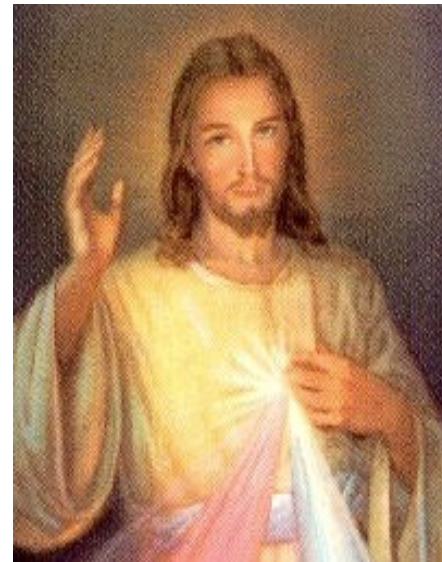


**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (APRIL 19, 2020)**

Throughout the centuries Our Lord and His Blessed Mother have appeared to people of faith bringing a message of salvation and love. The message and devotion to Jesus as *The Divine Mercy* is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God’s mercy.

The message of mercy is that God loves us—all of us—no matter how great our sins. 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. Devotion to *The Divine Mercy* is a decision to trust completely in Him, to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as He is merciful. By doing this you will gain great peace of mind and soul.

The image of Jesus as *Divine Mercy* on the front of our lectern is from St. Faustina’s convent in Poland. Each time you gaze at the image repeat to yourself *Jesus, I trust in you*. Let your heart open and accept God’s graces and share that bounty with others through your good deeds. *Be still and listen for the voice of God*.



**OFFICE OF WORSHIP**

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office of Worship has developed several resources to assist us as we continue to encounter Christ during this time.

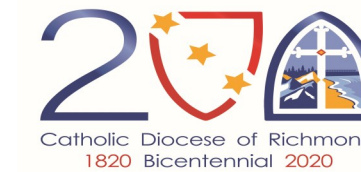
Several important resources for daily prayer and daily Mass readings have been posted, such as links to free versions of GIVE US THIS DAY, MAGNIFICAT and prayers for Spiritual Communion.

Visit <http://www.cdrworship.org/coronavirus> for more information.



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**Office Hours: M-F 9:00 AM-2:30 PM**

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday Vigil—5:30 PM

Sunday—8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

**Until further notice the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment through the office.**

*Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)*  
**April 19, 2020**



The Incredulity of St. Thomas (Maestà Altarpiece)  
 Duccio di Buoninsegna (1308-1311)

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS—APRIL 19, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Do you have an interest to share the Lord’s saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano: (804)-359-5661, or email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).



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**On the mission of the Church...**

“The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach... to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented.”

From Pope Francis’ *Evangelii Gaudium*

**G**od of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been re-born, by whose Blood they have been re-deemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



## Parish Schedule

### Saturday, April 18—Vigil

5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: People of the Parish (view on Facebook.com/SEASCatholic or website)

### Sunday, April 19—Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

10:00 AM—Mass: Bishop Knestout at the Cathedral (view on [richmonddioocese.org/livestream](http://richmonddioocese.org/livestream))

### Monday, April 20—Easter Weekday

### Tuesday, April 21—St. Anselm

### Wednesday, April 22—Easter Weekday

### Thursday, April 23—St. George; St. Adalbert

### Friday, April 24—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

### Saturday, April 25—Vigil

5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: People of the Parish (view on Facebook.com/SEASCatholic or Parish website)

### Sunday, April 26—Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM—Mass: Bishop Knestout at the Cathedral (view on [richmonddioocese.org/livestream](http://richmonddioocese.org/livestream))

## SEAS Parish Prayer List

**Prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic:**

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



## Parish Contributions

If you are a registered parishioner and would like contribution information, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125. We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who have recently mailed in contributions and signed up for online e-giving during this difficult time. We thank you for your support and generosity!

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

As a reminder, if you were participating in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, please return all Rice Bowls to the Church next week so donations can be counted and submitted in a timely manner. Thank you!

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OPTIONS

Many people have asked how they can continue to financially support SEAS Parish while public Masses are suspended. The parish budget is 100% dependent on Offertory contributions during the year. Half of the income comes by electronic means and half through the regular weekend collections. With the suspension of public Masses, we will lose about half of our income.

During these difficult times, if you are able, please continue to support the parish through your donations:

- Sign-up for online e-giving through the parish's website at: [seascatholicchurch.org](http://seascatholicchurch.org) and select the red "Donate Online" button at the top.
- Mail your regular contributions to the parish office through our mailing address: PO Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.
- Drop your contributions off to the parish office during office hours. Thank you!

## Scripture Readings

### Sunday, April 19 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:29/Jn 20:19-31

### Monday, April 20 Monday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3,4-7a,7b-9/Col 3:1/Jn 3:1-8

### Tuesday, April 21 Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab,1cd-2,5/Jn 3:14-15/Jn 3:7b-15

### Wed., April 22 Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16/Jn 3:16-21

### Thurs., April 23 Thursday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2&9,17-20/Jn 20:29/Jn 3:31-36

### Friday, April 24 Friday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Mt 4:4b/Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday, April 25 Feast of St. Mark

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17/1 Cor 1:23a-24b/Mk 16:15-20

### Sunday, April 26 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-33/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:32/Lk 24:13-35

## Parish News

### COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Barry C. Knestout has temporarily suspended all Masses, Events, Activities and Meetings throughout the Catholic Diocese of Richmond until further notice. His letter can be read at: [richmonddioocese.org](http://richmonddioocese.org).

To view Masses and liturgies, please visit the parish Facebook page at: [Facebook.com/SEASCatholic](https://www.facebook.com/SEASCatholic) or the parish website at [seascatholic-church.org/View-Mass](http://seascatholic-church.org/View-Mass).

Bishop Knestout is also livestreaming private celebration of Sunday Masses at the Cathedral at 10:00am ([richmonddioocese.org/livestream](http://richmonddioocese.org/livestream)).

SEAS Parish will be open for **private prayer only** during office hours. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment.

For the upcoming week, the parish office will be **open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.**

### APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

We all play a role in the healthy formation of children and as children are home from school and spending more time online, we wanted to share some important resources with families to assist with the task of keeping our young people safe while they navigate the internet.

Our diocesan Safe Environment page at: [richmonddioocese.org/protecting-gods-children](http://richmonddioocese.org/protecting-gods-children) has family resources and activities such as a calendar and coloring projects, and the *Virtus* website ([virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org)) has information under the "Resources" tab which might prove beneficial such as a Parent's Prevention Handbook and an acronyms/internet shorthand tool.

Also, if you are *Virtus* trained and receive monthly email bulletins, now might be a good time to get caught up on any you might have missed or just spend some time in reviewing some of the subject matter.

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of study and prayer for those who have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, or were baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. For more information about our programs at SEAS Parish, please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

### NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

The first weekend of the month is our monthly food collection for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis. Please drop off all donations to the Church during office hours by the weekend of **May 2nd/3rd**. As a reminder, the Poor Clares are mostly vegetarian. They avoid sugar and can always use canned tuna or salmon. The Little Sisters can eat most everything. Paper products are also gratefully accepted by both orders.

### DIocese OF RICHMOND OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.



**Meeting Schedule:** Due to the flu outbreak, all K of C activities and meetings have been CANCELED until further notice.

**Prayer Request:** Please remember in your prayers Jeffrey & Roberta Gargiulo, Levie Edmond, Leonard R. Rapozo, Agnes Cashin, Cherie Gothreau & Wanda Pleva, Carol Trent, Kevin Almeida, John (Jackie) J. Gothreau, Fred Graf, Joshua C. Gothreau, Cathy Iwaskey, Al Polson, Kate Nixon, Fr. R. Smith, Eileen Simzak, Elizabeth Robertson, Ann Gillikin, Ed Gillikin, Sr., Tony Martinez, our law enforcement, military families, and those not known to us in need of prayers.

**Membership:** To learn more about the K of C at SEAS Parish, please contact Membership Director, Jack Simzak; [jrrsimzak@aol.com](mailto:jrrsimzak@aol.com). To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit the K of C website at: [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).

### RETURNING TO OUR FAITH MINISTRY

The SEAS Returning to Our Faith Ministry offers a compassionate and encouraging atmosphere for inactive Catholics to consider returning to our faith. The goal of the ministry is to reach out to inactive Catholics inviting them to join us for discussion, giving them time to consider the stirrings of their hearts.

The "Catholics Come Home" program is intended to help bridge the sometimes intimidating obstacles to returning. The Faith Ambassadors from our parish are in the planning stages for upcoming information sessions for inactive Catholics and/or parishioners who want more information, new dates to follow soon.

*Please consider inviting neighbors, friends or family members who may benefit from our ministry to participate.*

For additional information, please contact Mrs. Donna Thomson at [seas.dthomson@verizon.net](mailto:seas.dthomson@verizon.net).