

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 1

10:30am - Rev. David Mura & Helen Mura
Raymond and for People of the Parish, Living
& Deceased

Tuesday, May 3

8:00am - Roseanne Skelly - Aunt Mary Spaziano
7:00pm - (Spanish) (Chapel) Deceased of the
Menzner Family

Wednesday, May 4

8:00am - Deceased of the Ehrmentraut Family -
Mildred Francis

Thursday, May 5

8:00am - Rose Senese - Husband Joseph & Family

Friday, May 6

8:00am - Mary DeAngelis - Family

Saturday, May 7

4:00pm - Deceased of the Cirelli & Petrella Family
- Irene Cirelli

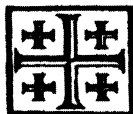
Sunday, May 8

9:30am - People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
11:30am - (Spanish) Raymond Batista & Ricardo
Ortiz - Marie Sanchez

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1

10:30am - Mass
12:00pm - "Reverse" Raffle



Monday, May 2

7:00pm - Alcoholics Anonymous (HA)

Tuesday, May 3

7:00pm - Narcotics Anonymous (HA)

Wednesday, May 4

11:00am - Bible Study (Urban Ctr.)
7:00pm - Prayer Meeting, Spanish (Urban Ctr.)

Thursday, May 5

7:00pm - Pastoral Council (Rectory)

Friday, May 6

5:30pm - Evening Prayer - (HA)
6:00pm - Youth Group (Youth House)
6:30pm - Holy Hour, Spanish (Chapel)

Saturday, May 7

11:00am - Faith Formation Class/
First Communion Prep. (Urban Ctr.)
3:00pm - RCIA (Rectory)

Sunday, May 8

9:00am - Rosary for Peace

JOHN PAUL II & DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today John Paul II is being beatified in Rome. It is an important step on the way to being canonized as a saint. There is no doubt that John Paul II was a great pope and God used him in a mighty way in the course of his time as pope as he strongly influenced world events (especially the collapse of Communism). He also strengthened the Church throughout the world in many ways.

Pope John Paul II was devoted to the theme of God's mercy, so it is no accident that today has been chosen for the date of his beatification since today, the second Sunday after Easter is referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday.

It is known as such because of revelations given to St. Faustina. The reading at Mass on this Sunday are always dealing with the Divine Mercy of God in our lives- so powerfully obvious as we have left the season of Lent and have entered into the Joy of Easter resurrection and new Life!

Indeed we shall forever be in need of God's mercy! St. Therese, the little flower said that she would forever sing of the mercies of God. This is Mary's prayer too when she proclaims, "The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name!"

Saint Faustina said that in special ways between Good Friday and this second Sunday of Easter we should pray for and immerse in the immense ocean of God's Mercy:

- * All humanity, especially sinners
- * Priests & religious
- * All the devout and faithful who are trying to follow Christ
- * All who do not believe in God & who do not yet know the Lord
- * All those who are outside the church
- * The meek & humble & little children
- * All those who are trying to be merciful
- * All those in Purgatory
- * All who are lukewarm

Somewhere in these, we will find, we are also praying for ourselves. We will be able to give great praise to God whose mercy is greater & more powerful than our blindness, our darkness, our dishonesty, our helpless, our unworthiness, and all of our defense mechanisms. We will be able to thank God, whose mercy is greater than our selfishness, dishonestly, our needing to be in control & knowing it all, and who is forever forgiving us. We can stand in the grace of God whose mercy is more significant and lasting than my needs, pleasures, and possessions.

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We will ever more want to worship the one whose Mercy can overcome our procrastination lack of discipline and inaction. We will want to adore the One whose mercy is stronger than my helplessness and hopelessness and is greater than my addictions, judgments, embarrassments, failures & sins.

In his fabulous book, *The God Who Won't Let Go*, Fr. Peter Van Breemen tells us God's love is based on nothing. You and I did absolutely nothing to arouse, elicit or earn this love of God. It was there before we existed ... before we were conceived. This love for us has never not been there for us! God's mercy speaks to the bottomless love of God! No matter how deep you go in God's Love, you will not reach its depth or bottom-because there is none! It cannot be measured. God's love is without any boundary, it is without limit, and is beyond any love we have ever thought about or imagined. God's love and mercy "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things."

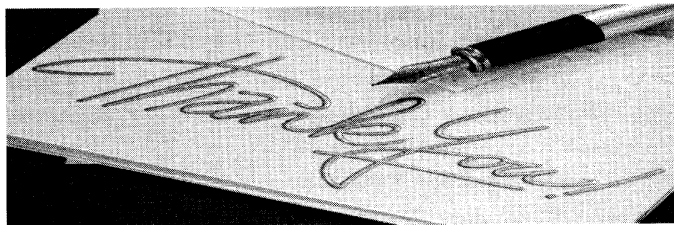
"The apostles experienced the mercy of the Lord, time and time again. The Lord walked right through their locked doors and fears and breathed His Spirit of peace upon them ... I am sure the Lord wants to do this for us too!

Let us call upon Him! Let us worship, adore, praise and thank Him for His goodness and all that He has done for us in Jesus. Let us ask Him to fill us with His Holy Spirit and to lead us and guide us. Finally, let us trust Him, that whatever is decided by all of us, He in His mercy will make it all work together for good!

With all of this and so much more, how can we not help but cry out "Alleluias" with joy and gratitude for the incredible and magnificent Love of God that has been poured out to us in Jesus, poured out to us in Him and will always be poured out to us in Him?

As today's Psalm says,
 Let the house of Israel say,
 "His mercy endures forever"
 Let the house of Aaron say
 "His mercy endures forever"
 Let those who have the Lord say
 "His mercy endures forever"

May all of us with all our families in Holy Apostles Parish finally be able to confidently say, "His mercy endures forever."
 - Fr. Tony



TODAY MAY 1ST:
"REVERSE" RAFFLE PARTY!

The day for our "Reverse" Raffle Party has finally arrived! So much work, time and sacrifice has gone into this new effort at Holy Apostles, and I want to thank all of you for all you have done to tell your friends about it, to buy tickets, to be on a committee, to pray for it.. Etc. Whatever you have done to be part of this new fund raising idea, it is greatly appreciated because it will help to support what we are doing at Holy Apostles. I know you have Holy Apostles parish, and your support of our "Reverse" Raffle Party today is one of the ways you show it! Thank you!

By the end of the day, the prize will be won... But the truth is, we will all be winners!

**Love, in the Lord,
 Fr. Tony**



Weekend Collection Reports:

April 16 & 17

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\$2,900.30

ATTENDANCE
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