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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY: 8:30 AM**

**SATURDAY VIGIL: \*4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY: 9:00 AM, \*11:00 AM AND \*12:30 PM (SPANISH)**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptisms are celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 12:00 PM. Registration is done at the Rectory. Please bring a copy of the baby's Birth Certificate, The Godparents names and a certificate of their full initiation into the Catholic Church

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Confessions Saturdays at 3:30 PM. Confessions are also available at other reasonable times by making an appointment at the Rectory

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Contact the Rectory to make arrangements for the Sacrament of Anointing. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange home visitation and Communion

**CHAPEL OF ADORATION:** Open 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM daily. Enter on E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

**DEVOTIONS:** After the 8:30 AM Mass Tuesdays *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal & St. Anthony Novena* and the *Holy Rosary (Daily)* and 1:00 PM 1st Saturday of the Month. with *Divine Mercy Chaplet & Padre Pio Prayers*

**APRIL 12, 2026 2ND WEEK OF EASTER**

**MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

4/12 Acts 2:42-47, 1Pt 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

4:00PM Raimondo Marullo & Maria Aprile

9:00 AM Giuseppe, Intogna

11:00 AM Louis John Vingelli III, Frank Interdonati Sr., Maria & Rosa Conte, Mauro Santini, Ralph Parisi

4/13 Monday Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society, Vincenzo Romeo

4/14 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37, John 3:7b-15

8:30 AM Tony Brognia for healing

4/15 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21

8:30 AM Steven DeNisi

4/16 Thursday Acts 35:34-42 Jn 6:1-15

8:30 AM Santo & Santa Gagliano

7:30 PM In Thanksgiving to God Req: Ezequiel & Emilia

4/17 Friday Acts 5:34-42, John 6:1-15

8:30AM Joan Prisinzano

4/18 Saturday Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21

8:30AM Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

***The Bread & Wine***



*For the People of the Parish*

***The Sanctuary Candle***



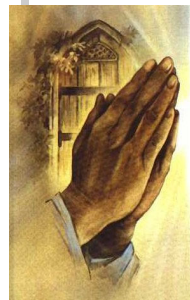
*For Fr. Guy's Health*

***The Altar Candles***



*Souls in Purgatory*

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Margie Thomas, Simone Oliva, Marco Griffio, Jose Guevara, Valentina Lucia, Janet Sobolow, Luigi Mancino, Rosemarie Zappulla, Anthony D. Brasco, Joseph Salino, Patti Lanni, Mary DiDio, Frankie Davis, Bernadette Mamakas, Madelon Vittuci, Bi Ying Chen, RoRo Esposito, Debbie Lawson, Darren Gilbert, Amamda Oliva, Graziella Panora, Timothy Mulvey, Joyce & Barry Mione, Ed Caso, Gianna Bader, Michael Guadagnoli, Maryann Casalena, Jamie DiVenere, Craig Concepcion, Stephanie Martin, Frankie Melendez, Rosanne Paolillo, Annemarie Makowski, Gladys Cangelosi, Mary Ghiraldi, Lou Ann Giannotta, John Bonito, Sally Vitacco, James Connelly, Bridget Buono-Cipparullo, Maggie Avanzino, Nicole Pileggi, Vincent Simone, Michael Fiore, Louis Cacciouttolo. Jo Ann Conenna, Shana Rivas, Louisa Manna, Thomas Foti, Ella Sclafani, Lauren Dugan, Maryann Monaco, Nikki Russo, Barbara Iomarini, Sofia Russo, Maria Malottzi, Danielle Minardo, Marie Infantolino, Serena Kindler, Gloria Silverman, Cracchiolo Family, Anthony Pacchiano, Grayson Danielki, Sylvia Algaze, Aida Yvette Rodriguez, Elijah Velazque, Robert Palmieri, Amanda Lynn Bidetti, Leo Misiura, Alfonso Mecurio, Catherine D'Agostino, Angela Giacchino, Salvatore Funaro, Elvira Maynor, Warren Schueler, Serani Choe, Daniel Stracquadaine, Lucrezia Domicolo, Fr. Dominick Cutrone, Louis Caputo, Fr. Guy Sbordone Joseph Amato, Antonia(Toni) Merlino,, MaryAnn Andruzzi

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

**Fr. Guy Sbordone is recovering at**

**King David Rehab Center**

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**APRIL 5**

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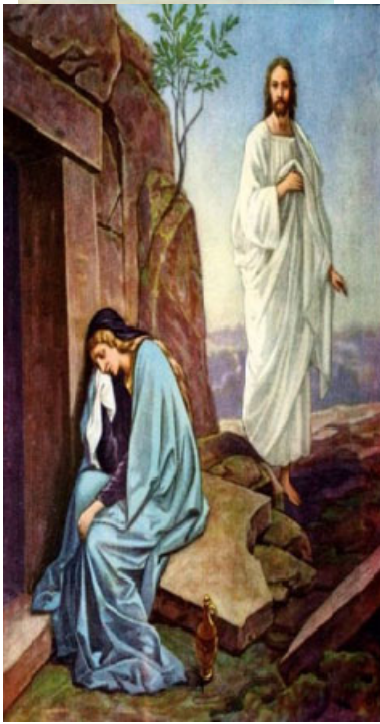
ON LINE GIVING \$ 2083

HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY \$ 1482

EASTER OFFERING \$ 1226



## Reflection: Liturgy of the Word for Divine Mercy Sunday



Acts 2:42-47 Those who believed shared all things in common.

Psalm 118 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

1Peter 1:3-9 God has given us new birth.

John 20:19-31 My Lord and my God.

*Today's readings capture the wonder and joy of the early church as they celebrate the new life they have found in the risen Lord. In the first reading, the disciples come together to listen to the teaching of the apostles, to pray, and to break bread, much as we are doing right now. The first letter of Peter extols the gift of salvation, which animates a "living hope" in us. The risen Lord gifts the apostles with the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins in his name. Let us listen and imagine ourselves alongside the earliest members of the infant church.*

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, one week after our Easter celebration, we return at God's invitation to continue our great Easter celebration of Fifty Days. We follow the example of the early Christians, "who devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to prayer." We who have not yet seen and yet believe in the Resurrection are called to be signs of the Resurrection to others. The Eucharist this day and every day nourishes us for the task, in imitation of the first Christians, we now devote ourselves to listening to the teaching of the Apostles. Let us experience with them the joy of seeing the Risen Lord and being granted his Peace. Our hearts rejoice with glorious joy as we hear the familiar Gospel story of Thomas, the Apostle who doubted. As we are nourished at the table of the Word, let our response be the same as that of Thomas. With joy we acclaim the Risen Christ with the words: "MY LORD AND MY GOD"

In 1933, a young Polish nun named Faustina Kowalska saw Jesus appear with rays of Mercy emanating from his heart. He asked that an image of his Divine Mercy to be venerated on the Sunday after Easter Sunday, which is the final day of the Octave of Easter. Ninety years ago, on April 28, 1935, Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated for the first time with a completed painting of her vision of the merciful Lord. In 2000, St. John Paul II decreed that this feast be made official worldwide.

In the painting of Divine Mercy, Jesus is shown as raising his right hand in blessing and pointing with his left hand on the Sacred Heart from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white. The depiction contains the message "JESUS I TRUST IN YOU" The rays that stream out have a symbolic meanings: red for the blood of Jesus (Eucharist), and white for the water (Baptism). The whole image is a symbol of charity, forgiveness and love of God referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy"

### **SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**

To counsel the doubtful \*\* instruct the ignorant \*\* admonish the sinner \*\* comfort the sorrowful  
\*\* forgive all injuries \*\* bear wrongs patiently \*\* pray for the living and the dead

### **CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**

To feed the hungry \*\* give drink to the thirsty \*\* clothe the naked \*\* shelter the homeless \*\* visit the sick \*\* visit the imprisoned \*\* bury the dead

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** In 2000 our Holy Father, Blessed Pope John Paul II, proclaimed to the world, that *“from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday”*. The occasion was the Mass for the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska, known as the *“Apostle of Divine Mercy”*. Her deep interior faith revealed to her and ultimately the world, the *“limitless mercy of Jesus”*. From the diary of this young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and Tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God’s love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God’s mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

A — Ask for God’s Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

### **DIVINE MERCY AND THE FEAST OF EASTER**

The idea of this special celebration of God’s mercy on the Sunday after Easter is not a new or radical idea stemming simply from a private revelation. Our Lord, through St. Faustina, is simply reemphasizing what was strongly urged by Saint Thomas the Apostle in the earliest liturgical document in existence, the *“Apostolic Constitution”*. There we read: *“After eight days following the Feast of Easter, let there be another feast observed with honor, the eight day itself, on which He gave me, Thomas, who was hard of belief, full assurance, by showing me the print of the nails and the wound made in His side by the spear.”* What assurance did Thomas receive by the sight of the Lord’s wounded side? Not that Christ was truly risen (for that was obvious), but that He is divine and therefore has the power of reversing sin. This assurance was accomplished by the sight of the wounded source of the *“stream of mercy”*, the source of Christ’s *“transfusion”* of His life-blood to the Church through the Sacraments, especially of Baptism, Reconciliation and the Eucharist. *“From within Christ rivers of living water shall flow”*. Here we have the key to understanding the Image of the Divine mercy with its rays signifying the Blood and the Water that flowed from Christ’s pierced side. We can also see these rays as simultaneously symbolizing the Holy Spirit, whom Christ breathed into the disciples during the same Octave-Day appearance. On the strength of that Holy breath, all sins are forgiven and atonement with the Father is accomplished. Here, *God is reconciling the world to Himself* (2 Cor 5:18) And here the Church, the newly-born Body of Christ, is commissioned to be the instrument of reconciliation down through the ages.

*This is Christ’s Great Promise of complete pardon of sin and punishment on Divine Mercy Sunday through the reception of the Sacrament which is a participation in His death to sin and rising to divine life. How grateful we should be for being drawn into the depths of God’s Mercy!*

**A**

**RISH 90TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

**Saturday—October 24, 2026  
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**MASS—4:00 PM**

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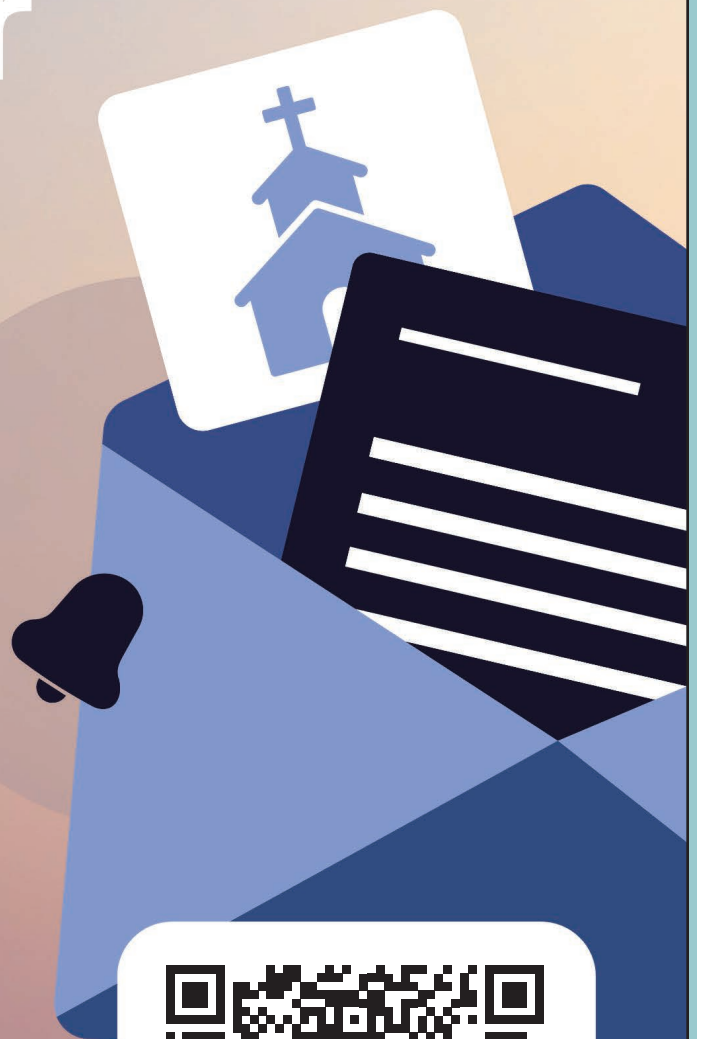
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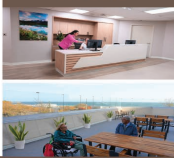


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