

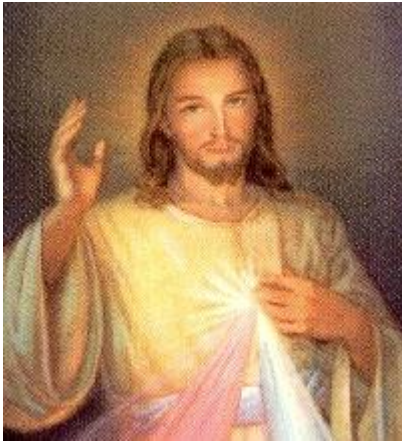
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Welcome Father Peter Amowe

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)



The desire for peace is omnipresent. When Christ stands in the midst of the apostles in the Resurrection appearances detailed in St. John's Gospel today, he also focuses on peace. His repeated salutation is "Peace be with you!" But the peace Christ proclaims and offers is quite different from the peace of the world. It is a peace rooted in forgiveness from sin, and in faith in himself.

Christ stresses that he brings the peace that forgives sin, and that reconciles the alienated with God the Father. He goes further. He makes the apostles the ministers of this ministry of reconciliation. "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.'" The sacrament of reconciliation, and the distinctive mission of the apostles, and their successors, as ministers of that sacrament have been inaugurated. One of the great marks of Christian peace will be the experience of the forgiveness of one's sins, through the mediation of the Church. And one of the great tasks of the Christian life will be to share that mercy with others, through heartfelt forgiveness of those who have transgressed against us.

Source: <http://www.hprweb.com/2014/03/homilies-for-april-2014/>

NEWS ...

Altar Servers Needed - Please arrive at 12:30 and "on the job training" will be provided. Please consider joining us. Many of our Altar Servers are moving away this summer so we need you!!

Choir Members needed too! Join us at 12:15 before Mass to practice. All are welcome to sing with us!

OTHER Volunteer opportunities.... If you would like to lead members in a new way (ex. Bible group, Religious Sunday teaching/reading with children during Mass, Coordinating a Retreat, Organizing a church get-together activity – please email us! We would love to have volunteers help our community grow – but we need your help. Thanks!!

Attendance on April 20, 2014: Adults – 100 Children – 20 Total – 120

If you would like to be added to our email list please send your contact information to:

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