

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

APRIL 28, 2019

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS for May 5th Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Would you obey God's law even if it caused you punishment in a human court?

Would you be joyful to be judged worthy of ill treatment for the sake of Jesus?

Revelation 5:11-14

Offer a prayer of praise, honor and glory to Jesus, with the angels and saints.

Pray Psalm 30, praising God for help in times of trouble.

John 21:1-19

No fish today? What have you tried and failed? Ask Jesus to help once more.

How would you be able to answer Jesus' question, "Do you love me?"

WEEKDAY MASSES April 30 – May 3

Tues: 5:00 pm +Mary Beth Sexton

Wed: 8:40 am **School Mass** Living & Deceased Members of Art Spanier Family

Thurs: 5:00 pm +Conner Sanders

Fri: 10:15 am **Maple Manor** +Bernice Larson

WEEKEND MASSES May 4 - 5

Sat: 5:00 pm St. Edward's - Nekoma People of the Parishes

7:30 pm St. Alphonsus +Janice Slama & +Jeff Slama

Reader: Corey Stremick

EMHC: Chad Kalis

Servers: Regner Family

Musicians:

Sun: 8:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of Marvin &

Reader: Kitty Bachman Bernadine Mikkelsen Family

EMHC: Dennis Karsky

Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Bob & Choir

9:00 am St. Michael's – Wales +Albert Borho

10:30 am St. Alphonsus Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic

Reader: Terian Chaput Daughters

EMHC: Dennis Schill

Servers: EJ Cluchie

Musicians: Bob & Choir

Fellowship Hall Host: LaVern & Margaret Chaput

Fr. Phil's cell phone: 701-740-7593 and Fr. Will's cell phone: 701-640-2858

Website for St. Alphonsus Parish – <http://www.stalphonsuslangdon.com/>

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Tuesday after 5:00pm Mass, Wednesday after 8:40am Mass, Thursday after 5:00pm Mass & Saturday at 6:45

Weekly Reflection for April 21, 2019: This week's reflection of the parishioner's relationship with God and with the parish

Adult Envelopes	\$3,678.00
Intentional Givers	\$3,258.67
Plate	\$857.00
Fuel	\$8.00
Total	\$7,801.67

Second Sunday of Easter

In the first days after the crucifixion of Jesus, the disciples were very slow to believe. They had seen the gruesome reality of the death of Jesus. They had buried him with their own hands and now the only visible evidence they had was an empty tomb. So when individuals came and announced that they had seen the Lord and that he was alive, they were understandably skeptical. Thomas was not to be convinced even by the verbal assurances of his companions. He had to see and to touch the wounds of the risen Christ before he would believe; and then Jesus said to him: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

The problem Thomas had is still a problem for the people of successive generations. How are they to see and touch the wounds of the risen Lord? The apostle John gives his testimony in the readings we hear today. He has a vision of the risen Lord in glory who tells him to write down all that he sees of present happenings and of things that are still to come. In the book of the Apocalypse, or Revelation, he is able to interpret the present persecutions and reassure the suffering communities that their faith in Jesus is not in vain. Jesus is with them and their wounds are his wounds. In his Gospel, John gives his reason for writing down the signs that Jesus worked: that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. Our faith today, then, depends on the testimony of these first eyewitnesses who become faith witnesses.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the testimony of that early community. People experienced the power of the risen Lord through the witness of life of Peter and his companions. They believed that Jesus was alive and active in and through them. Even the shadow of Peter brought healing, and the numbers of those who believed in the Lord increased steadily. The community experienced the presence of Jesus risen from the dead in the life and teaching of the apostles. They wrote down their experience of faith as the New Testament - so that their children and their children's children might also believe and, believing, find life.

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Living Word

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"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

Boom of the Month: Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead? – Carl Olson, MTS - Movies

such as *Risen* and books Bill O'Reilly's *Killing Jesus* raise questions about what really happened to the crucified body of Jesus of Nazareth. Using a popular question and answer format, Carl Olson examines the historical evidence concerning Jesus' controversial fate. "Did Jesus really die on the Cross? If so, what became of his body? Was it stolen? Misplaced?" "Is the Resurrection a cleverly devised plot to found a new religion? Or a myth? Or a mass hallucination?" Whether you are a believer, or a skeptic, or something in between, prepare to be challenged by the logical arguments in this provocative and insightful book. **Thank you for your generous support of Lighthouse Catholic Media!**

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Today

The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at 3:00pm today, with confessions at 2:00 to 3:00pm at St Alphonsus Church** to fulfill the requirements to obtain the special indulgences. **This is an awesome opportunity and privilege!** Jesus told St Faustina, "I will pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those who approach the fount of My mercy". The soul that will receive **Holy Communion** on this day and say the **Chaplet**, shall obtain forgiveness of **Sins and Punishment**. (Confession within a reasonable time before the Feast is sufficient.) One must be in the state of grace to receive the extraordinary grace promised by Our Lord. **Saying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is a necessary requirement to receive the indulgence.**

"Be Merciful even as your father is merciful" (LK 6:36)

The Church teaches us to be merciful in various ways:

The Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Comfort the imprisoned
6. Visit the sick
7. Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Admonish sinners
2. Instruct the uninformed
3. Counsel the doubtful
4. Comfort the Sorrowful
5. Be patient with those in error
6. Forgive offenses
7. Pray for the living and the dead

Catholic Daughters are accepting religious articles (statues, pictures, rosaries, pray books and etc.) to send them to Universal Living Rosary Association in Texas. You can leave them at the back of the church or call Linda Kempel 256-2493

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome Smith Harold Lawler, son of Mitch & Carissa who was baptized last weekend. May he continue to be filled with grace.

Our Sympathy to the family of Rose Lorenz who was called home last week. May she rest in the love of the Father.

Catholic Daughter's Meeting on Monday, May 6th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria.

Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 5th at 6:00pm at the St. Alphonsus Cafeteria. Open to all KC members, their wives, their mothers, and widows of deceased KC members.

St. Alphonsus School's spring concert will be on Wednesday, May 1st at 1:00 & 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome to attend

Altar Server, Reader and EMHC Schedules lists are in the church sacristy. Please take your copy; they will not be mailed out.

PARISH SURVEY UPDATE

I want to thank all those who completed a survey regarding parish repairs. Altogether, 186 families took part in the survey, and many voiced comments and questions. Without revealing 'who said what,' I typed up the comments, which ran a total of seven pages, and shared it with the Parish Council at their meeting Tuesday evening, April 23. They read every comment. That prompted two hours of very productive discussion.

As I write this on Wednesday morning, the bulletin deadline is just an hour away, and there is not enough time to prepare a full report and answers to questions for this issue of the bulletin. So I will report the results of the survey and the Parish Council meeting—and next steps—in *next weekend's* bulletin. I will also post to the parish web site.

For now, I think it is fair to say that there is great love for the church, and caring for it is a top priority. I was amazed at the high percentage of parishioners who took part in the survey, and the total dollars estimated on the survey. I found both to be very encouraging. At the same time, it was also clear that there are a few misunderstandings about church finances, which will also be addressed. Greg Jeffrey, Survey Coordinator, Cell 701-205-6366. gsjeffrey@msn.com

Fellowship Hall cleaning for April is Cash Circle #3 – 27 - Doris & Cindy

My 50th Jubilee (Fr. Al Bitz) celebration will be at St. Philip Neri Church in Napoleon, ND on June 2 starting with Eucharist at 4pm. All are invited. No invitations are being sent. Soup & sandwiches will be served at the Legion Hall on south side of Napoleon after the Eucharistic celebration at the church.

It would be a privilege to have your presence. Please send me an email if you are able to come. The address is: almbitz@gmail.com. or send a text to 701-320-6891 by May 15.

The 2019 Multinational **ONE MILLION ROSARY FOR UNBORN BABIES** prayer event is scheduled to happen on May 3rd(Friday), May 4th(Saturday) and May 5th (Sunday). The rosary will be prayed for the following intentions: **For an end to surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human beings.** Last year people living in over 20 nations registered to pray more than 135,000 Rosaries for the ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR THE UNBORN BABIES. This year a goal of 5,000 Rosaries has been set for each diocese.

The Catholic Daughter's urge you to participate. The Rosary will be prayed before Mass Friday, May (3rd), at Maple Manor, Saturday (May 4th) before Mass, Sunday (May 5th) before 8:30 and 10:30 Mass. Please come early and count these times as one of your rosaries, besides those rosaries you say otherwise.

The CDA ladies will register you if you sign your name and number of rosaries you plan to say. On the sheet in the entry of the church. You can also take and cut this slip

off the bulletin and sign your name and number of rosaries you are planning to pray. You can drop that slip in the basket by the Holy Water fountain April 28th or May 5th. We invite Nekoma and Wales parishes to do the same. Have a basket to put slips in and have Father bring them back or have a sheet for people to sign. We thank you for your participation. These rosaries are very much needed.

Name _____ Number of Rosaries to be offered _____