

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



In today's gospel, Jesus said: "Peace be with you," (vv. 19, 21, 26) three times. Why did Jesus say this? Did he forget what they did to Him during His hours of need? After all those things they have done to Him, He was able to say, "Peace be with you"? After Peter denied Him three times, after the people had shouted at him, 'Crucify Him;' after the disciples had

fled away and abandoned Him; He just said to them, 'Peace be with you'?

That is the nature of Jesus, a forgiving and loving person especially towards his enemies and that is our nature too, to forgive and love the person who hurts us.

I would like to mention some important notes about peace. When we are asked what we mean by peace, we immediately answer: "Peace is the absence of war." If we ask Mr. Webster about the meaning of peace, this is his definition: "Peace is a state of quiet or tranquility, freedom from disturbance or agitation, calmness, absence or cessation of war."

Surely peace includes the absence, but the absence of war does not necessarily mean peace. Others mean peace as if they don't have enemies and don't return or take vengeance, but within their hearts a desire for revenge is very much alive. This could not be peace.

In Hebrew, the word peace is **shalom**, taken from the root word Slam which basically means, "to be safe." It also includes that when you say, "shalom", you are wishing that person health, prosperity, security, political and spiritual well-being, absence of war and also it connotes salvation.

During this Mass, I will say to you "Peace be with you," and you will respond, "And also with you." Later, you will say to one another "Peace be with you". In that sense you are wishing the person the same things that I said a while ago. The Latin equivalent is Pax, and the Greek equivalent is Eirene which basically mean the same as shalom.

I'm hoping that during this Mass, when we say "Peace be with you" we must mean it. Then, let us ask ourselves these questions: What gives me inner peace? What makes me happy? Do I practice my kindness and generosity to my fellow human being?

(Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, April 28 **9:00 a.m.**

This Jubilee Year, our Parish family prays for the intentions of Hannigan family

In memory of Thomas Vayalumkal req Suja Mathew
James Edward Hannigan req Fredisminda Hannigan
Mr. Shaji and Halimana Thades for all blessings received
req Nidhiya Joseph
Natale Rao req Lina Raso
Marjorie Randall

Tuesday, April 29 **Evening Mass**
A Memorial Mass for Pope Francis 7:00 p.m.

Healing of Leticia Torio req Tessie and Lorenzo Abugan
Margaret, Kathleen, Josie, and Loretta for good health
req Helen McSorley
Leticia Torio req Jackie Sherk
Hendrickson Sy req Jackie Sherk
Marjorie Randall

Wednesday, April 30 **9:00 a.m.**

All souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo
Rose Zamorski req Pat and Anthony McLaughlin
Intentions of Nathan and Ali req Gizelle Italiano
Marjorie Randall

Thursday, May 1 **9:00 a.m.**

Soul of Felicitas Quirafu req Danny Quirafu
Marjorie Randall

Friday, May 2 **9:00 a.m.**

This Jubilee Year, our Parish family prays for the intentions of McSorley family

All souls in purgatory req Pauline Nguyen
In memory of Norberta Labuguen req Ruby Benitez
Special intentions and birthday blessings for Tayne Pua
req Felisa Go

Deepak and Nidhiya for all blessings received
req Nidhiya Joseph
Santina Fuoko req Carmelina Sottile
In memory of Norberta Labuguen req Felisa Go
Marjorie Randall

Saturday, May 3 **5:00 p.m.**

Rose and Jack Zamorski req Patricia and Anthony McLaughlin
Departed souls of Delizo and Ramos family req family
Marjorie Randall

Sunday, May 4 **10:00 a.m.**
For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



Welcome

YOUR EXCELLENCY
BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This week the Lamp burns for Healing and intentions of Hendrickson Sy Req by Felisa Go

Bible Verse For This Week

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and upbraids not, and it shall be given him" –
James 1:5

April 12/13, 2025



PARISH
SUPPORT

Good Friday Offering \$ 1,791.00
Easter Sunday Offering 3,165.00



Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish



MONTHLY COFFEE TIME
Sunday May 4th following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass. Please bring a refreshment to share with your parish Family.
Thank you

UPCOMING EVENT

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO CANADIAN
MARTYRS SHRINE, MIDLAND**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

Martyrs Shrine is a Designated Pilgrimage Destination to get Jubilee indulgence.
(remission of temporal punishment due to sins)

TICKETS: \$ 65 PER PERSON

THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION



Today Saint Charles Garnier Parish Family Welcomes His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lawrence Lobsinger, to Saint Charles Garnier Parish to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with us. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

PARISH MOVIE & DINNER NIGHT



**"THE PASSION OF
ST. BERNADETTE"**

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

Following the 5: 00 pm Holy Mass

Lasagna Dinner & Movie: \$15 / Person

Tickets are available after every Holy Mass
Please Invite Your Family & Friends!

FATHER SAJU IS AWAY

Fr. Saju is away for a pilgrimage from May 1 to 14, 2025. During his absence, daily mass and the weekend mass will be celebrated as usual. There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, but Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited before the Holy Mass. Please keep Fr. Saju and the fellow pilgrims in your prayers as they keep everyone in their prayers as they visit holy sites and celebrate Holy Mass at holy altars.

A Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

TUESDAY APRIL 29TH

Adoration: 6: 00 p.m.

Vigil Mass: 7: 00 p.m.

"Through the Cross of Christ, the Evil One is overcome, death is defeated, life is given to us, hope is restored. This is important: through the Cross of Christ hope is restored to us." **Pope Francis, Angelus, 14th September 2014, speaking about death.**

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (Jn 11:25-26)

Please join us and invite family and friends!