

# **CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION**

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## Third Sunday of Easter



## **Divine Mercy**

Two weeks ago a nine day novena started in preparation for the Divine Mercy Celebration last Sunday. We were blessed to be presented with a special Divine Mercy painting during Lent, which was hung up in anticipation of the Divine Mercy Celebration.

We are grateful for Terri Cruzada, Letti Garcia-Lingad and Alice Gonzalez who are the donors of this beautiful piece of art.

We would like to share Deacon Chuck Glover's homily that he gave last weekend in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday...

In the movie Caddy Shack, Bill Murray played a grounds keeper at a golf course. He was being driven crazy by a mole. Every time Bill would think he was going to capture the mole, it would pop up in a different hole and make fun of him.

Not to equate Jesus with a mole, but think how his disciples and followers must have felt after his crucifixion and resurrection. Surely they felt that same type of frustration as he would suddenly appear to them in different places.

There is something in common with these sudden appearances. Those to whom he appeared did not immediately recognize him until he had taken some action which keyed them into realizing who he was.

In today's Gospel, Christ appears within a locked room where the disciples had gathered. They were hiding from the Jewish leaders who were hunting for them. They wanted to destroy this new Christian movement.

There is no mention in this Gospel passage as to whether he was immediately recognized. You, however, can imagine they were quite startled. They were after all in a locked room and suddenly he appears in their midst.

Why did those who lived and traveled with not recognize him? They professed faith and belief in what he taught them. But that faith and its corresponding trust came up short. They had been suddenly faced with the reality of the crucifixion.

They had just suffered the loss of a friend and leader and didn't really expect to see him again. Their lack of faith or distrust led to their brains not registering what their eyes were telling them. How could it be him?

Go forward almost 2000 years to one person who had no problem recognizing him. That was Saint Faustina Kolwaska. Pope Saint John-Paul II called her the "great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time." It is appropriate to speak of her on this day as one who recognized Jesus without question.

Because today, of course, is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus in multiple appearances to Saint Faustina, directed her to have a painting of the Divine Mercy icon created with the words, "I trust in you" across it. He also directed that a Divine Mercy Sunday be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter. The first Divine Mercy Sunday Mass was held on April 28, 1935 and was attended by the then, Sister Faustina.

The church officially designated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in the year 2000. Saint Faustina was also canonized on that Sunday, April 30, in the same year.

A powerful and loved devotion was energized by the recognizing of Jesus by this young, poor and uneducated nun. She was not burdened with all the distrust and cynicism that can come with money and education. She had complete trust in him.

Divine Mercy may seem like it has been around for a long time but in the context of church history, it is very recent. It continues to attract new adherents and devotees each and every day.

Theologian, Reverend Professor Ignacy Rozycki, points out that there are five elements of the devotion to The Divine Mercy. They are:

The image of the Merciful Jesus.

The Feast of the Divine Mercy.

The Novena of the Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

The Hour of Mercy

Along with those five elements, there are three other requirements for us to be fully one with Jesus in this devotion. They are, 1. Ask for his Mercy; 2. Be merciful to others; and 3. Completely trust in Jesus.

Becoming a devotee of Divine Mercy will allow you the ability to recognize Christ when he comes again. We should not expect to recognize him with our eyes. Our heart and soul will take on that responsibility.

Maybe the question we should ask ourselves is not will we recognize Jesus? We should be asking, will he recognize in us the person he wishes us to be? Each of us has experienced the infinite mercy of the Lord in many different ways. We are called to manifest our gratitude for that mercy by the doors to our heart as the disciples locked the door to the room they were in.

## **The Saints**

May 24 at 6:00pm

Join the Young Adult Group (YAG) at Assumption Parish for a discussion on the Saints by Meg Hunter-Kilmer. Meg Hunter-Kilmer is a cradle Catholic and a revert, brought back to the fold by a grace-filled confession and the supreme logic of Catholic doctrine. Meg has a Bachelor's in Theology and a Master's in Systematic Theology, both from Notre Dame. After 5 years as a full time religion teacher, Meg quit her job and packed everything into the trunk of her car to drive around the country and fly around the world as a hobo missionary. Call the Parish Office for more details.

## **First Friday Devotions and Mass**

Be a part of our next First Friday Devotions

Friday May 6 at 5:30pm. Eucharistic Adoration,

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Divine

Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass

at 6:30pm. Please note the new start time for

FFD.

# **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

Next Saturday **May 7** after the 8:15am. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is intended for those who are sick, suffering from serious or chronic illness, or struggling with the infirmities of age. If you are homebound, contact the Parish Office at 510-352-1537.

# **Transparency**

In continuing with our transparency we would like to share that the Pre-Trial Hearing on the embezzlement case, that was scheduled for yesterday, was continued. The new court date is **June 2** at 9am in Department 710 of Dublin's East County Hall of Justice.

# APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 2022 \*We Remember at the Eucharist\*

Saturday 30

8:15am Fr. Hugo Franca (Living) 4:30pm Juan Antonio Romero+

Faustino & Benebeda Osalbo+

Sunday 1 8:00am

Frances & Paul McDonnell+

Gilbert Valenzuela+

10:00 am Salvador & Virginia Diaz+

Betty Clements+

12:00 pm Lita Flinders+

Edgar Borbon+

Monday 2

8:15a.m. Respect for the Dignity of Life

Tuesday 3

8:15a.m. Charles B. Guest, Jr+

Wednesday 4

8:15a.m. Assumption School Children

Robert Tan+
Robert Herrick+

Thursday 5

8:15am Living & Deceased Members of the

Rosary Makers

Friday 6

8:15am People of Assumption Parish

6:30pm Purita Liberal (Living)

Corazon Primero+
Francisco Ibarra+

Saturday 7

8:15am Forgotten Souls in Purgatory 4:30pm People of Assumption Parish

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# THANK YOU for your generosity! Sunday Collection

April 24, 2022 \$7.000.80 Maintenance Fund \$817.00

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday thru Thursday 9:00AM -12:00PM - 12:30PM - 3:00PM Friday 9:00AM to 12:00PM (510) 352-1537 Assumptionsanleandro.org

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#### **Assumption School**

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### **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Daily Mass: 8:15am (Live Streamed)
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am (Live Streamed),
12:00noon

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:00pm and by Appt



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# CALLING ALL SUMMER FAITH CAMP ADULT VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE JOIN US
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH AT
6:00PM AT THE RECTORY
FOR PLANNING MEETING
REFRESHMENTS & SNACKS

PARENT VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS AND COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION TO CAMP FOR YOUR CHILDREN.





Summer Faith Camp is a week long camp August 8-12 on school campus