### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

## APRIL 24, 2022

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK	
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 24, 2022	
9:00 am	Mary Ann Hines (d)
11:00 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction
	Thomas Dao (d)
<b>7:00 pm</b>	For the Parishioners
MONDAY, April 25, 2022	
8:30 am	Joseph Dao (d)
	TUESDAY, April 26, 2022
8:30 am	Intention of Dan Louis
	WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2022
8:30 am	Vincent Dao (d)
	THURSDAY, April 28, 2022
8:30 am	Al Littner (d)
3:00-5:00 pr	n EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
	FRIDAY, April 29, 2022
8:30 am	Christina Macke (d)
	SATURDAY, April 30, 2022
8:30 am	Richard Meyer (d)
3:00-4:00 pm Confession	
4:30 am	Scott Braun (d)
	SUNDAY, May 1, 2022
9:00 am	First Holy Communion
11:00 am	Dee Schappelle (d)
7:00 pm	For the Parishioners

SERVERS

April 30/May 1

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

April 30/May 1

No Lectors Scheduled

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 30/May 1

To Be Determined

April 17, 2022

\$14,725.00

#### Thank You for your Generosity!

<u>Vocation View</u> Are you like Thomas? Do you need to see to believe? Pray for faith and trust. To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at <u>dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org</u>.

<u>Thought for the Day:</u> "Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear."

by St. Catherine of Sienna

<u>St Lawrence Boy Scout Troop 302</u> needs your support. On Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> Robben's Garden Center in Delhi will donate 10% of your purchase to the scouts if you mention our Troop 302. Please consider doing your spring garden shopping there.

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**PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY** when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the

Sacrament of Penance.



# The Laurentian



*ad Orientem*: The 11:00 Mass will be celebrated ad Orientem. This means that I will be facing the same way you are facing during the Opening and Closing prayers, the Offertory and Eucharistic Prayer.

<u>**Eucharistic Adoration:**</u> Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3-5 p.m. Part of the time, during the first hour, I hear Confessions.

<u>Divine Mercy Sunday:</u> is today. After the 11:00 Mass, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and have Benediction.

*First Holy Communion:* First Holy Communion for our Second Graders at St. Lawrence will be at the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday, May 1. This will not extend the time of Mass very much. I hope many of you will attend and help the First Communicants celebrate their receiving of First Holy Communion.

<u>Rosary Rally</u>: "Over 100 years ago at Fatima Our Lady told the three children that we must pray the rosary (one of our most powerful prayer tools). On Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm we will celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Rosary Rally to be held in the Elder High School's Field House. This celebration will start with a Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as the center of our devotion. The recitation of the Holy Rosary, together with worship songs and prayers, make this gathering a memorable event. Local priests and deacons in our Archdiocese will lead us in prayer. It is important to note that the Elder Field House is air-conditioned. Please encourage your children, grandchildren, relatives and friends to attend.

### <u>Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center</u> May 13-15 Basic Training: Solid Food for the Disciples of Christ

Join us for this retreat to renew and revitalize your faith. Spend time in prayer and contemplation to rekindle and deepen your relationship with God.

Retreat begins at 7:00 pm Friday and ends at Noon on Sunday

Where: Presentation Ministries Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center 5701 Lawshe Rd. Peebles OH 45660

- Guest Rooms available
- Meals provided
- Take time to enjoy our trails, rock formations and wooded hillsides

Cost: A Donation. For more information and to Pre-Register call 513 373 2397 or go to <u>www.presentationministries.com</u>.



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St. Paul rejoices in the knowledge that spiritual health has been restored to the human race. Death entered the world through Adam, he explains, but life has been given back to the world through Christ. Again, he says: The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven and is heavenly. As we have borne the image of the earthly man, the image of human nature grown old in sin, so let us bear the image of the heavenly man: human nature raised up, redeemed, restored and purified in Christ. We must hold fast to the salvation we have received. Christ was the first fruits, says the Apostle; he is the source of resurrection and life. Those who belong to Christ will follow him. Modeling their lives on his purity, they will be secure in the hope of his resurrection and of enjoying with him the glory promised in heaven. Our Lord himself said so in the gospel: Whoever follows me will not perish, but will pass from death to life.

Thus, the passion of our Savior is the salvation of mankind. The reason why he desired to die for us was that he wanted us who believe in him to live forever. In the fullness of time it was his will to become what we are, so that we might inherit the eternity he promised and live with him forever.

Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven to men. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they received the spiritual nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of the holy Church, the fellowship of one community worships the one God, adoring the triple name of his essential holiness, and together with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light, who brings sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of himself: *I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble*. That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.

Such was the prayer Christ made to the Father while he was still on earth: *Father*, *I desire that where I am they also may be, those who have come to believe in me; and that as you are in me and I in you, so they may abide in us.* 

from an Easter homily by an ancient author



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On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disiples and said: "Take, eat: this is my body." He took the cup, gave thanks and said: "Take, drink: this is my blood." Since Christ himself has declared the bread to be his body, who can have further doubt? Since he himself has said quite categorically, *This is my blood*, who would dare to question it and say that it is not his blood?

Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ. His body is given to us under the symbol of bread, and his blood is given to us under the symbol of wine, in order to make us by receiving them one body and blood with him. Having his body and blood in our members, we become bearers of Christ and sharers, as St. Peter says, in the divine nature.

Once, when speaking to the Jews, Christ said: Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall have no life in you. This horrified them and they left him. Not understanding his words in a spiritual way, they thought the Savior wished them to practice cannibalism.

Under the old covenant there was showbread, but it came to an end with the old dispensation to which it belonged. Under the new covenant there is bread from heaven and the cup of salvation. These sanctify both soul and body, the cup being adapted to the sanctification of the body, the Word, to the sanctification of the soul.

Do not, then, regard the eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the Body and Blood of the Lord, as he himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith.

You have been taught and you are firmly convinced that what looks and tastes like bread and wine is not bread and wine but the Body and Blood of Christ. You know also how David referred to this long ago when he sang: *Bread gives strength to his heart and makes his face shine with the oil of gladness.* Strengthen your heart, then, by receiving this bread as spiritual bread, and bring joy to the face of your soul.

May purity of conscience remove the veil from the face of your soul so that by contemplating the glory of the Lord, as in a mirror, you may be transformed from glory to glory in Christ Jesus our Lord. To him be glory for ever and ever.

#### from the Jerusalem Catecheses

