



# Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Friday

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

### Sunday Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday 9:00 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday to Friday 8:30 to 8:50 am

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

First Saturday of the month 8:00 to 9:00 am

### Holy Hour

Second Thursday of the month 7:00 to 8:00 pm

## PASTORAL CARE

**Baptisms:** Please call the pastor to arrange for baptismal preparation and scheduling.

**Marriage:** Couples wishing to marry at Holy Name of Jesus Parish should contact the pastor at least six months in advance to make the necessary arrangements.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Anyone who is shut-in or who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion is asked to please phone the Pastor.

**Funerals:** We will do our best to accommodate the wishes with the bereaved with regard to scheduling. In order to ensure availability of the church and clergy at the desired time, please contact the pastor or the parish office prior to making arrangements with a funeral director.

**E-Bulletin:** Sign up to receive an electronic copy of the parish bulletin directly to your email inbox every Friday.

Visit [www.holynameparish.ca/emailsSignup](http://www.holynameparish.ca/emailsSignup)

## WELCOME TO HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

If you are a new parishioner who has moved into the area and wishes to join our faith community of Holy Name of Jesus, please register yourself and your family using the registration card in the vestibule or you may go online to our website at [www.holynameparish.ca](http://www.holynameparish.ca). You may place your completed form in the Sunday collection or drop it off at the parish office. Please be sure to inform the parish office when you are moving away from the parish. Thank you for your attention.

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Discipleship Coordinator	Angelyn Dee	angie@holynameparish.ca
Director of Music	Kristin Fung	604-261-9393, ext. 6
Children's Religious Education (PREP)	Katrina King	prep@holynameparish.ca
Catholic Women's League	Charity Chen	604-261-8017
Knights of Columbus	Paul Fang, Gr. Knight	604-730-8028
Hospitality	Mike O'Neill	welcome@holynameparish.ca
Legion of Mary	Katrina King	katrina@holynameparish.ca
Altar Servers	William Coligado	altarservers@holynameparish.ca
Lectors	Kristin Fung	lector@holynameparish.ca
Parish Home Ministry of Care (Outreach)		604-261-9393
Seniors Outreach		604-261-9393

# 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - APRIL 16, 2023

My dear parishioners,

Many of you are probably aware that I took a year and half away from priestly ministry from 2019 to 2021 for mental health reasons. I returned to ministry and eventually found that I was much better. Unfortunately, unbeknownst to most, my mental health issues returned, and I have now been struggling with them for at least a year once again. On account of this, I realize I have not been able to give my all in shepherding this parish. I do not think it is fair for the parish, nor do I think it is healthy for me. For this reason, after a long discernment and in consultation with my friends, colleagues and superiors, I have decided to take another leave of absence. My last day in the parish will be next Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

The next Pastor will probably be announced sometime this week, as the new appointments are expected to be released.

I apologize for this sudden, probably unexpected, news. I am sorry that I have to leave you. I am very grateful for all the support I have received since being here. I am grateful for your dedication and faith in the Lord. I will miss you all! Please continue to pray for me, as I will continue to pray for you.

God bless,  
Fr. Rodney



Join us on Sunday afternoon, **April 16<sup>th</sup>**, for our annual joint celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday with St. Anthony of Padua Parish, held in our church. The schedule:

- **2:30pm** Talk: The Grace of Divine Mercy Sunday
- **2:50pm** Confessions (3 priests available)
- **3:00pm** Adoration, Sung Chaplet, Reflections, Music
- **3:50pm** Benediction
- **4:00pm** Veneration of the Image, Refreshments



Dear Parishioners, Do you have a Forsythia tree in your garden? Please call the parish office if you would like to give permission for our flower arranger to use branches from your Forsythia tree for our church flower arrangements during April. Thank you for your consideration.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY (April 23<sup>rd</sup>)** is for the support of the Needy.

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR:** On **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the **11:00am** Mass, St. Mary's High School Concert Choir (Calgary, AB) will be in town to visit our parish and sing with our 11am choir as special guests. Please warmly welcome the choir's 22 members and their choral director, Jeremy Legault, plus 35 members of the Concert Band joining us for worship in the congregation. You are invited to stay for a few moments immediately after mass while the Concert Choir performs 3 pieces of choral music for our parishioners' listening delight.



**OUR SPRING ALPHA** will be held from **May 3<sup>rd</sup>—June 28<sup>th</sup>** on Wednesday evenings, at **7:00-8.30pm**, at the John Paul II Pastoral Center. Alpha is a course on the basics of Christianity that has impacted and transformed countless lives. Come and experience what over 28 million people in over 100 countries have experienced! For more information on Alpha or to register, please visit [holynameparish.ca/alpha](http://holynameparish.ca/alpha).

**OUTSIDE PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS: Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Vancouver. Archbishop Michael Miller will honour couples celebrating Milestone Marriage Anniversaries: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 & 60+ years of marriage. **Please register before April 24<sup>th</sup>** to receive your certificate at the Mass and have your names included in the Mass booklet: <https://secure.rcav.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-2023-draft/>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> — Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
(† Deceased)

Monday.....Pastor's Intention  
 Tuesday.....Julian Dychauco Sr. †  
 Wednesday.....Marie Quinn †  
 Thursday.....Luz Lida †  
 Friday.....Benedict Loong †  
 Saturday

9:00am.....Mary Phillips †  
 5:00pm.....Anna Chok †

Sunday

9:00am.....Diana Lam  
 11:00am.....Holy Name Parish

## The Doubting Disciple and The Divine Mercy

by Fr. Dwight Longenecker, Catholic priest, author, speaker; former evangelical and Anglican priest



I have always thought it a special grace to think that the doubting disciple is featured as a key player in the gospel for the Sunday after Easter, known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is as if the whole church is saying, “See Thomas? It is okay to doubt.” But let me qualify that. It is okay to have difficulties.

St. John Henry Newman said, “Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt.” What he meant by this was that there was a difference between a doubt and a difficulty, and the difference is in the heart of the person.

When we have a difficulty with the faith we are saying, “How can that be?”

When we have a doubt we are saying, “That can’t be!”

The first is an honest question—even if it is expressed in a negative or even an aggressive way.

The second is a dismissal of the faith even if it is expressed in a polite and rational way.

When we have a difficulty we have faith that is seeking to understand.

When we have a doubt we have no faith and we are not seeking to understand.

A difficulty is an affirmation even if it is not easy.

A doubt is a denial because it is easy.

Here’s where St. Thomas comes in. We call him “doubting Thomas” but we should call him “with difficulties Thomas.” This is because, deep down, he did not have doubts. He had difficulties. He wanted to believe, he did not want to deny.

And who, having begun to think through their faith, does not have difficulties? I would even say that if you have never had a difficulty with your faith, you haven’t got faith. You’ve got unthinking obedience or probably just unthinking “going through the motions” of religion.

It is when we start to think through our faith and we start taking it seriously that we begin to have difficulties, and the difficulties are simply the result of an enduring mind seeking the answers. We seek so that we might find. We ask so that we might discover the answer, and this is the true adventure of faith.

Thomas did ask, and he did find, and the reason we know he is “with difficulties Thomas” and not “doubting Thomas” is because when he received the answer he cried out with all the passion of a true believer, “My Lord and My God!”

And this is what I learned from the Divine Mercy image this weekend: that it is not only an image of the resurrection, but it is also an image of the Lord appearing to Thomas. What is Christ’s upraised hand except an invitation to Thomas to put his finger in the nail print? What is the Lord’s lifting of his robe to expose his heart except him inviting Thomas to place his hand on the wound from which flowed the blood and water, out of which the church and her sacraments was founded?

The Divine Image therefore invites all of us “with difficulties” to ask and discover the answer, to seek and to find, to knock and to have the door of mercy opened to us.



*“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” - Jesus to St Faustina, Diary 699*

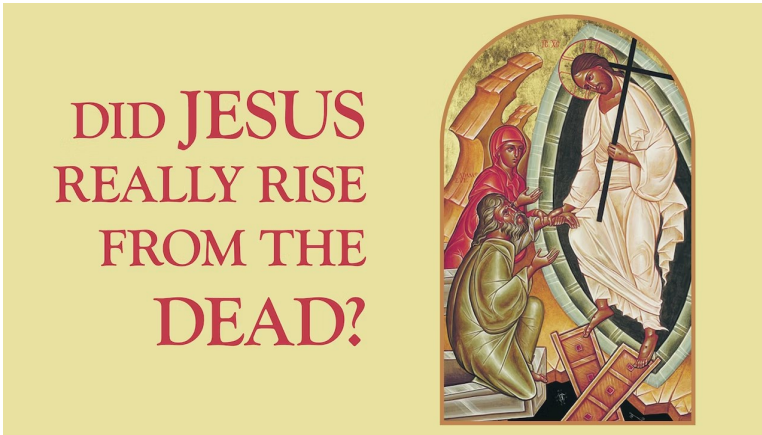
Lord Jesus, thank you for the Feast of Mercy as a shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. May I prepare with confident faith to receive the graces You promise for us on this day. I want to plunge into the ocean of Your graces and be immersed in Your merciful love, and to bring with me all the lost souls in the world, “baptizing” them in the ocean of Your mercy. Amen.

- Prayer by Fr Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, Vice Postulator for the Canonization Cause of St Faustina

## RECOMMENDATIONS on **FORMED**, Week of April 16, 2023

Go to [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org)  
Enter "Holy Name of Jesus Vancouver"  
Enter your name and email  
Enter "The Topic" in the Search bar

### EASTER SEASON



In this fascinating film, top scholars and biblical historians critically examine alternative explanations to the resurrection then show why it is a matter of sound reason to affirm that Jesus is risen. 57m



Read or listen to the Via Lucis, or the Stations of Light, a devotional practice for reflecting on the joy and hope of the Resurrection during the Easter season.



Episode 6 of The Search: Am I Saved? What Jesus did for us through his life, death and resurrection was the greatest act of love in history. Watch this awesome episode. 26m

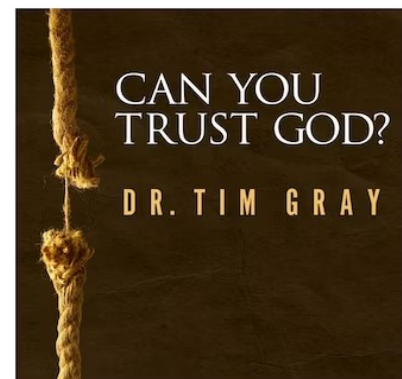


Join Brother Francis in this instructive animated presentation on the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. 29m

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Narrated by Jim Caviezel, **The Face of Mercy** explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy and ends with a tapestry of moving testimonies that remind us that mercy will transform the world. 57m



Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to trust and follow him. 59:40m.