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Christians do not view faith as an abstract notion or an intellectual theory. It is first and foremost a total commitment of our entire being, heart and spirit, to the person of Jesus Christ, who died and rose from the dead for our salvation.

This attachment to Christ, who brings peace and joy, is facilitated through the Church. In addition, the strength of witnessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives promotes our encounter with the living God. The Christian community, the Word of God and the sacraments are privileged signs that foster the growth of faith.

St John the Evangelist records one beatitude: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.*

Blessed are we if we have faith: it is our pathway to our Lord and God.

*Gilles Leblanc*

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### Sunday April 8, 2018

### Second Sunday of Easter(Divine Mercy)

“Maybe God exists, but I don’t believe in much else.” A young lady recently confided her indifference. We often hear statements like this from our colleagues as our society becomes more indifferent to any religious dimension.

And even if we are believers, we often find it difficult to recognize God’s actions in our lives, to understand God’s pathways, as we carry heavy crosses on our shoulders and in our hearts.

In this context, we can relate to St. Thomas, the apostle who was absent on Easter evening. Unlike the other apostles, he refused to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. He was a realist and mistrusted their claims. He wanted to see Christ with his own eyes.

Eight days later, Jesus appeared again to his apostles and this time, Thomas was with them. Jesus approached his incredulous disciple and spoke to him. Immediately Thomas believed. He threw himself at Christ’s feet and uttered this remarkable profession of faith: *My Lord and my God.* He even forgot to put his hand in Christ’s side.

Like Thomas, we have our doubts. We also want to be “hands-on” when it concerns our beliefs. But we are in a special time of faith. As believers, we welcome the Word of God that comes to us from his witnesses, through the voice of his Church.

## The Week at a Glance

Sat Apr 7 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park (lay led)  
 Sun Apr 8 9:00 am Mass in Arborfield  
 11:00am Mass in Carrot River  
 Mon Apr 9 *Fr Travis' day off*  
 Tues Apr 10 *Fr Travis away*  
 Wed Apr 11 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Gilles Favreau**  
 Thurs Apr 12 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River  
 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For Sr Therese  
 St. Pierre**  
 Fri Apr 13 10:00am Mass Arborfield Care Home  
 Sat Apr 14 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For Yvan Potie**  
 Sun Apr 15 9:00 am Mass in Arborfield **For †Matthew Munson**  
 11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**

### Mass Times for March/April

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park  
**Sun 9:00am – Arborfield**  
 Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

The **devotion to Divine Mercy** will be celebrated on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish (160 12<sup>th</sup> St. E. Prince Albert) with reconciliation at 2:00 pm devotion at 3:00 pm followed by the Eucharist. All faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend.

There will be a **Deanery Religious Vocations Appreciation Celebration** on Monday May 7, 2018 at Our Lady of Consolation Church in Melfort 5:30 pm Mass and supper to follow. Tickets are \$25 and available from the parish office.

## Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>April 8</u>	<u>April 15</u>
<b>Commentator</b>	Neil	Liz
<b>Reader</b>	Mary	Jeanne
<b>Cup</b>	Neil, James	Guy, Sue
<b>Hospitality</b>	Liz, Guy	James, Flo
<b>Offerings</b>	Louis, Jean	Liz, Guy
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mary	Jeanne

### Cleaning Schedule

Apr 9-15, 2018	Lisa & Bob Hamelin
Apr 16-22, 2018	Flo & Mary Ann Perrault

Last week's collection totals:

Mar 25 **\$442**

Mar 29 Water Project **\$745**

Mar 30 **\$45** Needs of Church in Holy Land **\$500**

Mar 31 **\$615**

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<https://pasquiacatholic.com/>. Check it out!! St Lucy Parish also has a Facebook page: **StLucyArborfield**