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# SAINT STEPHEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE  
OF THE MASS

Saturday (anticipatory) – 4 pm  
Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm  
Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

**Confessions**

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm  
+ Half an hour before other Masses



FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

“JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!”  
– From the Diary of St. Faustina

**Dear Parish Family,**  
This weekend, the Church around the world celebrates the great feast of Christ’s Mercy. We also join the Universal Church in praying for the repose of the soul of the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

**PRAYING FOR THE REPOSE  
OF THE HOLY FATHER**

This week, the Church around the world mourned the loss of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. He died peacefully in his sleep early on Monday morning.

The son of Italian immigrants, Jose Bergoglio was born in the Flores Barrio of Buenos Aires Argentina in 1936. In 1969, he was ordained a priest for the Jesuit order, and by 1992, he was ordained a bishop. In March of 2013, Cardinal Bergoglio was elected by the college of cardinals as the 266<sup>th</sup> pope.

With a focus on mercy and humility, Pope Francis’ pontificate leaves an important legacy in the Church. *I invite you to join with the world in your prayers for the repose of the his soul.*

**LOOKING BACK ON A BEAUTIFUL TRIDUUM**  
I did my very best to make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies as beautiful as possible this year. I’m especially grateful to all who helped to prepare the church for Triduum. *Thank you!*

**LOOKING AHEAD:  
BRING FLOWERS OF THE FAIREST**

On Mothers’ Day Weekend (May 11 &12), we will crown Our Lady with flowers. You are invited to bring flowers of your own to honor her. Flowers can be brought to any weekend Mass.  
**At the 10 am Sunday Mass:** *All young children are invited to participate in a beautiful tradition called the “Marian Festival,” where they join the entrance procession to bring Our Lady flowers.*



THE HOLY SACRIFICE  
OF THE MASS

**28 April - Monday of Easter, Week II**  
In thanksgiving to St. Therese of Lisieux, Mary Beth Jones  
**29 April – St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin**  
Mary Beth Jones  
**30 April – Wednesday of Easter, Week II**  
Al Adams III fly., Maurice & Sandra Roberie fly. (L&D)  
**2 May – St. Athanasius, Bishop**  
In thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio, In devotion to our Blessed Mother, The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, Hazel Landry Roy, Frank Russo, Sr. fly. (L&D), Carroll Thorguson  
**3 May – 8 am Mass of the Bl. Virgin**  
The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**3 May – 4 pm Anticipatory Mass**  
Louis Boudreaux, Wyanette Monceaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), John Tholen, E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Melvin J. Vinning, Bobby Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Dave Thomas fly. (L&D)  
**4 May – 7am Mass**  
Kenneth Garber, Sr., Calvin LeLeux, Mr. Red & Mrs. Yvonne Adams  
**10 am Solemn Mass**  
Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Marlene Allelo, Don Lasseigne fly.  
**6:30 pm Mass**  
Craig Nini, William (Bill) Gottung, Joed Robichaux



LOOKING AHEAD

**REQUIEM FOR POPE FRANCIS**  
**At St. Stephen’s – Monday, April 28, 12:10 pm Mass**

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS – May 3, 8am**

**MAY CROWNING – May 11, 12**  
Saturday, May 10 at 4pm Mass  
& Sunday May 11 at 10 am Mass

**BRING FLOWERS FOR OUR LADY – May 11, 12**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:  
THE PROMISE**  
Divine Mercy Sunday may be one of the greatest days of the year because of the immeasurable amount of grace Jesus promised to pour out on this day. In the private revelation accepted publicly by the Church, Jesus made a specific promise to St. Faustina about Divine Mercy Sunday: “On that day...the soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins AND punishment.” (Diary, 699). We simply have to make a good confession (such as on the Saturday before or day of) and stay in a state of grace until receiving Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday or at the Saturday Vigil. *Consider this great opportunity!*

PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL  
OF POPE FRANCIS

**O God, immortal shepherd of souls,  
look on your people’s prayers  
and grant that your servant Pope Francis,  
who presided over your church in charity,  
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,  
receive from your mercy  
the reward of a faithful steward.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**  
  
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*  
  
*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

FOLLOWING EVENTS  
IN ROME

**FUNERAL OF POPE FRANCIS**  
Saturday, April 26  
*3 am Central Time on EWTN*  
  
**9 DAYS OF MOURNING**  
The Church begins nine days of “Official Mourning” on the day of the papal funeral. Cardinals in Rome will offer Masses for the repose of his soul for nine days.

**START OF THE CONCLAVE**  
The conclave usually begins 15-20 days after the death of the pope. In early May, 135 “Cardinal-Electors” will gather in the Sistine Chapel to elect a new pope.