



**Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
April 3, 2016**

Once I was dead,  
but now I am alive forever and ever.  
— Revelation 1:18a

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We return to our reflections on the rites of marriage with a brief consideration of reforms from the Council of Trent. When the Protestant Reformation took hold, the fairly recent achievements of the Church in regard to the sacrament of marriage were reviewed with a critical, reforming eye. In general, Protestants returned to an earlier view that marriage was a civil matter, although some said that the civil society had to be in harmony with Christian teaching. In the Catholic Church, the Council of Trent took the question up in 1563, and decided to shore up its teaching on the sacramentality of marriage. They identified many threats to this, including secret marriages and easy divorce. So they enacted laws that still govern our practice today: to be valid, marriage consent must be exchanged in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Ever since Trent, marriages must also be announced three weeks in advance to the community, and recorded in a register. In some places in the world, the "banns" are still posted in the public square. In the United States, parishes sometimes publish the "banns" in the bulletin. Anyone who has ever watched a soap opera has seen the standard scene of a minister announcing gravely, "If there is anyone here present who sees any reason why these two should not be married..." This bit of drama has no place in the Catholic liturgy, but survives among Protestants who broke with us before Trent edited this cliff-hanger out of our public prayer.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

La liturgia oficial de la Iglesia para el Domingo de Ramos es algo paradójica. Entramos proclamando Hosannas con cantos y vitores y al poco tiempo estamos gritando: "crucificalo, crucificalo!" Segun el rito la lectura del Evangelia y la consagracion de la Eucaristia se hacen dentro del templo, pero se comienza afuera del templo con la bendicion de los ramos. En Estados Unidos y otros paises latinoamericanos se usan palmas en lugar de ramos. En Europa, normalmente, se usan ramos de olivos. Ultimamente en Colombia para proteger la palma de cera del Quindio, se les ha pedido a los fieles que usen ramitas de plantas o ramos de flares. Estoy de acuerdo hay que proteger el ambiente, pero admito que prefiero las palmas, ya que es dificil poner un ramo de olivo ode flares detras de una imagen sagrada colgada en la pared. Esta es una costumbre latina que nos recuerda que los "hosannas" y el "crucificalo" del domingo de ramos nos acompanian todos los dias del afio.



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**Mass Schedule For The Week Of**

**April 2- 10**

SAT 04/02 4:30 PM Miguel Paris +  
6:00 PM

SUN 04/03 7:00AM  
8:00AM  
10:00AM Angel Gutierrez +  
12:00PM Justino Alvarez +  
2:00PM Jose y Ana Arellano (Boda)  
6:00PM

MON 04/04 8:30AM

TUE 04/05 8:30AM Maria del Carmen Contreras Garcia +

WED 04/06 8:30 AM Mario Alberto Gomez +  
7:00 PM

THU 04/07 8:30 AM Encarnacion Lamason Montano +

FRI 04/08 8:30 AM

SAT 04/09 4:30 PM Ricardo Gaston Gutierrez +  
6:00 PM

SUN 04/10 7:00AM  
8:00AM  
10:00AM  
12:00PM Animas del Purgatorio +  
2:00PM Miguel Villalobos +  
6:00PM

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**March 27<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**Plate: 5,735.10**  
**Second Collection: 2,900.00**

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**Divine Mercy Information:**

**Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet Prayers:**

**Starting March 25 to April 2, 2016 this will be after morning prayers and after 8:30 a.m. mass in the chapel. This will include Holy Week also in the chapel.**

**Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Bilingual mass at 2:00 p.m. after mass there will be chaplet prayer at 3:00 p.m. in the church.**

**Everybody is invited to join the celebration. For more information please call:**

**Josie Ramos: (510) 236-4254 (English)**

**Guadalupe: (510) 942-1442 (Spanish)**

**Información Sobre la Divina Misericordia:**

**Comenzando el día 25 de Marzo del 2016 a el 2 de Abril del 2016. Tendremos oración en la capilla después de misa de 8:30 a.m. Esto va incluir los días santos durante la semana santa.**

**Domingo 3 de Abril del 2016 la misa de las 2:00 p.m sera bilingue y después de misa a las 3:00 p.m. sera la oración a Divina Misericordia.**

**Todos estan invitados a participar a esta celebración.**

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

**April- 4-9**

MON 7:00PM Oración por los enfermos (Chapel)

TUE 7:00PM Grupo Cursillistas

WED 7:00PM Misa en Español/ Mass in Spanish  
7:00PM Prayer group / Grupo de Oración  
7:00 PM Marriage Group/ Parejas Caminando Con Cristo

THU 6:00PM SPRED Class  
7:00 PM Confirmation

FRI 7:00PM Youth Group / Grupo de Jovenes  
7:00 PM CCD classes / Catecismo  
7:00PM Pláticas Pre- Bautismales/ Bautismal Classes Spanish

SAT 10:00AM Bautismos / Baptism in Spanish  
9:30 11:00 AM CCD classes/ Catecismo  
3-4 PM Confessions/ Confesiones

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**HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR**

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity with it you can accomplish what you desire.

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Today's Readings:

First Reading: The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading: John, caught up in the spirit envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11).

Gospel: The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit, The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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Lecturas De Hoy:

Primera lectura: Los apóstles hacen muchas señales y maravillas entre la gente (Hch 5:12-16).

Salmo: La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya (Salmo 118).

Segunda lectura: Juan, contagiado por el Espíritu tiene una visión del Señor glorificado (Apo. 1:9-11).

Evangelio: Jesus resucitado visita a los discípulos con su paz y con el Espíritu. Tomás ausente, duda de la aparición de Jesús (Juan 20:19-31).