

APRIL 19, 2020 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Joseph Catholic Church

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo—Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday 7:00 am Liturgy of the Word
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:00 am
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 7:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm—4:00 pm
Or by appointment

ROSARY

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am

ADORATION

First Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
All Others—9:00 am—9:00 pm

FIRST FRIDAY

May 1—In the Church
9:00 pm—4:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday-Closed

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!



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2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday): April 19

That we help our parish create a welcoming environment where people feel included. “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” John 20:19 Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way.

Mass

- **The public celebration of all weekday and Sunday Masses will be suspended in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston effective March 18, 2020. Effective March 24, 2020 the Church will remain locked and will not be open for private prayer.**
- **For your convenience we have added a link to daily mass on our website that is updated daily. If you would like to take advantage of this, please visit us at www.stjosephbaytown.org.**

Reconciliation

- **The sacrament of reconciliation will be available by appointment only. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the Church office at 281-420-3588**

Weekly Collection Report

The totals received in Office and in the mail for the weekend of
Sunday, April 12, 2020

Regular	\$ 3,188.50
Catholic Education	\$ 707.00
Building Fund	\$ 678.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 26.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 755.00
Holy Days	\$ 947.00
Flowers	\$ 113.00
Total	\$ 6,414.50



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Apr 19, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Empty chairs, full hearts

On this day 25 years ago, 168 people died in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The footprint of the building is now ringed by trees providing a living threshold for ground made sacred by grief. A surviving wall records the names of those who lived through the tragedy, while a Field of Empty Chairs recalls the adults and children who perished. Violence created the need for this memorial. But the chairs, which become vigil lights of memory through each night, attest that a light shines in every darkness. Be that light.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 (43).* "They devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

Monday, Apr 20, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY Give life the last word

Today is the 21st anniversary of the Columbine school shooting. How to cope with the sorrow and outrage of that incident and so many similar ones? We begin to rebuild our society when we allow the Spirit to flow through us and see the face of God in others. "Every human being . . . , however weak, is created 'in the image and likeness of God,'" Pope Benedict XIV said in Cameroon in 2009. "Every person must live! . . . Death will never have the last word!" As we grapple with a new virus that threatens life, acknowledge the right of those around you to live, no matter their weakness or strengths, their failings or successes.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 (267).* "You do not know where [the wind] comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Tuesday, Apr 21, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ANSELM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Our Redeemer, in the flesh

In 1098, Saint Anselm wrote the treatise "Why the God-Man?" to champion a core Christian tenet: the Incarnation—the belief that Jesus was both fully human and fully divine. Incarnation is a big deal. Nearly every heresy tackled by the Early Church concerned errant beliefs about Jesus' true nature. No, we don't believe that Jesus was merely human (Arianism) or that he was all divine, only pretending to be human (Docetism). We believe that the second person of the Trinity took on human flesh to save us. Now more than ever, what good news that is!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268).* "You must be born from above."

Wednesday, Apr 22, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY Give your sister some breathing space

"Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life. . . . This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her." Thus opens *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical "On Care for Our Common Home." The current shutdown has allowed the air to clear. Shine a light on what each of us can do to clean up the planet going forward.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269).* "The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light."

Thursday, Apr 23, 2020

MEMORIAL OF GEORGE, MARTYR Face the dragon

The legend of Saint George the dragon slayer is a famous one, but it's not as rooted in historical fact as is the manner of his martyrdom. Yes, George had the courage to face a monster—but the monster was the Roman emperor Diocletian, whose persecution of Christians in the early 300s martyred not only George but well-known saints Sebastian, Agnes, Lucy, and Philomena, among countless others. George, a soldier, remained joyous even when tortured for his belief. Negative influences threaten your own joyous practice of Christian faith today—are you willing to face them, as George was?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270).* "One who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things."

Friday, Apr 24, 2020

MEMORIAL OF FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, PRIEST, MARTYR

Clothes make the saint

Holding a law degree from Germany, Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1577-1622) was known as the "poor man's lawyer" who sometimes would give his destitute clients the clothes off his back. But he tired of the adversarial nature of the law profession, so he joined the Capuchin Friars. Ordained a priest in 1612, Fidelis was sent to Switzerland to convert Calvinist reformers. In violent reaction to his successful efforts, Fidelis was set upon and murdered. He was canonized in 1746 by Pope Benedict XIV. *Fidelis* means "faithful" in Latin. Exercise your faith today by donating clothes to the poor in memory of Fidelis.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271).* "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

Saturday, Apr 25, 2020

FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST Share the mission

Mark was an early follower of Jesus but not one of the 12 apostles. Most scholars think that he was the "John who is called Mark" referenced in Acts 12:12 who joined in mission work with Paul and Barnabas. Today's first reading mentions that he had a special son-like relationship with Peter. Beyond that, little is known except that he used the gifts he had been given to write the shortest and earliest gospel a few decades after Jesus' death. His gospel became the inspiration for Matthew and Luke to write theirs. How will those who come after you take inspiration from your life and the way you shared in Jesus' mission?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555).* "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation."

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Prayer in the Time of Coronavirus

Comfort us, O Lord, for we are like your disciples on the storm tossed seas,
unsettled by what lies ahead.

We turn to You, our Healer and Guide,

to still our hearts in our time of need and hear our prayer:

Heal those who are sick with the coronavirus and protect the elderly and most
vulnerable.

Give strength to all who tend to our health and wisdom to researchers who work
toward a cure.

Open our eyes and hearts, as you did during Hurricane Harvey, that we may look
beyond our
immediate needs to care for others who need help.

Through the Holy Spirit, guide our leaders to make wise decisions for the welfare
of all the
people they serve.

Grant eternal rest to those who have died from the virus.

May Mary, Our Mother, who has heard our pleas in the storms of our lives,
intercede to her Son, that we may find healing and a prompt end to this illness.

Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us.

Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, heal us. Amen.





“BRING YOUR GREATEST GIFTS TO THE LORD”

2020 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

Already contributed to this year’s Diocesan Services Fund (DSF)? We thank you for your generosity and support of more than 60 ministries within our archdiocese! If you have not had the opportunity to donate to the DSF this year, please fill out a pew envelope or go visit www.archgh.org/dsf.



- Thank you to 6 families who participated in the campaign thanks to their generosity we have \$15,388 pledged to the IGNITE campaign
- The Archdiocese will be mailing those families a reminder and return envelope in 6 to 8 weeks for them to begin their pledge payment
- The parish leadership has made the decision to put the IGNITE campaign on hold until the Corona Virus epidemic clears up
- We will communicate with you via the parish bulletin, website, and announcements of the status of the campaign each week until we relaunch
- Read the bulletin today for more campaign information
- Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and generosity!

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