



Saint Robert Bellarmine

Parish Mission Statement

We are a diverse Catholic community of generations, experiencing the living God and reflecting our faith in action with one another.

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

*Jesus said to Thomas,
"Have you come to
believe because you
have seen me?
Blessed are those
who have not seen
and have believed."*

John 20:29

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April 24, 2022

Mass Intentions

MON. April 25, St. Mark

8:30 am + Joseph and Anthony Koziarz

TUES. April 26, Easter Weekday

8:30 am + Chester Pinas

WED. April 27, Easter Weekday

8:30 am + Thomas Donaghue
+ Courtney Ischinger

THURS. April 28, St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:30 am + Charles Rash

FRI. April 29, St. Catherine of Sienna

8:30 am + Bridget Spooner

SAT. April 30, St. Pius V

8:30 am + Henry and Natalina Kass
5:00 pm The Cummins Family
Sean Lowery
+ John and Wanda Placek
Arlene Placek (good health)
Ralph Kudsk (healing)

SUN. May 1, Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am + Catherine O'Donnell
+ Irene Koziarz
+ Tony Geraghty
12:00 pm + Kennera Gesicki
The Poor Souls in Purgatory

Prayer Requests



Please pray for our Sick

*Liam Herling, Mary Lourdes Jose
Gina Brettman, Paul Labant,
James Kuczma,*

*Nicholas Nardella, Olive Greer, Kathy Kenney,
Margaret Ludden, Patricia Klenck,
Tom Birt, Josefina Hernandez,
Charles Scherer, Bill Bradford,
Chris Childers, Patrick W. Kamm,
Kenny Mounts, Kenneth Bransky,
Anne Bartelli, Maria Hernandez Johnson,
Michelle Hohmeier Ryan,
Frank Fergus, James Ouper,
The Sisters of Notre Dame Motherhouse,
Ray Hoffelt, Craig Grant, Carrie Kuczak,
Milagros O. Cave, Brendan Nelson,
Sr. Florine Licavoli, Ralph Kudsk,
Joan Roth, Rita Mashechko,
Bill Bradford, Debra Nelson, John Kearns
Betty Kroll, Frank Polheber, John Calandra,
Terry Finn, Laverne Nardella, Arlene Placek
and those intentions on the Parish app.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to demonstrate.

Fr. Denis O'Brien, United States Marine Corps

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Brandon Lee Logan (Marines)		

From Fr. Brendan's Desk

Divine Mercy

Today, as a church, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We honor the image of Jesus, who is the gift of Divine Mercy itself. It is the great love that Jesus has for humanity that leads him to offer himself for us on the cross and to rise again from the dead to bring us his salvation. Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish religious sister, and gave her in her visions, the image of the Divine Mercy and the devotions that we know today. St. Faustina speaks of God's love as an "ocean of mercy" which Jesus pours out over the whole world as the blood and water flow from his pierced side on the cross. In the Divine Mercy Chaplet, we place our trust in Jesus, and in communion with the Church Universal, we implore Jesus' mercy on the world, though his great sacrifice.

This devotion reminds us that there is a reason why we have celebrated the great feasts of the Easter Triduum, the Last Supper, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. They are not just historical events, but they are God's way of breaking into the mess that is our world and repairing the damage caused by sin. We as human beings are constantly in need of God's Divine Mercy, and the good news for us is that God constantly wants to give us that mercy so that you and I can be the people that he has called us to be.

As a parish, we will be celebrating this great feast not just with Mass, but also by praying the Divine Mercy devotion. Today (Sunday) at 3:00 P.M., our parish will have Divine Mercy devotions. We will pray in Polish at St. Constance and in English at St. Robert Bellarmine. We encourage everyone to come and to bring others to prayer. The more we pray for Jesus' Divine Mercy in our world, the more we can experience God's grace breaking into our lives. All of us know that we, and many people in our lives, are in need of God's help. Let us come together to pray for all those who are in need.

Easter Thanks

Last weekend, we experienced the beautiful liturgies of the Easter Triduum. These are my favorite moments in the Church's year, as we get to journey with Jesus, in real time, in the most pivotal moments of his life and death. It is a time of remarkable beauty and deeply spiritual for me and I am sure for many of you as well. It is, however, very complex. On behalf of all of the priests of Mary, Undoer of Knots Parish, I want to thank everyone who generously volunteered their time, talents and treasure to make this past weekend possible. The liturgies were beautiful and allowed us to see Jesus Christ at work in our church and in our world.

Sharing the Good News

As we continue in the Easter season, we hear the Acts of the Apostles read in our Sunday liturgies. Acts is a remarkable book, and it is essentially the sequel to the Gospel of Luke. In it, we see the Apostles setting out for the four corners of the world and establishing the Church. They did this not because they were the smartest, most talented or even holiest of people. They did so because God called them to action and they were transformed by what Jesus had done for them. If we want to see the love of God made present, we too must invite people into a life with Christ and his Church, just as they did.

Soul Food

Join fellow parishioners and Deacon Bill as we spend time with Sunday Scriptures:

- Preparing to hear God's Word
- Learning more about Scripture
- Asking what Scripture is saying to me
- Growing spiritually with others

Wednesday mornings from 9am - 10am
in the Convent Dining Room at the
St. Robert Bellarmine campus.

All are Welcome - no weekly commitment
required. Come when you can.



*A Warm Welcome to our
New Parishioners*

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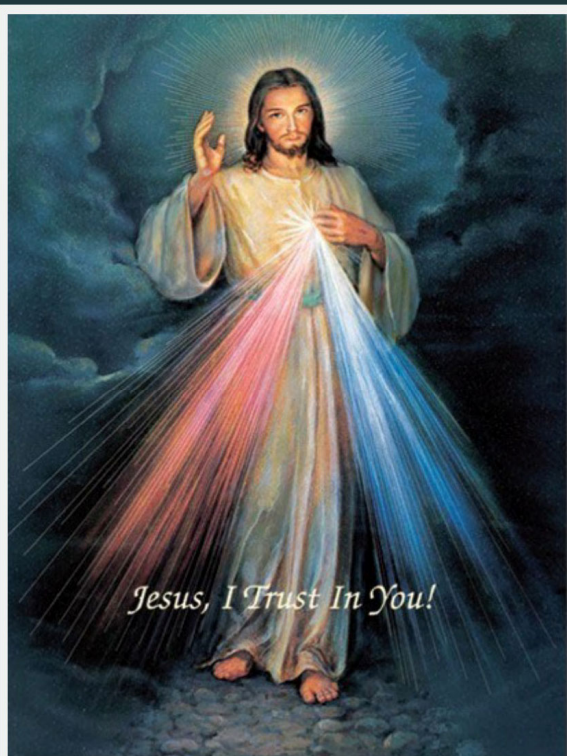
Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Guarraci

Daily Gospel Reflections

As many of you know, Deacon Bill has been
posting daily Gospel reflections on Facebook.

In addition, he has now added a blog
particularly for those people
who don't have Facebook.

To view the blog, go to:
<https://deaconbillfrere.blogspot.com>



Jesus, I Trust In You!

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

At the request of Jesus, the Second Sunday of
Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Sunday, April 24 will be dedicated to God's
Mercy. **In a special way we invite you to recite the
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm. The devotion
in English language will be at St. Robert
Bellarmine campus.**

We invite all to pray the Novena to God's mercy
on us and on the entire world. This Novena is recit-
ed each day, starting from Good Friday.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special holiday
when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide
-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of
all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to
Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion
on that day.

Reading I**Acts 5:12-16**

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them.

Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them.

A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Reading II**Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

Gospel**Jn 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

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, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

God's Share

All of us are recipients of many blessings from God. In return, He expects that we praise Him for His goodness and thank Him for His generous gifts. Thanksgiving, however is not done in word only, but in deed also.

Total Parish Offering for April 10, 2022.

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
5 pm Mass	\$ 1,575.	\$ 8,500.
10 am Mass	\$ 2,407.	
12 noon Mass	\$ 1,256.	
Mailed in Offerings	\$ 3,285.	
Give Central	\$ 2,751.	
Easter	\$ 2,305	
Easter flowers	\$ 1,692	
Total Offering	\$12,520.	

Total Parish Offering for April 17, 2022.

Holy Thursday Offering	\$ 1,311.
Good Friday Offering	\$ 1,146.
Easter	\$ 12,350.

<u>Sunday Offering</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
7 pm Mass	\$ 396.	\$ 8,500.
10 am Mass	\$ 769.	
12 noon Mass	\$ 431.	
Mailed in Offerings	\$ 1,535.	
Give Central	\$ 2,871.	
Total Offering	\$ 6,002.	

Thank you to those who are able to continue to support us through Give Central contributions.

*Daily Scripture Readings***Monday, April 25**

1 Pt 5: 5b – 14 / Mk 16: 15-20

Tuesday, April 26

Acts 4: 32-37 / Jn 3: 7b -15

Wednesday, April 27

Acts 5: 17-26 / Jn 3: 16-21

Thursday, April 28

Acts 5: 27-33 / Jn 3: 31-36

Friday, April 29

Acts 5: 34-42 / Jn 6: 1-15

Saturday, April 30

Acts 6: 1-7 / Jn 6: 16-21

Sunday, May 1

Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41 / Rv 5: 11-14 / Jn 21: 1-19

MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS WOMAN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Woman's Club is MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Borowczyk Hall. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Do you feel lucky? Don't buy a lottery ticket; come to **NIGHT AT THE RACES**. See the newly formed track and marvel at the jockeys as they prepare for the race. Enjoy camaraderie and refreshments as you await the first call. Study the horses, decide on a winner, buy Borowczyk Dollars and place your bet. Cheer on your choices and wait for your favorite to cross the finish line. Have fun rooting for your picks. Will Bedroom Eyes outpace Hot To Trot? Be part of the excitement. After the last race, count your winnings and bid on fabulous prizes. Forget baseball, football, basketball, and hockey—Play the Horses!

The raffle will support the Ukraine Aid Fund sponsored by the Chicago Archdiocese.



Thank You!

Preparing the Church for all of the Holy Week liturgies takes many hours and many hands to make our worship space a place of welcome and prayer. A heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers who gave of their time and faith to transform our Church into such an uplifting and joyful environment.



The Mass Intention Book is open. Please stop by the parish office to schedule a mass.

The St. Robert Bellarmine Mass Schedule will be:



Monday through Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

Please note the following:

In order to give all parishioners the opportunity to schedule a mass for their loved ones, we ask that each family use the following guidelines to schedule masses.

Only one weekday mass request per week.

Only one weekend mass request per month.

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ON SEEING, AND BELIEVING, AND SEEING

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When I was a kid, I used to lay on the floor on Sunday mornings to read the *Chicago Tribune* comics, and I can still see one of the features I always turned to: Ripley's "*Believe It or Not!*" It's long gone from the *Tribune*, but I think it's still in syndication. At least there's a Ripley's Museum at Wisconsin Dells. "Founded by Robert Ripley," as Wikipedia explains, the franchise "...deals in bizarre events and items so strange and unusual that readers might question the claims." Crazy.

Crazy in part because I remember thinking even as a little kid that the Ripley folks could make up all sorts of things if they wanted to. They didn't have to prove anything. No one knew about Fake News back then, but this was better, as it seemed to me that Ripley, *et al.* weren't passing any of the stories along as necessarily true. They were just passing the stories along. *Believe it or not*, right? Accordingly, it was on me to leave the stories on the page, or to take them as...you know... Gospel.

And speaking of Gospel, Ripley comes to mind as I consider the evangelist John's entry today. It's the Gospel about Thomas not being in the locked room with the rest of the disciples when Jesus appears before them post-Resurrection. Only John writes of this, and I think I'm correct in saying that the Church gives us this same reading every Second Sunday of Easter. Most of the other readings are on a three-year cycle, but this one is like the North Star: it stays put. As such, it must be important!

We know the story. Jesus appears the first time when Thomas isn't there. "We have seen the Lord," his friends tell him later. *Believe it or not!* Thomas opts for the latter, with a caveat. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands," he says, "and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later, the disciples are again locked in the room, but this time Thomas is with them. And *now* when Jesus shows up, Thomas says something extraordinary.

But Jesus begins the conversation. After again extending peace to all, he turns to Thomas directly. "Put your finger here and see my hands," he says, "and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas now has no need, however, to do the things he said he needed to do in order to believe. Instead, he answers simply, "My Lord and my God!" As far as professions of faith go--in my book, and *the Book*--nothing tops this one.

Seeing is believing. How many times have we heard that one before? But here's something else to consider, from the late English poet Ralph Hodgson: "Some things have to be believed to be seen." When Thomas sees the risen Lord, he recognizes Jesus as God. This is a rare thing in Scripture, btw, at least per my reading. And in confirming it now, Thomas no doubt more clearly sees what Jesus told him at the Last Supper: "I am the way and the truth and the life." But back in that locked room, Jesus says further to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?" before giving a nod to the rest of us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." He is risen. That's what the Book says. So...*Believe it or not!* We have chosen the former, and hence, I pray, we *all* more clearly see.

April 30 / May 1, 2022

Mass	Presider	Servers	Lectors	Auxiliary Ministers
5:00 PM	Fr. Brendan Guilfoil	K. Begovic, A. Begovic, M. Mezydlo	Pat Zybert	Jennifer Begovic, Sue Donat, Jim Ryan
10:00 AM	TBD	J. Ottych, A. Wojcik, E. Wojcik	Rich Madro	Erin Bastian, Mary Ann Furphy, Daniel Gandor
12:00 PM	TBD	H. Birt, N. Paz, A. Paz	Ginger Frere	Deacon Bill Frere, Mary Ann Glowacz

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Thursday 12 Noon 10 days in advance
Submit articles via email:
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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m.
Weekends - Saturday Evening at 5:00 p.m.,
Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon
Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. mass.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch)
Saturday- 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Weddings

Arrangements to be made with a priest
at least six months in advance.
Please contact the rectory for date and time
availability before making other arrangements.

Baptisms

Celebrated the second and fourth
Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
Parents need to register at the rectory office.
Baptismal preparation class for first time
Parents and Godparents is offered on the last
Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Please note: there are no baptisms scheduled
during the season of Lent.

Confessions/Reconciliations

Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Third Wednesday of every month.
Adoration begins after 8:30 a.m. mass.
Benediction at 1 p.m.
Please sign up at the rectory office.

Novena

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena is offered on the
First Tuesday of the month at 6:30p.m. in the church,
followed by Benediction.

Recitation of the Rosary

Monday and Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.

Pulpit Announcement Deadline

Friday by 12 Noon in the rectory.