



Apr. 30, 2025

The Second Sunday after Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday in the Roman Rite, is a day of celebration and reflection within the broader context of Easter. It's the concluding day of the Easter Octave, marking the end of the eight-day period celebrating Jesus' resurrection. While not a central focus for all Christian denominations, it is a time to consider the ongoing impact of Easter and the importance of mercy and grace. Here's a more detailed look at the significance for non-Catholics:

1. Easter Celebrations and the Second Sunday:

- Easter Sunday is a cornerstone of Christian faith, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.
- The Second Sunday, also called Divine Mercy Sunday, is the concluding day of the Easter Octave, which is a period of extended celebration following Easter.
- For many, it's a time to reflect on the resurrection and its implications for their faith and lives.

2. Divine Mercy Sunday (Roman Rite):

- In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, Divine Mercy Sunday is a special feast day.
- It's based on the reported visions of Jesus and his promises related to the Divine Mercy, particularly in the diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska.
- While not universally observed by all Christian denominations, its focus on forgiveness, mercy, and the power of Jesus' love resonates with the broader Christian message.

3. Observances for Non-Catholics:

- Non-Catholics may choose to observe the Second Sunday with personal reflection, prayer, and potentially attending a church service if they desire to deepen their understanding of the broader Christian message of Easter.
- They may also find meaning in the symbolism of this day, reflecting on the concept of divine mercy and the ongoing power of Jesus' resurrection.
- It's a time to consider the lessons of Easter and how they can be applied to daily life, perhaps focusing on themes of love, forgiveness, and compassion.

The Believers Share Their Possessions

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no

needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:32-35

Worship Calendar

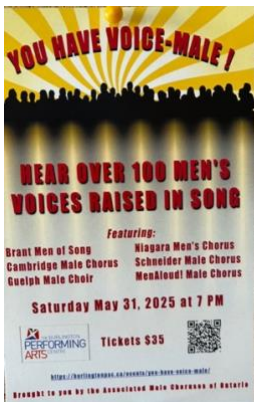
May 4	Silver Jubilee Anniversary	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 & Philippians	Rev. Jan Hieminga
May 11	A Love Beyond Sentiment	Deuteronomy 10:12-20 & John 15:9-17.	Rev. Eric Lee
May 18	What God Has Made Clean	Leviticus 11:41-45 & Acts 11:1-18	Rev. Eric Lee
May 25			Rev. Jan Hieminga
June 1	Communion		Rev. Eric Lee

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good-Bye and Best Wishes to Boris



We bid a fond farewell to our music director, Boris Treivus. Despite the fact that Boris was with us for only 6 months, he has certainly left us with a lasting impression. We wish him success in his new post at Christ First United Church in Mississauga.



Our own Kento Stratford's choir, Men Aloud, (formerly known as the Queensmen) will be part of this "You Have Voice-Male" event on Saturday, May 31 at 7:00 PM at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. It should be a fabulous event with over 100 men raising their voices in song.

A Spring Devotional Update: (Updated Mar. 25, 2025)

A **new** edition of **These Days** (April/May/June), as well as the current edition of **Our Daily Bread** (March/April/May) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Residents of Parkland on Eglinton have booked a Mary Morton bus trip on Wednesday, May 14th to Stratford to see “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” at the Avon Theatre after Chicken Supreme entrée lunch at the Parlour Inn for \$227.00 each. Please call Maureen at 416-433-8148 if interested.

Coffee/Tea Sign - Up



The sign-up sheet for coffee/tea service after worship is on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen downstairs. Please sign yourselves up or sign up your committee so that our Fellowship time after church can continue.

May 4 – Anniversary Luncheon

May 11 – Iris & Carol

May 18 - ???

May 25 - ???

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

* Pray for the people of war-torn countries who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times.

* Please keep in your prayers the following:

Lynne Hieminga, Anna Cherniak, family of Charlotte Prentice, Lynne Bishop, Joan Pateman, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Michael Langstaff, Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, Joan and Peter K., the Jarvis family, Olive S., Roman P., Ed. L., Gordon F., and Jean Fox's nephew, Ryan.

Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor: Could you please advise us from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.

Spring Quotes in the Bible

- * Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. —*Zechariah 10:1*
- * Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth. —*Hosea 6:3*
- * For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. —*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*
- * They waited for me as for showers and drank in my words as the spring rain. —*Job 29:23** The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. —*Isaiah 35:1-12*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Sunday, May 4 @ 10:30 AM – Celebrating Graceview's 25th Anniversary
- * Tuesday, May 6 @ 1:30 PM – Music & Worship meeting
- * Tuesday, May 13 @ 11:00 AM – Elaine's Craft Club
- * Tuesday, May 20 @ 6:30 PM - Session
- * Saturday, May 31 @ 7:00 PM – You Have Voice-Male concert in Burlington

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
May 4	Eric Lee	Brenda A./Sandy T.	Bob Twynam
May 11	Errol Baldeo	Al Bishop	Bob Twynam
May 18	Maureen Screen	Lynne Bishop	Kathy Twynam
May 25	Ethel Waite	Anna Cherniak	Nancy McPherson
June 1	Eric Lee	Nancy Green	Susan Chopp
June 8	Maureen Screen	Harry Learoyd	Lynne Bishop
June 15	Errol Baldeo	Chris Parr	Bob Twynam
June 22	Eric Lee	Susan Chopp	Kathy Twynam
June 29	Susan Chopp	Bob Twynam	Nancy McPherson
July 6	Nancy McPherson	Jean Fox	Susan Chopp

WEEKLY GIGGLE

Remembering Mom's Clothesline

THE BASIC RULES FOR CLOTHESLINES:

1. You had to hang the socks by the toes... NOT the top.
2. You hung pants by the BOTTOM/cuffs... NOT the waistbands.
3. You had to WASH the clothesline(s) before hanging any clothes -
Walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
4. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang "whites" with
"whites," and hang them first.
5. You NEVER hung a shirt by the shoulders - always by the tail!
What would the neighbours think?
6. Wash day on a Monday! NEVER hang clothes on the weekend, or on
Sunday, for Heaven's sake!
7. Hang the sheets and towels on the OUTSIDE lines so you could hide
your "unmentionables" in the middle (busybodies, y'know!)
8. It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather... Clothes would "freeze-dry."
9. ALWAYS gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes!
Pins left on the lines were "tacky"!
10. If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item
did not need two clothes pins but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item.
11. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes
basket, and ready to be ironed. IRONED??!! Well, that's a whole OTHER subject!
12. Long wooden pole (clothes pole) that was used to push the clotheslines
up so that longer items (sheets/pants/etc.) didn't brush the ground and get dirty.

And now a POEM...

A clothesline was a news forecast,
To neighbours passing by,

There were no secrets you could keep,
When clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link,
For neighbours always knew
If company had stopped on by, to spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the "fancy sheets",
And towels upon the line;
You'd see the "company tablecloths",
With intricate designs.

The line announced a baby's birth,
From folks who lived inside,
As brand-new infant clothes were hung,

So carefully with pride!

The ages of the children could,
So readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed,
You'd know how much they'd grown!

It also told when illness struck,
As extra sheets were hung.
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too,
Haphazardly were strung.
It also said, "On vacation now",
When lines hung limp and bare.

It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged,
With not an inch to spare!
New folks in town were scorned upon,
If wash was dingy and gray,
As neighbors carefully raised their brows,
And looked the other way.

But clotheslines now are of the past,
For dryers make work much less.
Now what goes on inside a home,
Is anybody's guess!

I really miss that way of life,
It was a friendly sign
When neighbours knew each other best
By what hung on the line.

Where to Find Us

Do you have any news or prayer requests that you would like to share? Drop me a line and I will be happy to include it in the Weekly Email. Have a blessed week, everyone.

Susan choppertini@hotmail.com

* Message from **Pastor Eric**: "FYI the Graceview website page has been revamped, so as to keep people updated of our activities and events. Visit us and enjoy all that is good about Graceview".

<https://graceview.ca/calendar-events>

* We also have our own Facebook page. (Graceview Presbyterian Church). This site shows the world all that we are and what we have to offer as a church. Check it out and be sure to "follow."

Please note the following email addresses for all church-related communication:

Pastor Eric: pastor@graceview.ca (416-621-0888) and press #1 for Pastor Eric.

Church Office: office@graceview.ca (unchanged and managed by our Secretary, Halyna)

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM		
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