



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) 3 APRIL 2016 YEAR C



Jubilee
Year of
Mercy
2015/16

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading : Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

2nd Reading : Apocalypse 5: 11-14

Gospel : John 21:1-19

RESPONSE

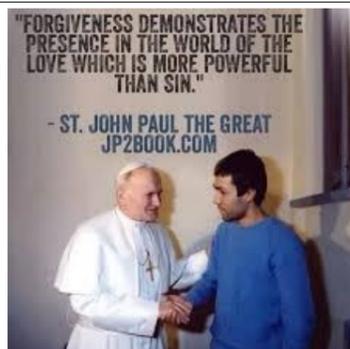
Give thanks to the
Lord for he is good,
his love is
everlasting.

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen
me; happy those who have not seen me, but still
believe! *Alleluia!*

Divine mercy in action

A *Time* magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs. The young man wore a black turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, up close and personal. They spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's attempted assassin (who shot the Pope on May 13t, 1981); the other man was Pope St. John Paul II, the intended victim. The Pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet had torn into the Pope's body. This was a living icon of mercy. John Paul's forgiveness was deeply Christian. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. Pope St. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly. When the Pope left the cell he said, "What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust." This is an example of God's Divine Mercy, the same Divine Mercy whose message St. Faustina witnessed. (<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0308.asp>)



Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - 4 April

25 March is usually the Solemnity of the Annunciation, but when it falls during Holy Week, the feast is transferred to the first day after the Easter Octave. The Annunciation is a mystery that belongs to the temporal rather than to the sanctoral cycle in the Church's calendar. For the feast commemorates the most sublime moment in the history of time, the moment when the Second Divine Person of the most Holy Trinity assumed human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Thus it is a feast of our Lord, even as it is of Mary, although the liturgy centers wholly around the Mother of God.



This feast is very important in the defense of the life of unborn children. Even with small children, this is a good day to begin teaching about the high value God places on human life. He loved us so much that he became one of us, took on our human nature and became an innocent, completely dependent infant.

The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch— www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2016-04-04

Church condemns Easter bomb attack in Lahore

A church official in Lahore has condemned a suicide bomb attack that targeted Christians at a park in the Pakistani city on 27 March, which killed at least 72 people.



Father Morris Jalal, the founder and program director of Lahore-based Catholic TV, expressed grief over the Easter explosion, which also left over 300 people injured.

"This is very, very sad, we can't do anything but pray and condemn what is happening around us," said Father Jalal.

A Taliban splinter group — Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan Jamaatul Ahrar — has claimed responsibility for the attack, which occurred at Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park. The terrorist group said that Lahore's Christian community was their target.

Among the dead so far include 29 children and seven women. The death toll is expected to rise.

For full article: www.ucanindia.in/news/church-condemns-easter-bomb-attack-in-lahore/31815/daily

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

RECENTLY DECEASED: Our past parishioner, **Molly Turner.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Mrs Steanne, Peter Lewis, Georgina Doyle, Maureen Carlson, Dolly King, Aghapi Rezk, Patrick O'Donnell, Bernie Travaglia, Clarence Smith-Frowd.

SICK : Margaret Jeary, Mary Edmonds, Edith Swain, Brian Taggart, Brian Hopgood, Pauline Muscat, Marta Kristan, Kala Lindsay.

THANKSGIVING

Church	\$2,062.00
Presbytery	\$1,567.00



Narthex Dinner

Friday 8 April 2016, 6.30 pm

Seats are still available.

Tickets can be purchased from Carol Smith after each Mass this weekend at \$20 pp.

Book by Sunday 3 March.

JOIN IN AND ENJOY A RELAXING EVENING WITH FRIENDS



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Will begin on Saturday 16 April, at 3-4pm.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 5 June at 10am.

Children in non Catholic schools in grade 4 and up are invited to attend.



4 LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM POPE FRANCIS

On Easter Sunday, in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican, Pope Francis delivered his Easter benediction. Thankfully, it's not just the pontiff's followers who can benefit from his words: As a business leader, you too can learn a thing or two about the importance of love, mercy, and freedom in times of crisis.

1. Remember to be merciful.

Whether you are a world leader dealing with terrorism or a CEO fighting against competitors who are trying to beat your business, it is easy to succumb to negative feelings. But Pope Francis says you need to be merciful: "Before the spiritual and moral abysses of mankind, before the chasms that open up in hearts and provoke hatred and death, only an infinite mercy can bring us salvation."

2. Show compassion for the marginalized.

It is easy to be prejudiced against people who are different from you. But as a leader your job is to bring people together, to keep your employees safe, and make sure others feel protected. You should not close your doors to people in need. Pope Francis says you should show love and compassion for those "who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence."

3. Be respectful of all.

In times like these, when fear and violence dominate the headlines, Pope Francis says it is important to "water the seeds of hope and prospects for peace." He says to practice good will and cooperation. As a leader, you should realize you govern a community within your office and you need to build "a fraternal society respectful of the dignity and rights of each citizen." Business can be cutthroat, but you should be leading through positive and life-affirming tactics.

When something bad happens in your company, you should "work for the common good, seeking spaces of dialog and cooperation with all," as the pope says. "May efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of... reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people."

4. Do not exploit the earth.

Making money is important for a business, but not if it comes at the expense of the environment. Pope Francis reminds us that climate change affects everyone and we should not allow for the planet to be destroyed. "On this glorious day, 'let the earth rejoice, in shining splendor,' even though it is so often mistreated and greedily exploited, resulting in an alteration of natural equilibria," he said.

Source: www.inc.com/will-yakowicz/pope-francis-for-business-leaders.html

From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian

Our Parish Secretary, Linda Kusumawati, has decided to take on a new position at St. Luke's Wantirna and we thank her very sincerely for her committed service to OLOL.

This part time position will soon be vacant and therefore I would like to invite those who are interested, to apply within a week before applications are open to the public and listed on the Archdiocese website. The job description can be obtained from either me or the parish office.

UPDATING OUR PARISH DIRECTORY



Please inform the Parish Office if your details changed or if you know anyone who has moved out of the parish so records can be updated.

If you are new to the Parish, we would appreciate very much if you could fill out the card (from the narthex table) or inform the office so to be recorded. Thank you.

PLEASE RETURN THE PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank You

To all who helped the Holy Week Celebrations a beautiful one and the donations of flowers/money for flowers.

We have collected \$996.45 for the Holy Places. Thank you.



PARISH DIARY

14 April : Deanery Meeting, Rowville Parish, (2 Taylors Lane), 7.30 pm
No registration needed

8 May : Ascension of the Lord

