

From The Desk of Fr. Patrick

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, invites us to reflect deeply on the boundless mercy of God and how it touches our daily lives. In the Gospel (John 20:19–31), we find the disciples gathered behind locked doors, filled with fear and uncertainty. Yet Jesus comes into their midst and offers them a simple but powerful gift: “Peace be with you.” Even in their weakness and doubt, Jesus does not abandon them. Instead, He brings mercy, forgiveness, and new life. Like Thomas, we too may struggle at times to believe, but Jesus patiently meets us where we are and invites us to trust in Him.

In this spirit of mercy and compassion, we give heartfelt thanks to the anonymous donor who generously provided an ADA automatic door opener for our church. This gift is more than just a physical improvement—it is a true sign of Christian love in action. For our elderly parishioners, those with disabilities, parents with small children, and anyone who may find it difficult to open heavy doors, this addition will make entering the house of God easier, more dignified, and more welcoming. It reflects the very heart of Divine Mercy: removing barriers and opening doors so that all may encounter Christ.

This new door reminds us of a deeper spiritual truth. Just as these doors now open more easily for everyone, so too does Jesus open the doors of His mercy to each of us. No matter what our past, our doubts, or our struggles, His mercy is always available. As a parish community, we are called to imitate that mercy, welcoming one another, supporting those in need, and creating a space where all feel loved and valued.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let us pray in gratitude for the generosity of those who make our community stronger. May this new door be a symbol of God’s open heart, always ready to receive us. And may we, like the disciples, move from fear to faith, trusting in the Risen Lord who continues to say to us, “Peace be with you.”

-Fr. Patrick