

April 27, 2025  
Sunday of Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)

Who doesn't appreciate having a second chance? Divine Mercy Sunday is all about second chances--how God offers us the gift of mercy to repent and begin again. Coming one week after Christ's own Resurrection, when he began a new life, the church reminds us that we can start over, too. We are given an unlikely protagonist to show us how it's done: Thomas. We encounter him every year on the Sunday after Easter. Just days after the greatest celebration of faith, we encounter the Gospel's most famous story of doubt: the story of Thomas, who demands proof before he will believe.

We live in an age when we are surrounded by Thomases--not only doubters, but disbelievers. More and more, they are seeking to challenge believers, and are making their voices heard in the public square. The apostle Thomas experienced that. But his life took an unexpected turn. After the apostle adamantly, even angrily, expressed his doubt, Christ didn't dismiss him. He didn't write him off. No. Christ came back. He gave Thomas another chance. He offered him the gift of faith--and Thomas, overwhelmed and awed, accepted.

Christ does that with all of us. When we least expect it, he will break through locked doors of the human heart. He will find us, in our fear and uncertainty, our skepticism and our doubt. He understands our misgivings, our hurts, our infirmities and weaknesses. He knows only too well the human condition. As Thomas discovered: he has the wounds to show for it. And he wants to give us another opportunity--another chance. That is part of the message of this Sunday.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we embrace the power and beauty of God's forgiveness. It is the Sunday in which we remind ourselves of God's tender mercies--when we strive, more than ever, to let Him break through the locked doors of our hearts. It is a time for fulfilling the promise of the Resurrection, the glorious hope of Easter. We know that Christ has left the tomb. But if we choose to, so can we. We can step out of the tomb of selfishness and sin, cynicism and fear. We can feel the healing light of God's care. We can take that second chance.

God's mercy, Divine Mercy, assures it. We don't have to go it alone; the Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a way to be healed, uplifted, restored. We can be made new. Thomas found that out. He realized that believing entails more than seeing; it takes a leap of faith. The great blessing of his life was that Jesus understood that, for some people, faith is a struggle. Christ didn't dismiss Thomas or write him off. He did something better. He came back. He gave Thomas another shot, another chance, another opportunity to accept what seemed unacceptable and to believe what was, frankly, unbelievable. And the doubting apostle, stunned into humility, surrendered his doubt and embraced his salvation.

Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity for us to invite Jesus into our own locked upper rooms and pray that he will break through all the barriers that might be keeping him out of our lives. It reminds us of a humbling gift of our faith -- the gift of a second chance. A do-over. An opportunity to be reconciled with our God after all our blunders, errors, misgivings and sins.

How merciful is our God? He gives us grace to begin again. How deeply does he desire that? When we need him, our Lord comes back.

—Reflection by Deacon Greg Kandra at <https://www.thebostonpilot.com>

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, Alleluia!



This Sunday is  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
*Our world needs Jesus' mercy more now than ever before. We need to pray for all those countries and peoples torn by war, suffering division, and facing hunger. All our souls need Jesus' mercy!*

**Come Pray with us at this Special Liturgy!**



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration & Benediction (a joint service of English & TLM).**

**Holy Cross @ 3 pm, April 27**

**First Saturday Mass**  
**Next Saturday, May 3rd, 8:30 a.m.**

**Make Time to Dwell in the Presence of Jesus!!**  
**Adoration—"Night of Encounter and Mercy"**

(First Wed. of the month)  
**Wed., May 7th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
Short Presentation followed by Adoration; Confessions also available

**Easter Lilies for the Altar**  
**Thank You for Your Support of the Lilies for the Altar at Easter**

Joe & Bille Cummings	For Bill & Marrion Peak and Albert & Josie Cummings
Jackie Spieker	For Family
Judy Wright	For Leonard & Pat Wright, Leonard Charles Wright, Jr., and Leonard Charles Wright III
Kay Rodriguez	For Earline Wyman and John & Mary Seratt
Patty Chandler	For Dan Chandler and Theresa (Chandler) Hathcoat
Paul & Laura Rodriguez	For Their Parents
James D. Harris	For Mary and Lisa Harris
Len & Mary Feichtinger	For Magnuson & Feichtinger Families
Martha Cornelison	For Doug Cornelison Family, Paul & Nelma Rodriguez, Bud Stirling, and Diana & George Calvert
Jim & Sherry Ruyle	For Ruyle & Siebert Families
Sharon Carter	For Russell & Viola Guisinger, Mary Wilson, Zhanae Rothger, and Keith Gruhlkey
Richard Senner	For Donna Senner
Charles & Sherri Moe	For Their Parents
Richard & Linda Steinheil	For Catalani & Steinheil Families

**\*Breakfast in May\* will be provided by the Men's Club to celebrate our parish Mothers on the second Sunday,**

**Mothers' Day, May 11th,**

**after 8:30 a.m. Mass**

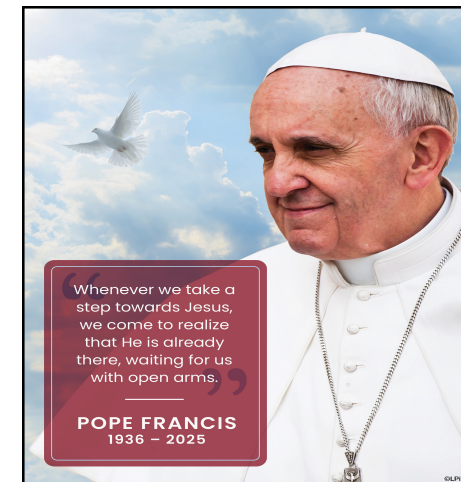
**Visitors Welcome!**

Mass Ministers				
	Ushers	Eucharistic Min	Reader	Servers
Sat 4/26—5 pm	Judy Helms	Kay Rodriguez	Paul Rodriguez	Matthew Higginbottom
	Richard Helms	Mary Feichtinger		
Sun 4/27—8:30 am	Chris Holland	Raydean Yoder	Seth Yoder	Carlos, Liam, Aceah, & Amelia
	Mike Hickman	Seth Yoder		
Sat 5/3—5 pm	Linda Steinheil	Laura Rodriguez	Charlie Moe	
	Kay Rodriguez	Paul Rodriguez		
Sun 5/4—8:30 am	Isaac Ervin	Bille Cummings	Elizabeth Sullivan	Carlos, Liam, Kaygan, & Amelia
Youth Mass	Abby Higginbottom	Elaine Hall	Aceah Stuart	



**Next Jubilee Pilgrimage: Saturday, May 3rd**  
**10 a.m. Mass with Fr. Kastl, Vicar General @ Immaculate Conception — Pawhuska**

**Parish Council Elections will be held in May to elect two representatives to the council. Those with expiring terms are Kay Rodriguez & Karol Watson. Please consider parish representatives that you would like to nominate. More Information on eligible candidates and nomination forms will be available next week. Elections on May 10/11 & 17/18.**



*The entire Church & world mourn the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.*

*Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon him.*

*May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**Martha & Mary (M&M) Society Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m.**

**M&M is a great opportunity for the women of the parish to share and enjoy fellowship, while serving the altar society ministry of Holy Cross.**

**Dinner will be served at the meeting.**

**Hostesses: Sherry R. & Kathy G.**

**Crowning of Mary will be**  
**Next Sunday, May 4,**  
**at the 8:30 a.m. Mass**

*May Crowning*  
A Catholic Tradition



This Week's Daily Readings—Apr 27-May 3	
Sunday	Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/ Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website: <b>www.holycross-wagoner.org</b>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY		
Andrew Higginbottom	Kendall Woodard	
Craig Dorsey	Anthony Guariglia	
May	Altar Linens	Carolyn Greer

Offerings from Apr. 19-20	
General Weekend Collections	\$1,670.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$155.00
Building Projects Fund	\$147.00
TOTAL	\$1,972.00
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### Holy Cross Mission Statement/Prayer

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and to the world. As your disciples, help us love others, pray for all souls, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

#### FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker  
 Judy Wright, parishioner  
 Becky Harding, parishioner  
 Hope Watson, parishioner  
 John Spieker, husband of Jackie Spieker  
 Marie Herndon, parishioner  
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### MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil — 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday — 8:30 a.m.**  
**2nd Sunday (Latin) — 10:30 a.m.**  
**Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 a.m.**  
**First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 a.m.**

### ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Fridays following 5:00 p.m. Mass  
 1st Wed. of the Month — 6:30 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS


30 minutes before weekend Masses  
 Or by appointment/request

### BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday mornings — 9:15 a.m.


### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



**Breaking Bread Book**  
 Pages 154-155

**Vatican II Hymnal**  
 Pages 479-480



**WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!**