

# MOSACK'S

Church Goods & Religious Gifts



## NEW TO OUR WEBSITE



Our new mobile friendly website, [www.mosacks.com](http://www.mosacks.com), debuted in July of 2017 with crisper, cleaner design that is easily viewable on all of your devices: desktop, laptop, tablet and phone. Customers have responded favorably! Since the re-launch, we have continued to add new items and keep on growing! Check out these exciting updates:

My Saint My Hero Jewelry is one of our most popular offerings—in fact MOSACK'S ranks as the 18th store nationwide! New pieces added for the 2018 selling season include Empower Seed of Life Bracelet and Necklace, Saints and Heroes Bracelet, True North Jewelry, Radiant Light Bracelet, St. Michael Cuff Bracelet and Morse Code Prayer Rope, and Peace Link Bracelets. This jewelry is made in Medjugorje and other shrines throughout the world. Those making the jewelry, pray for the recipients. Your support helps combat human trafficking through empowerment, advocacy and prevention programs. Together we are restoring dignity, one bracelet at a time.

Our Collectibles have been updated to feature that latest introductions for Precious Moments and Willow Tree. New Fontanini figurines and accessories will be appearing soon. This year marks the 110th Anniversary *(continued on page 5)*

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### CELEBRATE FIRST COMMUNION

Whether you are receiving Holy Communion for the very first time, or have received for many years, come to the sacrament with the trusting heart of a child before God. St. Therese of Lisieux encourages us

*"To remain a child before God means to recognize our nothingness to expect everything from God...to receive communion often, very often .... That is the only remedy if you want to be healed and Jesus has placed this attraction in your soul."* (Letters of St Therese Vol 1).

See MOSACK'S Communion Gift Ideas on page 6.



## FINDING EASTER JOY ALL YEAR

Everyone is happy and ready to celebrate on Easter Sunday yet too often the joy of Easter fades faster than the lilies that decorate the church. How can you keep the good news of Jesus' Resurrection going throughout the year? The secret may lie in three simple virtues: faith, hope, and love.

**FAITH:** Lent was a long 40 days of preparation – now we rejoice for 50 days until Pentecost. Every Sunday is a “little Easter” as we celebrate the resurrection. Make it special – go for breakfast after church, have a family dinner, walk in the park, play board games – make it different than the rest of the week.

### WAYS TO PRACTICE FAITH AS A FAMILY:

- Plan a retreat day - other activities stop so you enjoy one another.
- Read religious books or take a bible study course.
- Start a Prayer Journal.
- Watch a Christian movie or DVD, listen to Christian radio station, attend a concert.

**HOPE:** Are you caught up in the daily struggles of life and worried about all the things that are going wrong? Make a conscious effort to be positive! Find hope by turning your thoughts outside of yourself and to the Lord. Let go and trust your worries to God.

### WAYS TO INCREASE HOPE:

- Create a Blessings List reflecting on all the gifts God has given you and your family.
- Recall times that you have struggled in the past and how God has answered those struggles. Remembering prayers answered gives hope that the current needs will be filled.
- Treat negatives as an opportunity to improve – if you got a poor test grade, try a new study group – if a work project failed, seek a new challenge.

**LOVE:** True Christian love is a decision to treat one another as Jesus does. It is embracing an attitude of charity to all people in all circumstances. It's easy to write a check for a good cause, or donate some clothes that we have outgrown or no longer use – it can be much harder to become *personally* involved in serving one another.

### WAYS TO INCREASE LOVE:

- Volunteer in a soup kitchen or homeless center.
- Use your talents as a coach, tutor, drama instructor, scout leader or other activity that encourages and nurtures children.
- Do something kind for someone in your neighborhood – mow the lawn, share a plate of cookies, run errands for an elderly neighbor.
- Forgive someone who has hurt you and begin anew.



## Easter Sunday Prayer

**Lord God,  
 you loved this world so much,  
 that you gave your one and only Son,  
 that we might be called  
 your children too.  
 Lord, help us to live in  
 the gladness and grace  
 of Easter Sunday, everyday.  
 Let us have hearts of thankfulness  
 for your sacrifice.  
 Let us have eyes that look upon  
 your grace and rejoice  
 in our salvation.  
 Help us to walk in that mighty grace  
 and tell your good news to the world.  
 All for your glory do we pray, Lord,  
 Amen.**

Rachel Marie Stone

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*The Feast of Divine Mercy (established by St. Pope John Paul II) is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter each year. April 8, 2018 is a special day to reflect on God's love for us. God's Mercy pours out in blood and water from his Sacred Heart.*

The Divine Mercy Image should be in every Christian home and parish! Our Lord's words to St Faustina Kowalska as recorded in her Diary are clear:

***"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory."***

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed daily by many faithful believers. Often the chaplet is recited at the bed of the sick and the dying. To find out more about devotion to Jesus and the image of Divine Mercy, read the *Diary* of St Faustina or the *I am Your Jesus Of Mercy* series. Visit the Divine Mercy section of our website [www.mosacks.com](http://www.mosacks.com) to shop for rosaries, medals, and Divine Mercy gifts.

## CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF TWO HEARTS

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (*June 8th*) became popular in the 17<sup>th</sup> century through the mystic visions of St. Mary Margaret Alacoque. Christ reveals that His Sacred Heart, though wounded by our sins, is overflowing with mercy and love, a fount of heavenly gifts to all who honor Him in their home as a sign that the Heart of Jesus reigns over their family. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (*June 9th*) was popularized by St. John Eudes in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. As Mary's heart was a fit dwelling place for the Holy Spirit at the Incarnation, we pray that we may be filled with that same Spirit and become worthy temples of God's glory.



Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1942. Mary serves as our Model, our Intercessor, and our Mother in making our lives an offering to God.



The **Divine Mercy image** is a depiction of Jesus based on the devotion initiated by Saint Faustina Kowalska.

***"Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You". I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."***

Jesus is shown raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent). The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!". The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy". According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus.

***Our Model as a Disciple .....***

Mary followed the teachings of her Son, Jesus. At the wedding feast of Cana she asked him to perform a miracle instructing the servants to “do whatever He tells you”. Mary is present in the heart-wrenching agony of the crucifixion and death of Jesus. From the cross, Jesus gave the care of His Mother to John and entrusted John and all of us to her motherly protection. Mary is believed to have traveled with John to Ephesus, in modern day Turkey. A small house in the hills above the historic ruins of the city is venerated as Mary’s House. Three popes have journeyed to this pilgrimage site; it is known as a place of healing and peace.

***Our Model as a Woman of Faith.....***

Jesus’ practice of and understanding of the Jewish faith as recorded in the New Testament points to the fact that His parents were observant members of the people of Israel. Mary and Joseph followed the Jewish religion in their home – following the Torah keeping the Sabbath, holy days and festivals, and attending the synagogue. Luke depicts Mary praying with the other women in the Upper Room at Pentecost, establishing her as a prominent member of the early Christian community in Jerusalem.



***Our Mother.....***

The Gospels tell us that Mary was a peasant woman who became a mother at a young age. She was a woman of integrity who when faced with the awesome responsibility of becoming the Mother of God, said yes without hesitation. Mary experienced many of the same joys and challenges as parents today. In Luke’s gospel we read of her anxiety when Jesus was lost in the Temple for three days. What panic she and Joseph must have felt! When found, Jesus tells them not to worry for He was in His Father’s house. Relieved at finding Jesus safe, Mary “kept all these things in her heart”. She treasured His words of faith and commitment to God.



**MAY  
CELEBRATION  
*Spiritual  
Bouquet  
to honor Mary  
in your home***

A Spiritual Bouquet consists of prayers and deeds offered as a special gift. During the month of May, give Mary a spiritual bouquet in thanksgiving, for a special request, or simply to honor her example of faith.

As a reminder cover the kitchen or dining room table with a blue cloth, place a statue of Mary in the center with one or more candles aside of it. Lay a rosary at the base of the statue and keep a vase of fresh flowers there to remind you of your spiritual bouquet.

***How to Find Time to Pray the Rosary:***



The Rosary is a favorite Catholic Devotion. It is said that if you know the mysteries of the Rosary, you know the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As such, it is a great way to teach the foundation of our faith to our families. With the friendly chaos of our home life, it can be difficult to find time to eat dinner together let alone pray the rosary! Here are some ways to integrate this beautiful prayer into your daily routine:

Pray the rosary as you work out – while your mind is cleared and free of distractions you can feel focused.

Divide the Rosary into decades and find small chunks of time while running errands, doing housework or laundry to pray a decade.

Pray on the way to work, or school – the 10-15 minute drive can be a quiet time of prayer instead of a harried trip.

**A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**

All-Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers old and young.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

*By Heidi Busse*

**A PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find the courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers who have supported and challenged us; may they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways. We remember fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us but who will live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

*by Heidi Busse*



**NEW TO OUR WEBSITE** *(continued from page 1)*

of the House of Fontanini and there are several Nativity Sets, Cherubs, and special edition figures, glitterdomes and ornaments for the anniversary year. Shop early for the best selection!

Church Good customers will find new offerings for pulpits, lecterns, altars, communion tables and sanctuary chairs. Both wood and acrylic church furniture is available. New styles of Albs, Cassocks, Vestments and Stoles have also been added. Choir Robes are available at affordable prices. Our selection of Altar Server's Attire includes sizes for children and adults.

We are often asked for Memorial and Bereavement gifts and are pleased to announce a new line of Cottage Garden Music Boxes to meet this need. Keepsake Music Boxes include a locket to hold photo or memory of your loved one.



Of Course, we have not forgotten our youngest customers! Adorable Lil' Drops of Water Statues are especially designed for their little hands. New Baptismal Gifts from the Baby Blessing Lamb series will soon be added. Communion and Confirmation Gifts include the latest 2018 designs..

Watch for more exciting products to be added during



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

### GIFTS & RESOURCES

#### AVAILABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

Communion Dresses \* Suits \* Veils \* Gloves \* Socks \* Purses  
Ties \* Tie Clips \* Lapel Pins \* Jewelry \* Patron Saint Medals  
Four-Way Medals \* Sports Medals \* Rosaries \* Rosary Boxes

Wall Crosses & Crucifixes\* Statues \* Figurines \* Valencia  
Seraphim Classics Angels \* Joseph Studio Collection St. Statues  
\* Willow Tree \* Precious Moments\* Communion Dolls  
Plaques \* Music Boxes \* Holy Cards \* Communion, Confirmation  
and RCIA Candles

Adult & Children's Books & Music \* Prayer Books  
New Missals \* Bibles for All Ages

Communion & Confirmation Photo Frames & Photo Albums  
Invitations \* Thank You Notes \* Party Goods  
Greeting Cards



As First Communion season approaches this year, we invite you to visit our Catholic Store or shop online at [www.mosacks.com](http://www.mosacks.com). Find the items and gifts that will help your family members and friends on their journey with Christ. Our embossing and engraving service is very affordable and adds a personal touch to your keepsakes. Our courteous staff is looking forward to serving you!

### PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

*Almighty God, we stand before You  
asking for Your Divine Mercy and protection.  
Embrace with Your invincible armor  
our loved ones in all branches of the service.*

*Give them courage and strength  
against all enemies both spiritual and physical  
and hasten their safe journey  
back to their homes and families  
Amen.*



### REMEMBER TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE PROUDLY

Every day men and women put their lives on the line in service to their country. As we celebrate Armed Forces Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day on May 29<sup>th</sup>, and Flag Day on June 14<sup>th</sup>, we stand in gratitude for their dedication and their sacrifice.

Mosack's provides a wide range of flags made in the U.S.A. including United States flags, military flags, state flags, foreign flags, logo flags, religious flags, sports flags, and message flags. We also carry presentation sets, parade flags and patriotic bunting. Memorial flag display cases are large enough to hold 5' x 9.5' flags. In addition, MOSACK'S sells commercial aluminum flagpoles and residential aluminum flag-poles in a variety of finishes and sizes and fiberglass flagpoles in a variety of sizes. We also have a complete line of telescoping flag-poles. Other flag and flagpole accessories outdoor flags and indoor flag sets are also available.

We are constantly adding to our wide variety of flags and accessories. Please contact us for availability of other flags and flagpoles. We look forward to serving you!

## CONFIRMED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

**WISDOM** is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit because it is the perfection of the theological virtue of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

**UNDERSTANDING** is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding (*no pun intended*) how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us to grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith.

**COUNSEL**, the third gift, is the perfection of the virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

**FORTITUDE** is ranked as the fourth gift of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel. While fortitude is sometimes called *courage*, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage. Fortitude is the virtue of the martyrs that allows them to suffer death rather than to renounce the Christian Faith.

**KNOWLEDGE**, the fifth gift, is often confused with both wisdom and understanding. Like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith, but whereas wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so. Like counsel, it is aimed at our actions in this life. In a limited way, knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them. Through this gift of the Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live accordingly.

**PIETY**, the sixth gift, is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love, the way that we desire to honor our parents and do what they wish.

**FEAR OF THE LORD**, the seventh and final gift of the Holy Spirit is often misunderstood. We think of fear and hope as opposites, but the fear of the Lord confirms the theological virtue of hope. This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him. Our desire not to offend God is more than simply a sense of duty; like piety, the fear of the Lord arises out of love.



Once again, we come to the time of year when catechumens, candidates, and students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This important step toward full initiation as adult believers brings powerful gifts of the Holy Spirit. Read through the list at the left side of this page to welcome these graces –or to refresh your memory if you have already been confirmed!

MOSACK'S carries a wide selection of Patron Saint medals, statues, biographies and holy cards perfect for Confirmation Students and RCIA Candidates. Bibles, Prayer Books, Crucifixes, Rosaries and other inspirational items are wonderful gifts to encourage new found faith. Visit us online at [www.mosacks.com](http://www.mosacks.com) for a look at our selection of Confirmation Gifts.



### GRADUATE'S PRAYER

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

Father, I have knowledge,  
so will You show me now,  
how to use it wisely and find a way somehow  
to make the world I live in a little better place,  
and make life with its problems  
a little bit easier to face.

Grant me faith and courage  
and put purpose in my days,  
and show me how to serve Thee in effective ways,  
so my education, my knowledge and my skill  
may find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy will.

And may I ever be aware in everything I do,  
that knowledge comes from learning,  
and wisdom comes from You.

Amen.

### MY SAINT MY HERO RAFFLE WINNERS Congratulations and Blessings to our FAITH Bracelet Winners!



Maria G.



Kelly C.



Maria P.



Lynette G.



Nathan L.

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