

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

I Trust In You!

# DIVINE MERCY



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Saint John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: "On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276). "On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13).

## The Risen Christ Extends Mercy and Peace

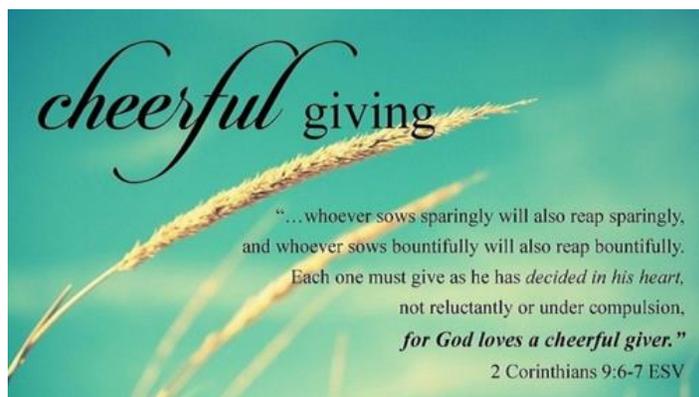
“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews ...” The text says nothing about what they are doing, only that they have gathered. But, in a sense, this is all we need to know, for this will set the stage for blessings and for the presence of the Risen Lord. The locked doors signify their fear of the Jewish authorities. One may also assume that they are discouraged, lacking in hope, and maybe even angry. They have experienced the earthquake that Jesus’ crucifixion was for them. Some of the women in their midst claim to have seen him alive, but now it is night, and they have heard of no other sightings. At least they’re in the right place.

“Jesus came and stood in their midst and ... he showed them his hands and his side ... and said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.’” Suddenly, there is a completely new reality, a new hope, a new vision, a new serenity, a peace but only for those who are present. This is a basic purpose of the Sacred Liturgy. Through the proclaimed word, we are increasingly enabled to see things in a new way that gives us hope, clarity and confidence. Further, the Lord has “prepared a table for me in the sight of my enemies” (Psalm 23). The Eucharist is thus the sign of our victory and our election. As we receive the Body and the Blood of the Lord, we are gradually transformed into the very likeness of Christ.

“Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples said to him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them ... ‘I will not believe.’” Thomas is not with the other apostles on Resurrection evening. Thus, he misses the blessing of seeing and experiencing the Resurrection and the Lord. Second, he also refuses to believe the testimony of the Church that the Lord has risen. Some people want Jesus without the Church — no can do. Jesus is found in his Church, among those who have gathered. There is surely joy to be found in a personal relationship with Jesus, but the Lord also announced a special presence whenever two or three are gathered in his name. It is essential for us to discover how Mass attendance is essential for us if we want to experience the healing and blessings of the Lord. The Gospel indicates that, the following week, Thomas returns to fellowship with the other apostles. Whatever his struggle with the faith, he has chosen to work it out in fellowship with the Church. He has gathered with the others. Now comes the blessing: He sees the Risen Lord. It is a provocative but essential truth that Christ is found in the Church. Any aspects of Jesus’ presence that are found outside the Church are mere glimpses or shadows emanating from the Church. He must be sought where he is found, among sinners in his Church. The Church is his Body and his Bride. It is here that he is found.

The Risen Lord is right here, right now:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.



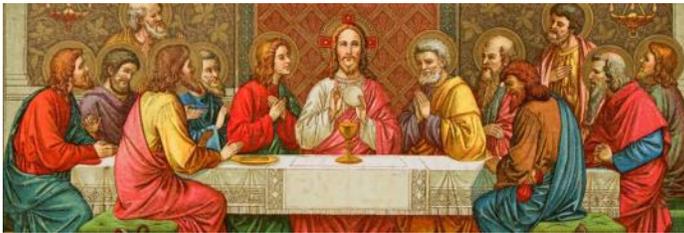
Please remember, stewardship begins with each one of us, but the work of the church belongs to all of us. Will you prayerfully consider making a monetary gift to CSA? Brochures and pledge cards are on the tables in the back of the church. Thanks to everyone who has already donated! We are already off to a fantastic start!



## Mass Intentions

Saturday	15	5pm	Happy Birthday William Joseph Nagengast!	David and Stephanie
Sunday	16	8am	Intentions of OLT Parishioners	Pro Populo
Sunday	16	11:30am	Happy Birthday Margaret Lee Savory!	David and Stephanie
Wednesday	19	11:30am	Suzi VanCamp	Chris Thomas
Thursday	20	11:30am		
Friday	21	11:30am	For the End of Abortion	Save the Holy Innocents

It is with a great sense of appreciation to let you know that the total amount received in the Easter offering was \$9,728.00. The special 2nd collection to benefit the Holy Land came to \$520.00.



### Eucharistic Prayer #6 – The Eucharist

“Truth Himself speaks truly or there’s nothing true.” St. Thomas Aquinas

The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is one of the most important dogmas of the Church. In the Eucharist we encounter Jesus, not just a symbol but the reality of His very person hidden under what looks like bread and wine. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our savior. The Eucharist is the “source and summit of our Christian faith” (CCC 1324) because it is Jesus Himself from whom we receive our identity, and to whom we direct our lives. This is indeed a great mystery, one that transcends our understanding. And yet it is also the thing that makes us Catholic – the Church’s entire identity, mission, outreach, and prayer comes from the Eucharist and leads us back to it. Have you ever spent time with Jesus in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?

If you haven't yet checked out our morning bible study, please consider doing so. It is a time of fellowship, fun and learning — growing through the sharing and understanding of God's word. In the upcoming chapter that starts next Wednesday (April 19), we will embark on a deeply meaningful journey with: “What we believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith” We invite everyone to join us on this journey. Please contact Janine Nyre: [janinenyre@comcast.net](mailto:janinenyre@comcast.net) or 775-339-1961 or simply leave your contact information with Susan Marschner in the parish office.



During the month of April, we celebrate the Easter Season and Divine Mercy Sunday. God desires all those who have been impacted by abortion in any way to experience His eternal love, compassion, and everlasting mercy. Please find out more about us at <https://www.highdesertcatholic.org/>. Click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel. Contact our confidential, non-judgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email [KarenM@Catholicreno.org](mailto:KarenM@Catholicreno.org) to take advantage of valuable resources.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, and in the name of Mary, Our Lady of Tahoe Catholic community welcomes and embraces all those who come to us. With guidance of the Holy Spirit, through worship, the sacraments, and loving service, we provide for one another’s spiritual and material needs. In being so nourished, we reach out in faith to serve the larger community.



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