

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

John 20:29

THEN JESUS TOLD HIM,
“BECAUSE YOU HAVE

seen

ME, YOU HAVE

BELIEVED; BLESSED

ARE THOSE WHO HAVE

NOT SEEN AND YET

HAVE

believed.”

Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, 2025

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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed 6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request

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If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."



WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

OCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Adoration—Friday beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and ending with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—Saturday 8:00 a.m. with confessions and the Rosary

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

Family Fun Day Potluck—Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." While this was a common greeting, Jesus was using it to remind them of his saying, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27). The disciples were hiding in fear, so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples.

Now that he is raised from the dead, they can take heart that no one can truly hurt them—even death has been overcome. The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be treated the same way. So when Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show that he was not a ghost (a spirit or vision of someone who is still dead). He has risen from death and it has no more power over him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage.

That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples when he tells them that they can forgive sins also (John 20:23). Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. As Jesus was sent by his Father, he now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us.

Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). That includes everyone down to the present generation who has believed on the word of others—from the apostles in the scriptures to holy people in our own time who have experienced the Lord in their lives. We often think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 28

(Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, April 29

(Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Bryan & Natalie McCauley

Wednesday, April 30

(Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, May 1

(Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)

8:00 a.m. Betty Showalter†

Friday, May 2

(Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15)

8:00 a.m. Lou Lou Battle†

Saturday, May 3

(1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14)

8:00 a.m. Claude Yarborough†

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Lawrence Otillio†, Lee Ann Scogin†, Judy Woods†, Patti & Vaughn Gay

Sunday, May 4

(Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14)

7:00 a.m. Fr. Chris DeLerno

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Joyce Balley Wahl†, Deacon & Mary Joyce Howard†, Austin Morgan, Andrew Benson, Jr.†, Robert Trahan†, Willie & Sandra Harvey

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PRAY FOR THE SICK

May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Israel & Joyce Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Joseph Decaro, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim & Eydie Richmond, Ed & Carol Wallace, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Landon Jeffrey, Glenn Bunting, Lucy D'Antoni, Don & Judy Aleman, Isabella & Dylan Gornor, Vaughn Gay, Cathy Stanford, Herbert Landry, Maria Kalcic, Dave Anderson, James White



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns for

† Wallace & Jewel Bailey †

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)

APRIL 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my “Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women “doctors of the Church.”

—Peter Scagnelli

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or “Sunday in White.” During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed “Quasimodo Sunday,” or “Low Sunday.” In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing “Low” about this Sunday. At a week’s distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord’s presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

—James Field

PARISH HAPPENINGS

May 4th Family Fun Day Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share and come join the fun! Begins after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

VBS—Register now for our VBS which will be from June 24rd to June 28th from 9:00 .m. until 12:30 p.m.. You may register online, with the QR code, or with a form from the back of church. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 28th.

SO MUCH MERCY

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! What a wonderful, awesome day St. Pope John Paul II gave us! If you are a Bible reader you already know that Scripture is full of promises of mercy. Some feel that the Lord is selective on who receives His mercy. Not true! God is so generous with His mercy that He would have forgiven Judas if only he would have asked.

What about you and me? Do we have a sin from our past that is following us around? Well, the Lord revealed to Sister Faustina the ways to eternal life, Divine Mercy. Yes, today we have a special day to celebrate this mystery, but we can celebrate it and pray at any time. (By the way, if I have struck a heart-string, then get a copy of Saint Faustina’s Diary). For me, Divine Mercy can be a small thing or a great thing. I continue to be amazed at the many things that God does for me each day.

I would like to tell you a story I watched recently on EWTN. It’s about a husband and a wife that had two children and were expecting another. A few weeks into her pregnancy the wife had an ultrasound. The doctor had some concerns about the baby’s health. A few more weeks went by and another ultrasound revealed heart and brain issues. It was quite serious. She was told that the baby would not survive and was advised to terminate the pregnancy. She said no, no matter what. She and her husband agreed to continue carrying the child in her womb. They both asked family, friends, and neighbors to pray, pray, and pray for the little boy they named Steven.

After another ultrasound many more problems showed up. I believe there were 10 all together. The husband asked the doctor to list all of the issues for him. He wrote them all down on a sticky note and stuck it on the refrigerator. After the next ultrasound the doctor noticed one of the issues had been resolved and was no longer there. The husband went to the refrigerator and crossed it off. A few weeks later two or three more disappeared. Then another and another and another.

Eventually there was only one issue left on the sticky note. It was a serious heart problem. The greatest desire for this mom and dad was to be able to hold a living baby Steven. At 30 plus weeks along, the baby was delivered by C-section. He was alive! Mom and dad got to hold him and love him for a little over an hour! Sad story? No way! God in His infinite mercy allowed their baby to be born.

If you are not familiar with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, I would encourage you to look it up and pray it. Next to the rosary, I think it’s the most powerful devotion I have ever prayed.

Serving with joy! By Deacon Dan Schneider



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday has many background specifics that are often neglected, therefore, straight from Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy in Rome, let us delve in to learn more about this important feast.

Q: Would you please clarify what is "special" about Divine Mercy Sunday, and what the faithful and priests have to do in order to obtain the special grace associated with this day?

According to many priests and theologians graces can be obtained at reception of Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday and other days when Communion is received in a state of grace, i.e., a plenary indulgence.

Q: So what is different about Divine Mercy Sunday and how should the liturgy be properly celebrated so that the faithful may receive the special graces associated with it? — J.C., Ballina, Ireland.

A: The devotion to the Divine Mercy stems from the revelations made to the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) over a number of years and at several convents, including the one in Krakow where she is buried.

There are several elements involved in this devotion. One is the image of the merciful Jesus based on a vision of February 1931. In it Our Lord is pictured in the act of blessing, with two rays, one red and the other pallid (representing blood and water), shining from his heart. The words "*Jesus, I trust in thee*" placed at His feet.

Other elements are the hour of mercy, at 3 in the afternoon, in which the Passion is meditated upon and certain prayers recommended by the revelations are recited. The chaplet of Divine Mercy with its attendant litany is recited using rosary beads but substituting other prayers such as "*Through your sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the entire world*" on the beads of the Hail Mary.

A special request of these visions was that the first Sunday after Easter should be the feast of Divine Mercy and on this day the Divine Mercy should be proclaimed in a special way.

The spirituality of Pope John Paul II was deeply influenced by the devotion to the Divine Mercy, and he dedicated his second encyclical, "*Dives in Misericordia*," to this theme. As archbishop of Krakow he promoted the beatification of Sister Faustina and on the occasion of her canonization in April 2000 announced that henceforth the second Sunday of Easter would be the feast of Divine Mercy.

John Paul II writes, "The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. They clearly understand the supreme benefit, indeed the duty that the People of God have to praise Divine Mercy with special prayers and, at the same time, they realize that by gratefully performing the works required and satisfying the necessary conditions, they can obtain spiritual benefits that derive from the Treasury of the Church. 'The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world' (Encyclical Letter '*Dives in Misericordia*,' n. 7)

"Indeed, Divine Mercy knows how to pardon even the most serious sins, and in doing so it moves the faithful to perceive a supernatural, not merely psychological, sorrow for their sins so that, ever with the help of divine grace, they may make a firm resolution not to sin any more. Such spiritual dispositions undeniably follow upon the forgiveness of mortal sin when the faithful fruitfully receive the sacrament of Penance or repent of their sin with an act of perfect charity and perfect contrition, with the resolution to receive the Sacrament of Penance as soon as they can. Indeed, Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us in the parable of the Prodigal Son that the sinner must confess his misery to God saying: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son' (Lk 15:18-19), realizing that this is a work of God, 'for [he] was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found' (Lk 15:32)

There are "Three conditions for the plenary indulgence" a plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!); "A partial indulgence, granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation "If it is impossible that people do even this, on the same day they may obtain the Plenary Indulgence if with a spiritual intention they are united with those carrying out the prescribed practice for obtaining the Indulgence in the usual way and offer to the Merciful Lord a prayer and the sufferings of their illness and the difficulties of their lives, with the resolution to accomplish as soon as possible the three conditions prescribed to obtain the plenary indulgence.

Effectively, there is no difference between the plenary indulgence granted on Divine Mercy Sunday than any other act to which a plenary indulgence is attached. The Church has simply added this grant to the list as another means of obtaining the grace of an indulgence.

A plenary indulgence is itself special, no plenary indulgence is more plenary than others, and even though it may be obtained every day, the indulgenced acts always require some degree of spiritual exertion beyond normal Christian devotion.

May 2025

Devoted to The Blessed Virgin Mary

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