

Saved by Christ's Merciful Love

We're not defined by our weakness, but created for greatness! Look at David, Paul, and the sinful woman. David was an adulterer and murderer, yet he wrote Psalms and was Jesus' ancestor. Paul killed one of the first deacons, Stephen, yet became the greatest apostle to the Gentiles. The sinful woman's misdeeds were public, yet what is most remembered is her repentance and love.

Sin is not the last word. God's recreating mercy is. God's mercy asks for a response so all that transformative power can be unleashed in us. The only thing that stands in the way of God's renewal rushing in and totally transforming us is our own lack of acceptance.

Sin wants to stand in the way of this good news. The evil one tries to convince us that we are too sinful; that salvation and happiness might be for others, but certainly not for us.

But David, Paul, and the sinful woman didn't let that sinister message sink in. David was moved to repentance by Nathan's words. Paul accepted that he wasn't saved by his religious fervor or condemned for his errors. He was saved by letting Christ's merciful love embrace him. The sinful woman refused to be defined by her poor choices. She tearfully made penance at Christ's feet, and this act



Piece: *The Embrace*, 1980
 Artist: Pedro Cano
 Location: Vatican Museums

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of her brokenness gave off a consoling aroma that filled the house.

Let the power of Christ's love be unleashed in you by forgiving yourself and others. Then your weakness will be the first step toward the greatness God has in store for you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*Are there any past errors that I am letting define me?
 What stands in my way of a greater experience of Christ's mercy?*

[Jesus said,] "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

John 20:22-23

Assumption of Our Lady



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April 28, 2019

2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Mon & Tues 12:10 PM

Wed - Fri 5:30 PM

Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals.

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& St. Anne, Katloodeche

Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Apr 28	Shanelle Moore Amelie Stephen Sophia Brito Shayla Moore	Medric Stephen Lennox Moore	Shanelle Shayla Lennox	Doris Caudron Marie Kopp-van Egteren Suzanne Bouchard	Jovy Brito Karen dela Cruz
May 5	Ruth Boden Sheila Ryan- Hachey	Doug Swallow Pete Boden	Gagnon Family	Bea Lepine Andrew Cassidy Theresa Swallow	TBA
May 12	Doris Caudron Jason Morissey	Darm Crook Gerry Eggen	Morissey Family	Suzanne Bouchard Tony Whittle Doug Swallow	TBA
May 19	Gerry Eggen Andrew Cassidy	Doug Swallow Pete Boden	Brito Family	Deedee Lepine Marie Kopp-van Egteren Suzanne Bouchard	TBA

The Announcement for 2nd Sunday of Easter [Divine Mercy Sunday] April 28th, 2019.

- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.
- Next Sunday, May 5th, we will be celebrating the first Holy Communion of some of our kids. We ask you, our parishioners, to keep them in your prayers. We congratulate them in advance and pray that the body and blood of Christ they will be receiving will nourish and uplift them spiritually.
- CWL is congratulating their new members and all the members that received the Pin-Awards on the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on Friday, April 26th. They also welcome and congratulate Anna Crosman for stepping up as their new local council president; may God be her strength.
- The sale of the "Mothers' Day Tea raffle ticket" is still ongoing; contact Deb Dechief or Penny-Lane Clark for your own ticket.
- CWL Provincial convention in Grande Prairie is fast approaching; members who are planning to attend are encouraged to register ASAP as deadline for registration is around the corner.
- This Sunday, 28th April, is the Divine Mercy Sunday. We are scheduling 3:00PM Novena with Benediction to mark the end of the Novena for those who wish to attend.—Our Lord instructed sister Faustina; My daughter, speak to the whole world of my incomprehensible mercy as He promised to open the depth of His mercy and pour out a sea of graces upon those souls that will approach the font of His mercy.
- The CWL devotional rosary for the sick and the needy every Tuesday is still ongoing. More members are encouraged to participate and the time is 11:30AM.
- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

"I gave all to Our Lord, and He broke the chains, and I am free now. I feel more at peace and a deep feeling of joy and hope that I can one day be with my child, my God and with Jesus. That is the hope I had one day lost and now have again. I want to live in peace with my wife now and have a strong relationship with God." Testimonial

Have you lost hope that you could ever be free of the chains that have imprisoned you since your participation in an abortion decision? Join us Rachel Retreat Weekend of Healing and hand those chains to Him. Be free again.

Healing after Abortion Ministry 867-872-0026

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Weekly Revenue	
	\$2,635.60 Collection
	\$1,831.00 Expenses Total
	\$804.60

Expenses are based on 2018 Q1

Calendar

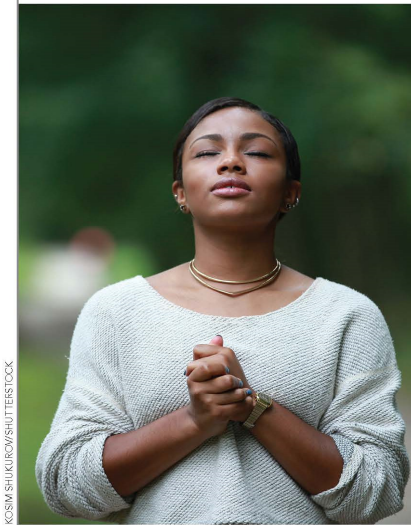
- Monday**
APRIL 29
*St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and
Doctor of the Church*
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday**
APRIL 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday**
MAY 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday**
MAY 2
*St. Athanasius,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36
- Friday**
MAY 3
*Sts. Philip and James,
Apostles*
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday**
MAY 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday**
MAY 5
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Rev 5:11-14
Jn 21:1-19 or
Jn 21:1-14

Dear Padre,

What is spiritual communion?

*S*piritual communion is a unique Roman Catholic devotional practice not to be confused with *sacramental* Communion, which is the participation in the mystery of Christ by eating and drinking the Body and the Blood of the Lord.

The development of spiritual communion as a devotion can be traced to St. Alphonsus Liguori. It's a form of spiritual yearning to be in communion with Christ during those times when his sacramental gift can't be shared.



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To share in sacramental Communion, one must be aware of no unconfessed serious sin against God's commands and be in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. With exceptions for age and health, one must also have fasted from all food and all beverages except water for one hour before receiving sacramental Communion. Some Catholics are unable to share sacramental Communion because of sickness, geographic distance from a Roman Catholic community, or unavailability of priests.

Any Christian who wishes to have spiritual communion with the Lord can do so by taking a moment to consider God's love demonstrated

to us in the life, passion, and death of Christ. Give thanks to God for this wonderful gift, and say a prayer of spiritual communion.

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A Word from Pope Francis

The death penalty is contrary to the meaning of humanitas and to divine mercy, which must be models for human justice. It entails cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment, as is the anguish before the moment of execution and the terrible

suspense between the issuing of the sentence and the execution of the penalty.

—Letter to International Commission Against the Death Penalty, March 20, 2015



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