

**Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
April 8, 2018**

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5



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**SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE**

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "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" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

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**Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>April 9</b> † Maria and † Giuseppe Moretto
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>April 10</b> † Dick S. Visperas
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>April 11</b> Communal Service † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro † Sammy Eguillos
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>April 12</b> † Paul and † Theresa Vella
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>April 13</b> † Frank DeLuca
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>April 14</b> † Felisa Ouano † Fred Perata
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>April 15</b> † Josie and † Louis Camilleri † Giovanni Rossi The Maltese Society † Tessa Spiteri Lencioni

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**Sunday Collection April 1, 2018**

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection-Easter</b>	<b>\$ 8,092.00</b>
<b>Holy Land</b>	<b>\$ 2,047.00</b>
<b>Religious Education</b>	<b>\$ 1,485.00</b>

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

**2019 Mass Intentions Now Available!**

**Please follow the guidelines below when sending in your Mass requests.**

Due to the large volume of Mass requests and in order to be fair to the needs of all our parishioners, the following is the Mass Book policy as set by Father Charito Suan, Pastor:

Initially, each parishioner can request up to **12 Masses per year. Only 4 of those Masses may be on weekends depending on availability.**

**We are no longer accepting individual Mass Intentions for the following days : Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, All Souls, All Saints, Thanksgiving , Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The intentions will be for the entire St. Elizabeth Community.**

Due to the volume of requests, **Masses cannot be reserved by phone or in person.** Requests must be submitted in writing.

Not all dates are available for Mass Intentions, so we ask that you be prepared with alternate dates and times. Wednesdays at 7:00 pm are available for multiple intentions. All written requests must include 2019 dates you are requesting (please do not submit last year's list). Any requests not following these guidelines will be returned to you.

**Once you receive your confirmation letter with your schedule of Masses, please make your check payable to St. Elizabeth Church. Please do not send payment with your request. Please allow time for processing. The monetary gift that has been suggested by our Archdiocese is \$10.00 per mass. Thank you for your cooperation.**

*A friendly reminder:* If you have not sent in your payment for your 2018 masses please send your payment to the parish office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office. Thank You!

The **Maltese Society** meeting will be on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30 pm in Cantwell Hall, meeting room number one.

The **Parish Support** group meeting will be on April 12th at 2:00 pm in the rectory.



**Supporting our Archdiocesan Family**

Appeal Sunday for the 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal will be held shortly. At that time each of us will be asked to support the work of the Church by contributing to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Please be generous. Our parish goal for 2018 is \$50,615.00. Through the generous donations from our parishioners we not only met but exceeded our 2017 goal. \$ 1,197.00 was returned to the parish.

Thank you to the St. Elizabeth Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 258 for their donation of \$185.00 from their recent champagne bingo that was held on March 11th.



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased  
In your prayers this week, please remember  
the repose of the souls of our deceased  
parishioners, especially:*

*Joseph Camilleri*

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."*