April 8, 2018 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Feast of Divine Mercy

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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.
Confessions: 4:15 p.m. (Saturday)

Devotions

Rosary - Monday - Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Have you ever heard news that seemed too good to be true? Maybe that a friend was visiting, or that something special was in store for you? Perhaps the news was so good or unexpected, we needed “to see it to believe it.” We might be reminded of the motto of Missouri, the “show me” state. There is a healthy skepticism we bring to the table. We don’t want to get our hopes up only to be disappointed. We want proof, demonstrable proof. This is precisely Thomas’s reaction on hearing the news about Jesus’ resurrection.

Though the disciples had been witness to the risen Lord on Easter Sunday evening, Thomas was absent, and so he functions as a disciple for all of us. In a sense, we stand in the person of Thomas. We were not present that Easter Sunday evening. And perhaps, like Thomas, we reply, “seeing is believing.” The beatitude that Jesus speaks to Thomas is meant for each of us: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

The church gives us this reading on the Second Sunday of Easter, as that is when Thomas had his experience of the risen Lord. Though we are not given the opportunity to put our finger in the nail marks (and the gospel doesn’t say that Thomas did that), we, like Thomas, may condition our belief on seeing.

The gift Jesus gives his disciples is “peace.” It is not a peace that the world gives, that is, merely an absence of war. But the peace Jesus gives is a serenity in the face of life. The gift is a sense of calm knowing that Jesus is “my Lord and my God,” and that there is nothing in this life that can separate him from me. The reader of this gospel recalls Jesus’ prayer to the Father in the garden, about not losing a single one who has been given to Jesus. In this gospel, Jesus calls us friends. And it is a friendship that can never be broken; its hallmark is “peace.”

_LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY_

Perhaps it is something in the human condition that we do not automatically believe good news, or news that might seem too good to be true. That can be a natural defense mechanism. But today we learn that God wants to surprise us with joy. He wants us to live in the life of the resurrection. Rather than be skeptics, he wants us to be joyful in the knowledge that his love is greater than even death.

Our own experiences of loss can be transformed with the power of God’s love. The marks of loss will always be there, as Jesus’ body was marked with the signs of the cross; but something greater is in store. We can never take away the experience of loss, the experience of death, and the experience of tragedy. But those experiences can be made new. Being made new does not mean that the loss was OK. Rather, in spite of the loss, in spite of the transgressions, and in spite of death itself, God has another reaction. He raises to new life. God transforms pain, loss, and abandonment into life, peace, and wholeness. This is the ultimate paschal mystery that is lived out in our daily lives countless times with relationships, friendships, family, work, and even the cycles of nature. Every fall and winter is succeeded by spring and summer. New life abounds, and because of this we celebrate.
### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**April 8, 2018**

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<td>Brian Kearney (Birthday) (by: Sandra V. Kearney)</td>
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Let us remember in our Prayers...

Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, especially the homebound and the elderly, that God will assist them in their time of need and that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.

- Patricia Crowley
- Mow, Kain Chiu
- Mary Crowley
- Laura Garcia
- Mary Dekle
- David Dickey
- Agnes Piva
- Marian Dickey
- Dolores Martin
- John Bamber
- Bill Matthews
- Michael Brust
- Fred Jungmann
- Lea Juarez
- Corrado DeMartini
- Ron Ramirez
- Chloe Smith
- Father Paul Rossi
- Jana Atlas
- Monsignor
- Father Juan Manuel Lopez
- James Tarantino

Those who have died, the deceased of our parish, and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

#### Film on the Lost Art of Dating

**Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm**

AMC Theatre, 1000 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco

[thedatingprojectmovie.com](http://thedatingprojectmovie.com)

The Archdiocese recommends *The Dating Project*, a new release from Paulist Productions, premiering across the nation at 7:00 pm local time on April 17 at selected theaters. Follow five single people as they navigate the changing dating scene in America. In the culture of social media, texting, hanging out, and hooking up, the knowledge of how to date has been lost—and the fifty percent of America that is single can find that “Dating in today’s society is cruel,” and “It’s not a skill that our generation really has.” What is to be done; and why? Watch *The Dating Project* to learn more.

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**March 25, 2018 Sunday Collection**

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March 28, 2018

SAN FRANCISCO—The Archdiocese of San Francisco announces that Pope Francis has today appointed Fr. Robert Christian, O.P., as auxiliary bishop. Fr. Christian is a Friar of the Western Dominican Province and currently serves as Master of Students of the province.

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone said, “I am overjoyed to welcome Fr. Christian back to his native San Francisco. We first met while studying in Rome some forty years ago and we are now all blessed that Bishop-Elect Christian joins us to serve our priests, religious, deacons and all the people of the Archdiocese.”

Robert Francis Christian was born in San Francisco in 1948 to Robert Francis and Gloria Jean Christian. He was raised in St. Brendan Parish and attended St. Brendan and St. Vincent de Paul grammar schools. In 1966 he graduated from St. Ignatius High School and from Santa Clara University in 1970. That year he entered the Dominican Novitiate in Oakland.

Fr. Christian was ordained in 1976 at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Oakland and started his teaching career immediately thereafter at Dominican College. After later receiving his doctorate in theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (The Angelicum) in Rome he began a long teaching career there as professor of theology. He is presently a consultor to the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity and a member of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission.

Bishop-Elect Christian said “I am delighted to minister in the area where I was born and raised, and where I have numerous relatives and friends. I know I can count on the prayers of many people, and I am eager to serve the people of the City and Archdiocese that I call home.”

His episcopal ordination is planned to take place at St. Mary’s Cathedral by the beginning of summer.
**Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained**

**Question:** What is the story behind Divine Mercy Sunday?

**Answer:** In Poland during the early 1930s, Jesus appeared to a religious sister, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. These private revelations had one key theme: the love and mercy of God. The relevance of this message was evident then and would continue to resound in importance throughout the social and political upheaval of the 20th century.

One of Jesus’ requests was the institution of a feast of God’s mercy. St. Faustina records in her diary, “I desire that the Feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for souls ... let no soul fear to draw near to me ... It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter” (Diary, no. 699). After St. Faustina’s canonization in 2000, the Vatican declared that the Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

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**The Greatest Attribute of God is Love and Mercy.**

—St. Faustina Kowalska

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Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20:26b-27


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**2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal - Update**

“By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.”
1 Corinthians 12:13

Rob & Kim Anderson  
Frank & Lelani Avalos  
Paul Bisson  
Lou & Margene Brignetti  
Richard Carell  
Ana Maria Chavez  
Steven & Sheila Cibotti  
Jeff Clayton & Margaret McNamara  
Harold Coffee, Jr.  
Meghan Corcoran  
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Daniel Forchione  
Julia Dowd & Timothy Freundlich  
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David & Sandy Goldfein  
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Anne Holman  
Brian & Sandra Kearney  
Doriene Lopez  
Joy MacIntyre  
Dolores Martin  
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Thomas & Anne Louise Nieto  
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As of March 27, we have raised $18,710 in funds and pledges Thank YOU

1) **Pledge over time.** Take advantage to fulfill your pledge over the next 8 months.
2) **Give a one-time gift** with check or cash,
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We invite you to visit our website at
www.saintphilipparish.org and select the online giving tab on the homepage. Alternatively, you can download the mobile app from Googleplay or the Apple App Store. Register by entering our church ID of (4254)

Of course if you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so. We are offering this option for your convenience.

Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?

Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism. Next Session will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes: Catholic Charities Fundraising Gala

Thursday, May 24, 5:30 pm Palace Hotel, 2 New Montgomery St., San Francisco 415-972-1273 events@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

Catholic Charities of San Francisco presents its 21st Annual Loaves & Fishes Dinner and Gala celebrating the power of extraordinary charity and justice to change lives every day. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit Catholic Charities services fighting homelessness and supporting families.

Highlights of the evening include presentation of the 2018 Loaves & Fishes Award for Faith in Action to Kathleen “Katie” Cardinal; and entertainment by our special guest, internationally celebrated musical virtuoso Ethan Bortnick. To sponsor a table of to purchase individual tickets, phone or email Catholic Charities, above.

UPDATE – Retrouvaille Marriage Renewal Weekend

Friday - Sunday, April 13-15
Mountain View
415-893-1005 SF@Retrouvaille.org helpourmarriage.org

The Four Stages of Marriage. The stages are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the fourth, the Stage of Awakening. Don’t give up without learning about the Fourth Stage. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille.

For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on April 13-15, phone, or email, or visit the website, all above. Details of the location in Mountain View will be given with registration.

2018-2019 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes

Saint Philip Parish is pleased to announce we are currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 term for students enrolled in our public and private schools into our Faith Formation Programs.

Sessions will commence in the fall during the September timeframe. If you are interested, please take an application from the vestibule bulletin board or visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org for an online application.

You may also call the Parish Office for detailed information at 415-282-0141.

On the Lighter Side

Watching the Apples

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table sat a large stack of apples. A teacher had made a note and posted it on the apple tray: “Take only one. God is watching!”

Moving further down the lunch line, at the end of the table, sat a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. There a child had written a note: “Take as much as you want. God is watching the apples.”
PARISH SERVICES

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
This Sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, or care facility, please request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital or care facility is located, through the nursing station.

BAPTISM
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the parish office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our baptismal preparation program. Please call two months before you wish the baptism. Parents must make an appointment to attend the preparation session. Godparents may attend if they wish. These sessions normally take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The preparation may be done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION
Sacramental preparation is a one year program here at St. Philips. First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in the 2nd grade. However, we offer accommodations for those older. Classes are held in the chapel on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will be required upon registration. Please call the Parish office for complete details. 415-282-0141

Our Confirmation Program is designed for those youth entering the 8th grade or already in high school. These sessions begin in the fall. You must provide baptismal and First Eucharist certificates. To register call the Parish Office 415-282-0141

R.C.I.A.—Adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith are welcome to attend an Inquiry Session in the fall. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Resource Center building (the old convent). Call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY
Call the Parish Office to arrange for visitation and the gift of Holy Communion from one of our Extraordinary Ministers for your friends and family members who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or hospitalization. This is a beautiful ministry which allows for the Church to reach out to those who are homebound and share faith and friendship.

MARRIAGE
Couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to their intended wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Pastoral Staff to begin their marriage preparation journey.

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

PARISH RESOURCES

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MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

DEVOTIONS
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PARISH OUTREACH

Baptismal Classes First Tuesday of the Month
7:00 p.m. (Rectory by appt.)

Belfry Society
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)

First Communion Instruction…Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
CCD Confirmation Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)

School Board
Young at Heart (Senior Club) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Please contact the rectory at (415) 282-0141
As a service to the community, we sponsor the following:
Monday A.A. Meeting (Men’s) 7:00 p.m. Hall 3
Tuesday A.A. Kitchen 6:00 p.m. Hall 3
Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons

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