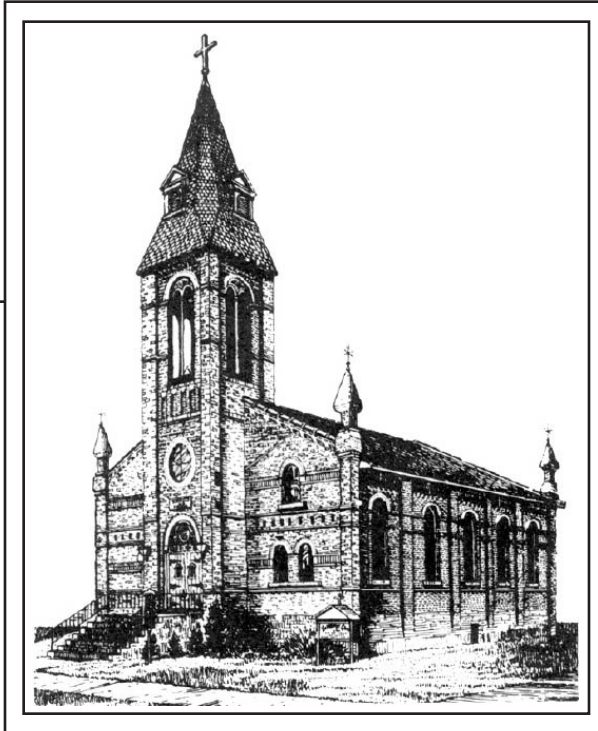


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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

If Jesus Came To Your House

by Lois Blanchard Eades

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two—
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an Honored Guest.
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best.
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there—
That serving Him in your own home is joy beyond compare.
When you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor?
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard?
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?
Would you hide your worldly music
and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?
And I wonder—if the Saviour spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you go right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day.
Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?
Would you sing the songs you always sing,
and read the books you read,
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go?
Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?
Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do
If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you.



This poem, which has been around for many years, is a bit dated in its references to bibles and hymnals lying around your house, but the question it poses is both a good and important one: If Jesus came to physically knock on your door and ask to be invited in, what would you see in your home and your daily

routine that would cause you to want to hide or make disappear for the duration of His visit? Are there certain friends you would ask to stay away until He had gone, movies or shows you would think weren't suitable for God much less ourselves to watch? What about our use of phones and the forms of social media we are constantly on? Would we tell Jesus that we have 'followers' of our own, and thousands of 'friends', when He would know we actually don't?

Easter solidly reminds us of our present-tense reality. It doesn't speak to us about the past and what Jesus said and did so much as it speaks to us about the now, which is why we say Jesus is

Risen! And since we have been baptized into His death and Resurrection, we too are living in the light of his Resurrection promises: "I live and you shall live".

Through the grace-filled season of Lent we were offered a way out of our patterns of weakness and sin by the invitation of Christ Himself to get closer to Him, to invite Him closer, to deepen the relationship He, God, has offered to us – to you. Yet Easter doesn't tell us that the time is up and it's too late. No, even now, all the more now, if we haven't taken advantage of that which we know deep down we need, relationship with Christ, we should know and consider that He waits for you and all those many people in your life who don't know Him.

The truth is that Jesus does in fact come to "your house" already and now when you've invited Him into your life. I've always been drawn to the Gospel statement of Jesus when He said, "Abide in me as I abide in you". (John 15:4) Jesus didn't say, I live in you so live in me, as that would suggest that like it or not, want Him or not, He lives in you. No, He lives in you inasmuch as you choose to, invite Him to live in you. The onus is put on us. And like the poem proposes, when we desire Jesus, the Risen Lord to live in us, how can we host Him as our Lord and Saviour if we haven't purged our body, mind and heart of that which is contrary to Him? Jesus can quickly become a mere plaything of our spiritual desires like an add-on or one of many pursuits we might be entertaining. Yet, as God, He is to be our everything, our all, above which nothing can hold place.

Again, as I've often mentioned in preaching, the great secret Jesus has revealed to us is that if we "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you". (Matt. 6:33) What are 'these things' Jesus is speaking about? Well, in the previous verses of this sixth chapter, Jesus has instructed us about almsgiving, fasting and prayer (which we heard at the beginning of Lent) as well as seeking treasures of heaven and not of the earth and the eye being the lamp of the body, that we cannot serve two masters, and finally about not being worried about anything. The summation of all of this tremendous wisdom from Christ is found in 'seek first the Kingdom'. And when we do so, when we orient our lives toward Jesus and what He wants of us and not what we think this life is all about in our creaturely pursuits, then we will discover as never before an otherwise unknown happiness in living in and through Him. And as well, Jesus says that "everything else" then will be given to us. The everything else is what we tend to get backwards in this life, thinking that I will find room and a place for God in my life some other time or later on. All the while we busy ourselves with the pursuits of this world and life (which is fleeting) in an attempt to make ourselves happy when Jesus would tell us that it is to be found when we forget about these mere earthly things and look to and live for Him.

For the fifty days of Easter we will hear God's Word tell us of the new life the Apostles and disciples (the Church) of Jesus found when they met Him, Risen. And so should we. (Fr.C)



MASS
SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues April 9 7:00pm	✦Bogdan Chodynski Requested by Gal & Jagielski Families
Wed April 10 8:30am	Intentions of Josephine Polito Requested by Sal, Josie & Rosanne Unannounced Mass
Thurs April 11 8:30am	✦Elisa Lazaro Requested by Ray Lazaro & Family
Friday April 12 7:30am	Holy Hour
8:30am	Intentions of Helen & Roy Adams Requested by the Hollingshead Family Special Intentions Luke Jagielski Requested by Mom
Sat April 13 3:30 to 4:00pm	Confessions
4:30pm	✦Francis O’Hearn & Florence Dagenais Requested by the O’Hearn Family
Sunday April 14 9:00am	For the People
11:00am	Intentions of the Guerrero Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Mary Little, Kaz Watroba, Albert Sant & Tracy Rivers, Rose Flanagan, Teresa & Feliks Kosierb, Patrick McKee.

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**2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy
April 7, 2024**



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**Divine Mercy Sunday
Doing His works of Mercy**

On this Sunday celebrating God’s Divine Mercy, let us remember that we are His Hands here on earth, serving Him by serving His children in need. How long has it been since you contemplated those Works of mercy you were taught as a child?

1. To feed the hungry
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To shelter the homeless
5. To visit the imprisoned
6. To visit the sick and inform
7. To bury the dead

Let us all pray to have not just a spirit of mercy, but hands that are busy showing His mercy to those less fortunate.

Upcoming Eclipse

A total eclipse is set to occur on **April 8, 2024**, spanning from Southern Ontario to Newfoundland and Labrador, with the rest of Canada experiencing a partial eclipse. While these events are awe-inspiring, they also pose potential risks to eyesight if proper precautions are not taken. During a solar eclipse, the Moon moves between the Sun and the Earth, partially or completely blocking the Sun's rays. The danger lies in the fact that even during a partial eclipse, the Sun's intense radiation can cause severe damage to the eyes. Looking at the Sun directly during an eclipse can lead to solar retinopathy, permanently damaging the retina's light-sensitive cells.

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