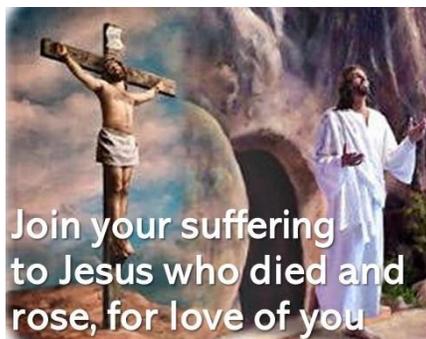


St. John the Evangelist Church
4 April 2021 Easter

stjohnsfortpierre.org website has parish bulletins, and audio: 'click to listen to daily reflections from Fr. Ron'

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat. 4pm, or by calling 223 2176 for Fr. Ron Garry. Office email: main.stjohns@midconetwork.com 206 W. Main Ave, Ft. Pierre SD 57532



Q. Who is the saint of the **Divine Mercy** message? A. Born as Helena Kowalska, she was named Sister Faustina when she received the habit of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

Q. What exactly is Divine Mercy? A. Divine Mercy is Jesus' message to us that **God's love and forgiveness is greater than our sins**. All Jesus asks is that we trust in Him, ask for and accept His Mercy, and then let Mercy work through us to help others. He also wants us to be merciful, loving,

compassionate, and forgiving to others. The gospel says, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." This vision which Jesus granted Sr. Faustina say we can show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. "When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls" (*St. Faustina's Diary*, 1074).

How to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet on rosary beads:

Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Continue by saying one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the the Apostles Creed.

Then on the Our Father bead say: 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.

On the 10 Hail Mary beads say: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Continue in this pattern four more times as you go around the chaplet or rosary. In conclusion three times you will recite these words: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

End with the Sign of the Cross.

"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy" (*13Sep1935 vision to St. Faustina*)

Diocese of Rapid City Prayer for Rain

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with temporal gifts, we may the more confidently seek after eternal gifts.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pages with the Novena to St Isidore are in the church entry.

"Our consciences must be formed according to the Gospel and according to the teachings of the Church. We must listen to that, and then our works will become good, and they will bring light," Archbishop Samuel Aquila of Denver

Our parish has a subscription to Augustine Institute digital library, in which is a great treasury of audio and video good news of Jesus. To create a user account, go the **formed.org** then click on 'signup', give your email address and a password for you, and enter our St John parish code 3KHGCJ. Recently added are these:

- "Sanctuary course for Catholics," with tips on mental health in this troubled time.
 - "Grieving with great hope" to help with all the deaths which we have not been able to attend this year.
- Another great series comes up when you search for
- "Pitre the case for Jesus"

Thank you for your faith this Lent & Holy Week for your donations toward the Easter flowers, for your sacrifices, small and large, in health care, for your endurance during the hardest pandemic moments, for your support of St John Church in time and donations, for the wonders of love through which Jesus shines in us, for the many people who pray in their homes for us all.

Bishop Muhich: the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is reinstated in the Diocese of Rapid City effective March 27, for those who are healthy. Exceptions include if you care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed, if you are pregnant, or if you have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass or other social gatherings.

In St John Church the east side pews will not have ropes, with the possibility of your sitting next to another person not of your household. If you are healthy and want this situation, sit on the east side. The west side, there are 5 pews marked every other one, for those who want more space.

Invite your friends to Mass. The treasures of Jesus present in person – within us, in our gathering as the Body of Christ, and in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist – such richness of the Spirit, for building up our families and our world.

When you are ready to be a lector, or altar server, or Eucharistic Minister of the Body of Christ, call the office.

- Students in grades 1-8, come to Padre Hall on Sundays April 11th & 18th: the rosary
- Students in grades 9-12, each Wednesday in Padre Hall at 6:15pm



On Sunday May 2, all students, grades 1-12 come to church at 9:30am, and at 9:50am we will pray a **crowning of the Mary** statue, and pray the rosary with Our Heavenly Mother for the blessing of our earthly mothers.

The Teammates Mentoring Program of Pierre is a one to one, school-based, mentoring program serving kids in 6th through 12th grade that will support you in a your quest to make that difference for a child. Please consider this opportunity and contact Renae.Lehman@k12.sd.us for more information, or call Brandon Johnson 280 8701. You can apply to mentor at teammates.org and clicking "Become a Teammates Mentor"

Good Charities for your almsgiving

Pierre Area Referral Services **PARS** has a fund raiser through April: the Townsend Challenge. Donations will be matched, up to \$50,000, by local banks. 110 W Missouri Ave, Pierre

Rapid City Catholic Diocese has not met the needed goal from last fall's Annual Appeal. See Bishop's letter in this weeks' *West River Catholic*. PO Box 678, Rapid City 57709. In two weeks, we will hear a renewed appeal for donations, so we might support the ministries of our Diocese.

Our neighbors to the south, on the Rosebud Reservation, operate the **Sapa Un School** and many good ministries, see information at **sfmission.org** St. Francis Mission, PO Box 499, St. Francis, SD 57572

All the donations in the parish basket on **Good Friday** go to the Franciscan Missions in the Holy Land, info at **ffhl.org** Franciscan Foundation, PO Box 29086, Washington, DC 20017-9086

Easter 2021, with Mother Mary

April 4 Easter

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:4) (2nd reading at Mass)



April 11 Divine Mercy Sunday
This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth... Whoever possesses the Son has life (1 John 5:6,12) Mary gave human water and blood to the Divine Son of God. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can share in this gift and receive eternal life. "Just imagine being in the presence of the Holy One in living flesh and blood at every moment – what holiness would be yours?" (Bp.Jurgis)

April 18

Peter said in the temple, "The God of Abraham, [the God] of Isaac, and [the God] of Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus whom you handed over ... The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:13,15) The Blessed Virgin Mary is all things to God: she is a daughter of faith to God the Father; she is the spouse of the Holy Spirit; and she is the Mother of Jesus. In that sense, we can accurately say in the words of the Council of Ephesus that she is the Mother of God. But even with her favored relationship with the Trinity, her obvious spiritual superiority, Mary needed Joseph. There has never been a married couple in all of history with a more important mission than the Blessed Virgin Mary and her husband, Joseph of Nazareth. They had a child to raise, and this was no ordinary child. He was God incarnate. He was the Savior, the New Adam, the only One in human history who could restore mankind's relationship with God. (CatholicExchange.com, 5 Dec 2019)

April 25

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:1-2)

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we offer you our devotion and love. We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and needs, and we take comfort from the faith in the coming resurrection. We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

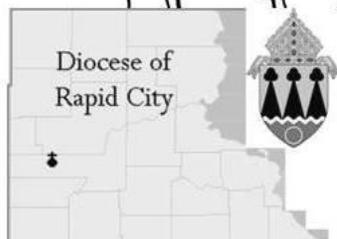
May 2

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth... the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit that he gave us. (1 John 3:18,24) For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name ... (Isaiah 54:5) as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you (Isaiah 62:5) I feel a divine jealousy for you, for I betrothed you to Christ to present you as a pure bride to her one husband (2 Cor. 11:2).

May 9

I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain. (John 15:15-17)

Christ, the Son of Mary, offers saving grace to all who believe in Him, and they become His brothers and sisters, and spiritual children of Mary. Early Church Fathers wrote: "death through Eve, life through Mary." Pope St. Paul VI wrote: "We believe that the Holy Mother of God, the New Eve, Mother of the Church, continues in heaven to exercise her maternal role on behalf of the members of Christ."



May 16 Ascension Solemnity

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe. (Eph 1:17-18)



Jesus the Savior prayed for us at the Last Supper. Mary, perfectly united with her Son, prays for us eternally. We pray the rosary and learn from the life of grace through Jesus and Mother Mary.

May 23 Pentecost

They were in the Upper Room, Peter and the eleven, with Mary, the mother of Jesus and his brothers. Acts 1:13-14

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary Monday & Saturday

The Annunciation: Mary is called to be Jesus' mother
The Visitation: Elizabeth sees Mary as mother of our Lord.
The Nativity: Jesus is born and laid in a manger.
The Presentation: Jesus is presented in Jerusalem Temple
Finding Jesus: Jesus teaches elders in the temple.

Luminous Mysteries Thursday

The Baptism in the Jordan: God proclaims Jesus His Son.
The Wedding at Cana: Jesus shows a miracle at a wedding.
The Proclamation of the Kingdom: In sayings and miracles
The Transfiguration: Jesus is gloriously transformed.
The Institution of Eucharist: Jesus gives His Body & Blood

Sorrowful Mysteries Tuesday & Friday

The Agony in the Garden: Jesus prays and sweats blood
The Scourging at the Pillar: Jesus is whipped
The Crowning with Thorns: Jesus is mocked
Carrying The Cross: Jesus carries the weight of our sins
The Crucifixion : Jesus Christ dies to save us.

Glorious Mysteries Wednesday & Sunday

The Resurrection: Jesus rises triumphant from the tomb.
The Ascension: As Jesus ascends to His Father.
The Descent of the Holy Ghost: The Church is born.
The Assumption: Mary is gloriously raised to heaven.
Mary is Crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Pope Leo XIII gave this, to be said after Hail Holy Queen

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Blessed Bartolo Longo prayed:

St Joseph, Vicar of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling the duties of your wonderful marriage with Mary, introduce the Holy Spirit to my will in order to ignite it with God's holy love. Present my will to the Most Holy Trinity so that my desires may always be at God's disposal.

Offer my heart to God so that He may dwell in it as on a throne of love and mercy. Present the movements of my soul and all the affections of my heart to God so that through your intercession I will always be faithful to the grace and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Amen.