju. by [email-soreethap@gmail.com](mailto:soreethap@gmail.com)

Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

As the faithful prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, it is important to review the meaning and historical significance of the day. On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She [wrote in her diary that He said:](#)

I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it...

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

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SAIN'T FAUSTINA...PRAY FOR US!!!