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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28, 2019



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Today's Gospel account reveals the two sides of Christ's love. He mercifully loves us wherever he finds us, even in our sin, but he loves us too much to leave us there and thus calls us to a higher standard.

The Gospel recounts Jesus' first appearance to his disciples after the Resurrection. One of the first things Jesus does is to show them the wounds in his hands and side. These wounds are the effects of sin. The disciples realize their own sinfulness when they see the risen Lord.

But Jesus doesn't come just to show the disciples the effects of sin. He also tells them, "Peace be with you." In the ancient Jewish world "peace" didn't mean just a calm feeling, but it described right relationship and friendship. In coming to meet his friends for the first time since they abandoned him on Good Friday, Jesus not only shows them his wounds, but he speaks words of comfort and forgiveness.

These are the two sides of Christ's love: He comes to show us the truth of our sin and its consequences, but he also comes with mercy and forgiveness. He comes to offer "peace." The place where we experience these two aspects of Christ's love most profoundly is in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We might be reminded of this sacrament when Jesus tells the apostles that as the Father has sent him, so he now sends them. Jesus was sent by the Father for the forgiveness of

sins, and now he is sending his apostles, enabled by the Holy Spirit, to participate in this ministry of forgiveness. Our priests and bishops continue this ministry in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the successors of the apostles.

Are you ready to avail yourself of both sides of Jesus' love?



Unpack the First Reading Acts 5:12-16

It's hard to imagine the kind of fevered atmosphere that surrounded the apostolic community of believers in those days after the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus and the Pentecost that followed. "Many signs and wonders" are attributed to the apostles. Just as Jesus cured all who came to him, the apostles cured many of unclean spirits or disease. Seldom in human history is God's power displayed so evidently.

It's telling that Luke uses a phrase that suggests the unity of the body of believers in Christ when he says, "great numbers of men and women were added to them." He doesn't say that they joined the community or that enrollment increased, but that the Lord added. When the Church grows Christ grows, until, in the words of St. Paul, Christ comes to full stature in us at the end of time (Ephesians 4:11-16).

In the Church's infancy she needed a special display of divine power to aid her mission of evangelizing the world. And at certain times and places, God has seen fit to make his power seen and felt in order to draw humanity closer to him. What's so visibly evident in certain times for particular reasons is always invisibly present in the Church. The Church is Christ's body extended through space and time.

Unpack the Second Reading Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

The Liturgy is the place where we relate to ourselves the saving acts of God recounted in the Scriptures and use that recounting as an act of worship. To Catholic eyes that are familiar with the outlines of the Liturgy, Revelation discloses a liturgical format; it's both a liturgy and liturgical. Two specific clues to this can be found in our reading this week.

First, we're told that John's vision takes place on the "Lord's day,"

the term used to describe Sunday, the day for Christian worship. Second, the first thing John sees are seven lampstands of gold, which any Jew of the first century A.D. would've recognized as being part of the Jerusalem Temple's furnishings. So the first two things this reading tells us are that John is in a time for worship (Sunday) and a place of worship (the heavenly Temple). John, who often looked upon the human face of Jesus, falls in holy fear before the divine face of Jesus. And yet Jesus assures John that there's no reason to fear death because he's Life itself. We enter into that awesome presence, his real presence, in the Holy Eucharist, in the divine liturgy of the Mass.

Unpack the Gospel John 20:19-31

As a Church we're present on Easter morning to witness the manifestation of the risen glory of Jesus Christ. We share the joy and recognition of St. Mary Magdalene and that of the apostles to whom she acts as an apostle of the Res-

urrection. But, just as we're represented collectively as a Church in the characters of the Magdalene and the apostles, we're also absent and remain doubting on that first Easter day in the person of Thomas.

The Second Sunday of Easter could be called Thomas' Easter. He represents that part of us that holds out against faith, relentlessly asking for proof, for confirmation. Thomas is a particularly good model for our age. He demands an empirical, tangible demonstration that Jesus is risen in the flesh.

In John's Gospel, seeing is believing. John seems to emphasize the evidence that sight supplies to the identity of the Lord Jesus. Sight and blindness are metaphors for enlightenment and sin. So there's tension between the evidence that Jesus gives us and our human insistence that he continuously reinforce our faith with signs. The Catholic conception of belief has always respected both our human need to be shown the truth and our human need for the faith that

perfects our reason. The Church respects both because Jesus respected both.

Reflection & Discussion

Take a few minutes to watch the short *Opening the Word* video on FORMED.org with your friends and family. Then discuss these questions:

The presenter, Edward Sri, discusses the two sides of Christ's love. What are these two sides, and how do we see Jesus demonstrating both of them in today's Gospel reading?

In what ways do you see Jesus confronting you with both his truth and his mercy in your own life?

How do you commonly react to being confronted with the truth of sin? How do you commonly react to being confronted with God's mercy?

Reprinted from this week's Opening the Word leader materials with permission from Augustine Institute.



Watch free at StMichael.FORMED.org
on the "Community" tab

DIVINE MERCY: In the Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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Pray Throughout the Week



Mass Intentions

Saturday 4/20

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
For the intentions of all parishioners

Sunday 4/21

All Easter Masses
For the intentions of all parishioners

Monday 4/22

8:30am Jose Luis Garcia †

Tuesday 4/23

8:30am Noel & JoAnn Enders

Wednesday 4/24

8:30am For all unborn children
7:00pm Jose Garcia, Jr †

Thursday 4/25

8:30am Kevin Milne

Friday 4/26

8:30am Mary & Mark McGuane

To request a Mass Intention, please visit the church office. The customary donation of \$10 goes to the priest celebrating the Mass.

Lectio Divina Prayer & Resolution

Today's Gospel reading presents us with the two sides of God's love for us: the truth about our sin and the awesome gift of his mercy. Let us take time now to pray and meditate on God's love.

Prayer Meditation

Put yourself into today's Gospel reading. Imagine that you are in the upper room with the disciples. Jesus appears to you and shows you the wounds in his hands and in his side—these are the effects of your sins. How do you feel? What do you say to Jesus? Now imagine that Jesus extends his hands toward you and says, "Peace be with you." How do you feel? How would you respond? What do you do when you hear those words?

Resolution

Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we have direct access to the mission of forgiveness which the Father gave to Jesus and which Jesus shared with the apostles. Make plans to go to Confession as soon as you can. In preparation, prayerfully ask God to reveal any hidden areas of sin in your life and help you to make a good confession.

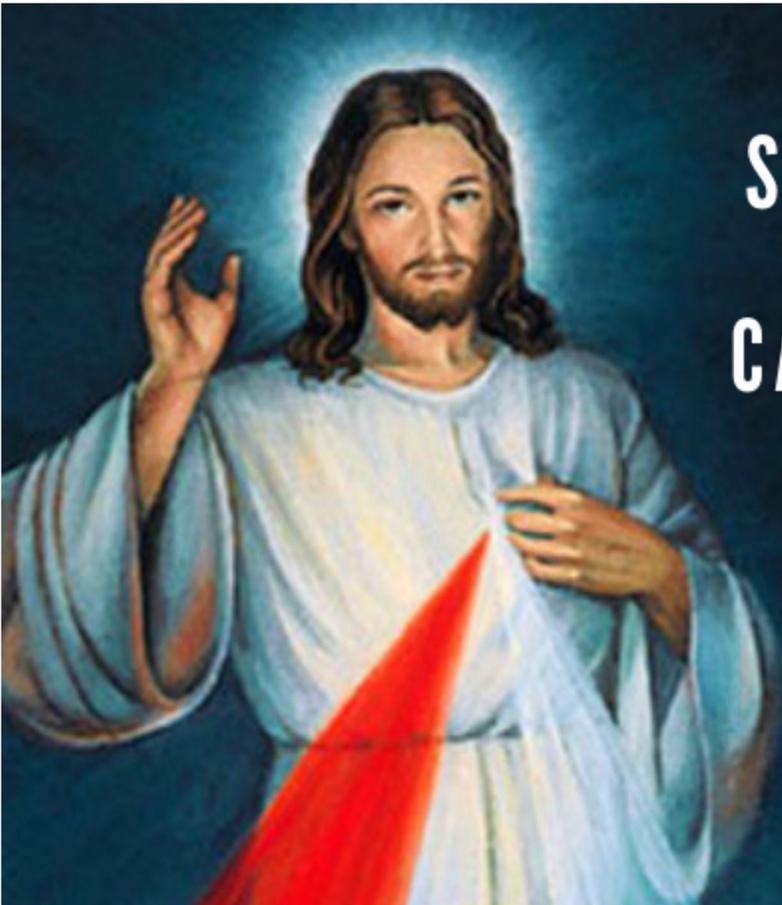
Special Intentions

For Fr Wade Menezes, our Divine Mercy Mission speaker, that the Lord may fill him with abundant graces. Also for all those who attend the Mission, that they may encounter the Risen Lord in a profound and meaningful way.

In joy and thanksgiving for those who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil Mass.

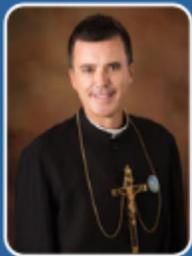
For the repose of the souls of those who have died, and for the comfort of their friends and family. For funeral information, please see StMichaelLivermore.com/Funerals

Submit your prayer requests to our growing prayer team at Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com



SIN, CONVERSION and the CALL TO HOLINESS

3-DAY DIVINE MERCY MISSION



Presented by Our Special Guest,
Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM of the Fathers of Mercy
and EWTN Television and Radio Host

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

8:30 am Mass with Fr. Wade
5:30 pm Adoration
5:30–6:30 pm Confessions
6:40 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00–8:00 pm Conference #1
8:00–9:00 pm Confessions
9:00 pm Blessed Sacrament
returned to Chapel

MONDAY, APRIL 29

8:30 am Mass with Fr. Wade
5:30 pm Adoration
5:30–6:30 pm Confessions
6:40 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00–8:00 pm Conference #2
8:00–9:00 pm Confessions
9:00 pm Blessed Sacrament
returned to Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:30 am Mass with Fr. Wade
4:30 pm Adoration
4:30–5:30 pm Confessions
5:40 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00–7:00 pm Conference #3
7:00–8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Blessed Sacrament
returned to Chapel

All other ministry and group meetings are canceled during the evenings of the Mission.

Events Happening This Week



Wednesday, May 1

Feast of St. Joseph, with a Rosary in multiple languages—Latin, English, Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Chinese, Hindi, Nigerian, French, Korean—at 6:15 pm, followed by Mass and candlelight procession.

Thursday, May 2

Bishop Oscar Cantú of the Diocese of San Jose will preside Mass at 9:00am at St. Charles followed by a special talk.

Family Adoration Hour is from 4-5pm (you don't have to stay for the whole hour) in the Chapel. All ages welcome. For info, please email us Families@StMichaelLivermore.com

Friday, May 3

First Friday Mass devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is at 12:00 pm in the Chapel, followed by Adoration in the Church, ending at 3:00 pm with the Chaplet.

Saturday, May 4

First Saturday devotion to our Lady of Fatima begins with Mass at 8:30 am, followed by hymns, rosary, Confession and procession.

Anointing of the Sick is available immediately following the 8:30 am Mass for those who are seriously ill, facing surgery or suffering the effects of aging.

Confession at 9:15 am, 3:45 pm and 6:15 pm in the Church.

NEXT SUNDAY

All School Mass at 9:30 am. Students, please attend in uniform.

Welcome Brunch at 10:30 am in the Hall to get to know more about parish life at St Michael's. Brunch is free, but please RSVP to EricHom@StMichaelLivermore.com

Mass with a Sign Language Interpreter at 11:00 am. The first couple of pews at the front right are reserved for those with hearing impairments.

Maintenance & Improvement Collection at all Masses to help support repairs and restoration of our aging parish facilities.



Welcome Brunch

May 5 at 10:30 am

Find out about parish life.

Meet new friends.

Enjoy free brunch!

RSVP Business@StMichaelLivermore.com



Commitment Weekend
April 27-28

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution to the Bishop's Appeal.

May is the Month of Mary



The Bible and the Virgin Mary

The Bible and the Virgin Mary is a dynamic twelve-part video series that beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady, showing how she has been a part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time. In addition to explanation of dogmas, answers to common objections, and demonstration of Mary's presence in the Old and New Testaments, this study discusses Church-approved Marian apparitions that play an important role in Catholic Tradition. It's sure to help Catholics and non-Catholics alike grow in an understanding and appreciation of the Mother of God.

Watch this series free at StMichael.FORMED.org under "Study" —> "Faith Formation" —> "Discover the Catholic Faith".

Praying the Rosary Together

Join us as we pray the Rosary in multiple languages for *Family, Peace and Life* every night throughout the month of May at 7:00 pm in the Courtyard. New to praying the Rosary? This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the flow of this powerful prayer.

Additional group Rosary opportunities:

English
7:15 am, Mon-Fri in the Church
9:15 am, Mon-Sat in the Chapel

Spanish
6:30 pm, Saturdays in the Church
12:15 pm, Sundays in the Church

Rosary on the Go

Pray the rosary while on your commute, running errands, exercising, gardening or doing housework! Listen and pray with legendary hall of fame sportscaster Vin Scully free by visiting StMichael.FORMED.org under "Listen" then scroll down to "Pray".

There are a number of recorded Rosaries available for purchase on iTunes, Amazon, GooglePlay or wherever you purchase music. Listen to a few samples to find the voices that you find pleasing, and pray the Rosary on the go!

Save These Dates!



May 11: *Ribs, Chili, Cars, Brews & Blues* event sponsored by our Livermore Knights is newly expanded this year. Three live bands, tons of food and drink vendors and activities for kids. For more info, visit LivermoreKnights.org

May 14: *Mass of Remembrance* at 7:00 pm in the Church
Remember your departed loved ones at a bilingual Mass of Remembrance sponsored by Grief Support.

May 16-July 18: *Wisdom—God's Vision for Life* Bible Study will meet on Thursdays in the Convent at 6:30 pm. Learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom!

May 31: *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* begins in the Church with praying the Rosary in multiple languages at 6:15 pm, followed by Mass at 7:00 pm, then a procession with the Coronation of Mary.

June 2-22: *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* at-home study with family or small group in preparation of Corpus Christi.

June 24-June 28: *Vacation Bible Camp* from 9:15 am - 12:45 pm for TK-6th grades at St Michael Church & School. For questions, registration or interest in volunteering, please email our team at VBC@StMichaelLivermore.com

Our Community



St Michael School 1st graders coding with their 6th grade buddies!

St. Michael School was founded 105 years ago by the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, and today we continue to offer a rigorous curriculum steeped in our Catholic identity.

We offer a full day Transitional Kindergarten class for all children who will turn 4 years old by September 1st, and we offer a full-day Kindergarten class for all children who will turn 5 by September 1st.

St. Michael School's student to teacher ratio is 14:1 and our average class size is 18 students. Consider enrolling your children and become part of our school family! Visit our website for information regarding admissions: SmsLiv.org/admissions

All families are encouraged to tour the school either during a Wednesday Welcome Tour or a Shadow Visit tour (2nd through 8th grades). Sign up for a tour at SmsLiv.org/welcome-wednesday-tours

Calling Catholic Men!

Knights get involved where needs exist. They make a real difference in the lives of the people they help.

Did you know that Livermore Knights collected and delivered Christmas gifts for over 100 local families? This brought holiday cheer to families that otherwise had nothing.

There will be a parish membership drive on Sunday, May 12. Please consider joining our council and working with good people to serve God in Livermore.

Contact Tom McCaffrey for information at: 925-321-4604, captaintmcc@gmail.com.

You can join at any time. Check us out at LivermoreKnights.org

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LA BIBLIA *y la* VIRGEN MARÍA

Journey Through Scripture (El Camino a Través de las Escrituras) es el programa dinámico de estudio de Biblia de St. Paul Center diseñado para ayudar Católicos ordinarios a crecer en su conocimiento de las Escrituras al mismo tiempo que profundizan su entendimiento de las riquezas de nuestra fe. Distintivamente Católico, *Journey Through Scripture* lee la Biblia desde el corazón de la Iglesia, usando tanto el Antiguo como el Nuevo Testamento y relacionándolos entre sí. Tiene su raíz en la historia, aunque de una manera activa utiliza temas que enfrentan los Católicos hoy en día. Más que simplemente un estudio ordinario de Biblia, es una catequesis bíblica.

La Biblia y la Virgen María es una serie dinámica de videos de doce partes que bellamente explican las verdades católicas sobre Nuestra Señora que muestra cómo ella ha sido una parte del plan de Dios para traer la salvación al mundo desde el comienzo del tiempo. Además de explicación de dogmas, respuestas a objeciones comunes y demostración de la presencia de María en el Antiguo y Nuevo Testamento, este estudio habla sobre las apariciones Marianas aprobadas por la Iglesia que juegan un papel importante en la Tradición Católica. Es garantía que ayudará a Católicos y no Católicos a crecer en un entendimiento y apreciación de la Madre de Dios.

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Mass | Misa

Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

First Friday | Primer viernes

12:00 pm in the chapel

en la capilla

Sat Vigil | Vigilia del Sábado

5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,

12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas

1st Sun, 11:00 am

Primer domingo a las 11:00 am

Vietnamese | Vietnamita

4th Sun, 3:30 pm

Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church |

Sábado en la iglesia

9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English

6:15 pm en español

Monday & Friday in the church |

Lunes y viernes en la iglesia

7:30 am in English & español

1st & 3rd Wednesdays in the

Convent Chapel

2:30 pm in English

Anointing of the Sick |

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