

Divine Mercy Sunday

Dear Friends,

We look around at the world today and we see such great agony, incredible anguish, and immense suffering and pain. All of these things come in countless forms. One could say that the world has always seen such things, but I think these days, there seems to be a universal world of hurt going on. The whole world is in great need of mercy.

That's why it is a good thing that we are celebrating this Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a reminder that, despite the great misery that is going on in the world, there is a loving Lord who desires to extend his mercy toward us.

Obviously, our suffering takes many forms, including poverty, hunger, political oppression and religious oppression. But there is a deeper suffering that lies in the depths of the human soul. It is the suffering that is much less bearable. It is the suffering of a soul that is far removed from God. Sometimes this alienation from God stems from a soul that never had been taught how to approach God, or it may be because the individual has never been formed in the ways of faith. Then again, it may be because the soul has simply drifted away from God because of the alluring things of the world.

There is a great cry of hunger – not for physical food to nourish the body, but for food that brings dynamism to the soul. Every human, whether he or she knows it or not, has an undeniable longing for the sacred. Despite this, souls, in their weakness, pursue baser things; like sensual pleasure, or substances to “fix” a problem, or external luxuries that they believe will make us feel good and happy. The problem is, none of these things really gives us any profound happiness.

We tend to be slaves to our fallen human condition. As much as we would like to be obedient to God and to love him, we find ourselves dragged down by concupiscence – that something in us that tends toward sin and prevents us from truly taking flight. We are a hurting world that longs for relief.

Our celebration this weekend gives us the encouragement that God, in his great and unfathomable mercy, loves each and every one of us. No matter what we are suffering, be it something that comes as a result of our own fault, or something that is perpetrated on us from outside, or something that just simply has happened to us due to no one's fault, God extends his mercy toward us. He wants us to know his mercy and love. We should never shy away from him, because we know that God is always prepared to extend to us his mercy.

Jesus came into our world, and he died and rose to life again, so that we might experience his love, compassion, and mercy. We are a hurting bunch, but without the greatness of Christ's mercy, we would be lost. Somehow, the assurance of God's love and mercy makes every suffering more bearable. Let's entrust ourselves to his care and his loving embrace of mercy.

Fr. Paul

Additional Easter Flower Offerings

- Janie Gonzalez by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Gonzalez
- Gross & Krejci families by Chuck Gross
- Frank Lynch, Till & Emma Morrison, Sr. Carol Morrison, Frank & Ethel Lynch, Betty & Chet Tammary by Ruth Lynch
- Aurora Gonzales, Louis Gonzales, Trinidad Guzman, Marcelo Guzman, Santa Robles by Terri Staup

Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day is around the corner. We will be offering our novena of Masses (9 Masses) for our mothers, both living and deceased, from Sunday, May 10 - 18th. If you would like to include your mother, we have cards and envelopes for pickup at the entrances of the church. You may also use the envelopes in your monthly envelope packets which are mailed to you. Just mail them to us or drop them off at the parish office mailbox. This year, for your convenience, you have the option to make your Mother's Day intentions online at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1268>. The names can be included in the box on the same page that you make your donation. We will have a special blessing and token of love for our mothers when we are reunited at the altar of the Lord.

Mass Contributions

If you are able, we encourage you to continue to support your church during this time. You can easily contribute online by going to spxcc.org and clicking on the "Online Giving" tab.

If you prefer, you may mail your donation to 5620 Gollihar Rd, Corpus Christi, TX 78412, or you may drop it by the black locked mailbox outside the parish office.

Golf Tournament & Raffle Postponed

Due to the Coronavirus "Stay-at-home" order, the Golf Tournament & Raffle associated with it has been postponed to June 12, 2020. We will update you about the details as they come. Thank you for your support and your understanding. We are still accepting sponsorships and donations of silent auction items. Please contact the school to help.

Pray For Our Sick & Shut-ins

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Kirk Anderson, Sugar Arras, Abby Arredondo, Missy O'Rourke Atkinson, Tamra Bacon, Allan Balderas, Elida Benavides, Bernice Berry, Isabel Black, Judy Bowman, Jimmy Buehrig, Michael Campos, Lisa Caperton, Allison Cash, Eddie Castro, Sylvia Chatelain, Dora Church, Sabrina Cisneros, Gino Colmenero, Melanie Conner, Carole Cotter, Shirley Currie, Delgado, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Didra DeLosSantos, Pud'n Dellinger, Albert Diemert, Ethel Dulak, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Balde Espinoza, Elijah Ethridge, Bobby Floyd, Julian Galloway, Berta Garcia, Dakota Garcia, Esperanza Garcia, Minerva Garcia, Dora Garza, Raquel Garza, Terry Garza, Leigh & Jackson Gavarkovs, Deborah Giese, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Jared Groner, Linda Habeeb, Monte Hall, Rose Marie Hand, Doyle Harris, Owen Harris, Roger Heitzmann, Jr., Shain Hennig, Anna Hernandez, Graham Hughes, Mark Hyde, Carl Jacobi, Elizabeth Johnson, Steve Jones, Frank Kolda, Dennis Kramer, Arlene Leep, Diana Lopez, Mario Lopez, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Christopher Manka, Dottie Margrave, Gilbert Martinez, Jack McCord, Pat McLemore, Katie Mechlar, Barbara Mikulik, Fred Mitchell, Melynda Moore, Arlene Morgan, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Sterling Murphy, Doug Nicol, Trent O'Connell, Anna Fay Olenick, Jason Olog, Ozzie & Mary Osborne, Valerie Pompa, Derrel & Dolores Puckett, Aaron & Mercedes Presas, Irma Ramirez, Tino Ramos, John Rank, Leo M. Robles, Stella Rollins, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Myron Rose, Hedy Rosenast, Lorena Roy, David Russell, Hidalgo Salas, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Robert Sanchez, Janie San Miguel, Rick Sanders, Brandee Saylor, David N. Scherzer, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Clara Skelton, Maxine Sommers, Dean Smith, Denise Sosa-Villagran, Mary Ann Starkey, Donna Tindall, Andrew Trevino, Bessie Vasquez, Leah Villalobos, Santana Villarreal, Judy West, Cynthia Williams, Helen Witzsche, Gloria Posada Alvarez, and all those who asked for and need our prayers.

COVID-19 Announcements

Masses & Baptisms Suspended: Due to the ongoing Coronavirus threat and the "Stay-at-home" order implemented by the city and county, Masses continue to be suspended until further notice. Also, out of great caution for the protection of babies and families, baptisms have also been temporarily suspended.

Masses will be live-streamed on Facebook on Sundays at 10:00 am and weekdays at 8:15 am (Monday - Saturday). Go to www.Facebook.com/stpiusxccc or YouTube and search for "St. Pius X Corpus Christi" to view the livestream or you can view the recorded Mass on our website at www.spxcc.org.

Bible Studies & Other Church Gatherings:
All bible studies and other church gatherings are suspended until further notice.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18th

5:30PM † Larry Lippincott by Gladys Lippincott

Sunday, April 19th

8:00AM † Regina Richter by David & Barbara Brown

10:00AM † Paulita Barrera Annv. by Family

12:00PM † Alvino & Stella Campos by Family

5:30PM For the Parishioners

Monday, April 20th

8:15AM † Rudy G. Leal Annv., by Bazan/Leal/Hinojosa families

Tuesday, April 21st

8:15AM † Bonifacio Rodriguez by Hilda & Tony Sanchez

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:15AM † Deceased members of the Didear family
Julian Liam Galloway's health by his Grampa
† Charlotte Groner by T. Groner, Jr.
† Mary, John & James Patrick Kelly by K.K.H.
† James W. & Helen B. Kelly by James & John Kelly
† Anna Van Dyck by James Kelly
John Broadstreet's Intentions

5:30PM † Dolores Serrato, Annv. by Family
† Frank Kollaja by Randy & Jeraldine Sykora
Liliane Van Hoof's well-being by James Kelly
John C. Kelly's well-being by James Kelly
James W. Kelly 3rd well-being by James Kelly
† Pat Booth by Corrine Leiser
† Betty Kollaja by Gladys Lippincott
† Albert T. & Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly

Thursday, April 23rd

8:15AM † Larry Vrazel, Annv. by Anna Vrazel

Friday, April 24th

8:15AM † Robert H. & Agnes B. Fox by Jeraldine Sykora

5:30PM † Martin Hinojosa, Annv by Bazan/Leal/Hinojosa families

Saturday, April 25th

5:30PM † Paul Koenig by Harly & Karen Day

Sunday, April 26th

8:00AM † Christopher, John & Patricia Janosek by Robert Janosek

10:00AM Living & Deceased Members of St. Pius X Choir

12:00PM For the Parishioners

5:30PM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd

Financial Report for Sunday 4/5/2020

Operating Revenue:	
Sunday Collection	\$17,758.15
Sunday Online	\$10,301.00
Online Special Donation	\$563.00
Memorials	\$325.00
Easter Flowers	\$55.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$29,002.15

Other Contributions:	
Acts of Charity	\$823.00
CRS	\$25.00
Good Friday	\$155.00
Total Other Contributions	\$1,003.00

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Financial Report for Sunday 4/12/2020

Operating Revenue:	
Sunday Collection	\$14,757.00
Sunday Online	\$7,810.00
Easter Flowers	\$135.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$22,702.00

Other Contributions:	
Acts of Charity	\$375.00
Janosek Scholarship	\$200.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	\$100.00
CRS	\$100.00
Good Friday	\$585.00
Rice Bowls	\$183.92
Total Other Contributions	\$1,543.92

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Diocesan Loan – Parking Lot, A/C, Roof Repairs (1/6/2017)

Amount borrowed	\$389,469.05
Principal pd (3/31/20)	\$133,806.57
Ending balance	\$255,662.48