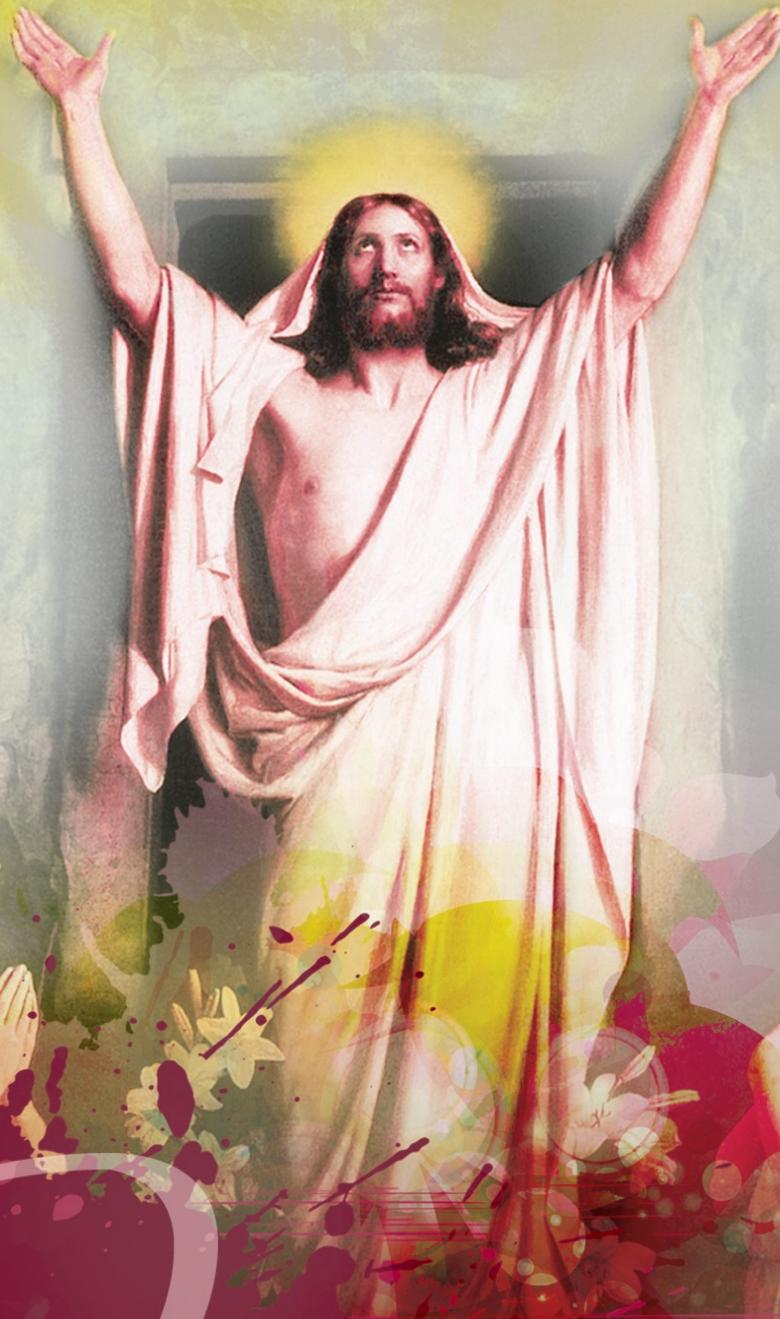


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## Did You Know...

The Blessed Mother asked the Fatima children if they would offer themselves in reparation for sins and the conversion of sinners. They said yes. Although very young, they said many Rosaries, gave away their lunches, ate green acorns, and went for days without drinking. They suffered much from their families' disbelief. They were even jailed in an attempt to force them to deny their story. Francisco and Jacinta Marto both died young and were canonized on May 13, 2017. Lucia became a Carmelite sister and died in 2005. Lucia was given the title Servant of God in 2017, the first major step toward canonization. Join Father Stan this fall for an 11-day pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France to see Fatima as well as many other amazing Marian sites.

## Travel with Fr. Stan to Fatima and Lourdes!

Now is your chance to see Fatima, Lourdes, plus Garabandal, on the same pilgrimage! Spend **October 5-15, 2020** on an 11-day pilgrimage with our Pastor, Fr. Stan Pondo and explore Portugal (Fatima, Lisbon), Spain (Avila, Javier, Loyola, Segovia, and more), and France (Lourdes, Paris). Early registration price per person of \$3,499 (basic tour and fuel surcharges) +\$145 (estimated airline taxes) if you register before June 27, 2020. For more information, contact Michelle Wachsmann at 812-934-3204 or by email [mwachsmann@st.louisschool.org](mailto:mwachsmann@st.louisschool.org). or call Ellie Amberger at 812-934-4514.

## Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday. We invite you to join in with us in praying this novena. The novena prayers can be found online at [www.divinemercy.life](http://www.divinemercy.life), [www.EWTN.com](http://www.EWTN.com), or many other websites.

## Need Prayer?

In the vestibule of church is a Prayer Request Notebook where anyone, at any time, can write prayer concerns. The Members of the Prayer and Praise Ministry commit to praying daily for these intentions. For more urgent prayer needs (illness, surgery, etc.) there is a Prayer Chain that will get dozens of people praying immediately. To begin the Prayer Chain, please call Janice Werner, 932-9200 or Erma Hartman, 934-3678.

## Ministry of Prayer and Praise Intentions for April

- That our Pope, our bishops, and all priests and deacons will be faithful and courageous in taking up Christ's command to tend His sheep.
- That all those suffering from the Corona Virus and particularly for those in intensive care, will be healed.
- That the health care and essential workers attending to the needs of others will be blessed with safety in their work.
- That the graces of this Easter season will bring forth a new flowering of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.
- That we may receive the grace to be faithful in living our Catholic faith, especially our fidelity to Sunday Mass and the sacraments.

## Parish Office

The parish office is closed to visitors at this time. The phone and email will be monitored.

## Mother's Day Memorial

In your packet of church envelopes for April is an envelope for donations to the flower fund in honor of and in memory of Mothers. **All names to be included in the Mother's Day bulletin must be submitted to the parish office by Friday, May 1st.**



## Save the Date!

Jason Evert will be coming to St. Louis on **October 7, 2020!**

If you are interested in being on the planning committee, please call the parish office.

## St. Louis Cash Raffle

Congratulations to the following:

- Apr. 6 - \$250 - Ann Edwards
- Apr. 9 - \$100 - Debbie Caudill

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 11

5:00 pm Jerry Roell

### Sunday, April 12

8:00 am Dottie Voegele

9:30 am For the Parish Community

11:00 am James Mack

### Monday, April 13

8:10 am Robert D. Werner

### Tuesday, April 14

6:00 pm Alvin & Lois Laudick

### Wednesday, April 15

8:10 am Paul Suttman

6:30 pm Thomas C. Werner

### Thursday, April 16

8:10 am Tony Prickel

### Friday, April 17

8:10 am Bob Schaefer

### Saturday, April 18

5:00 pm Intentions of the Harmeyer Family

### Sunday, April 19, Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 am For the Parish Community

9:30 am Donald J. Baechle, Sr.

11:00 am Paul & Evelyn Hartman

## St. Louis Masses

You can watch Mass celebrated by Fr. Stan and Fr. Santhosh each day on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtnV2rrxf6XnfYAyHFloAhA>

### Mass Intentions

**Fr. Stan and Fr. Santhosh will be saying private Masses each day. So, Mass will be said for all scheduled intentions.**

## April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

### Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

## Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Catherine of Siena

Born in Siena, Italy, St. Catherine was a doctor of the Church. A mystic from a young age, she had regular conversations with Jesus. At age sixteen, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and served the sick and the poor. For her reputation for holiness and wisdom, she was called on to be a peacemaker and counselor, even by popes! She is credited with coaxing Pope Gregory XI back to Rome from Avignon, France.



### Necessary choice

Rather than a day to catch up on errands and chores, God intends Sunday to be a day of contemplation and of rest. Sunday is the day we set aside for God and moments of praise and worship.

*"He said to them, 'Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here'"*  
(Mark 16:6).



## 4 reasons to be hopeful right now

It's hard not to worry these days with reports of viruses and financial concerns. Yet we in God's family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how uncertain the world ...

God, our Father, knows what we need. *"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"* (Matthew 7:11). He will take care of us when we trust him.

He can work miracles when we ask. *"Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful; the Lord hears when I call out"* (Psalm 4:4). *"Be strong and of*

*good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you"*

(Deuteronomy 31:6). Just when life looks bleak, God can surprise us.

He will never abandon us.

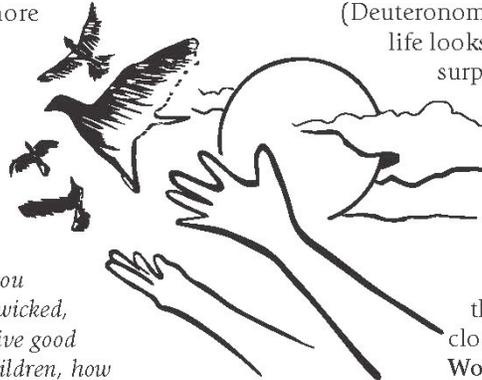
*"You, Lord, are near to all*

*who call upon you ...* (Psalm 145:18).

Know that he is always close.

Worrying won't do any good. *"Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest?"*

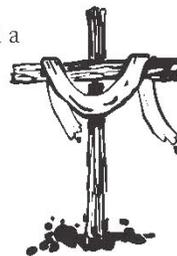
(Luke 12:25). Don't waste energy on worrying about what is beyond your control. Enjoy your blessings.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics celebrate Easter on different dates?

Although celebrating Easter on a different day every year isn't strictly a Catholic practice, the reason why we do this has its roots in the Church's history. There was a dispute in the second century about the date of Easter: should it be celebrated



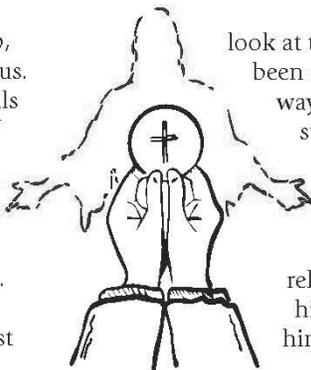
on the exact date or on the nearest Sunday? At the Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.), it was decided that Easter Sunday would be celebrated the Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal (Spring) equinox.

## Get personal with Jesus

The Easter season is a perfect time to develop, strengthen and deepen our friendship with Jesus. During this time of celebration, we can set goals that aim to deepen our knowledge and love of our Lord.

**The Eucharist is the source.** The best way to get close to Jesus is in the Holy Mass and by receiving Holy Communion. It is God's way of bringing us into communion with him.

**Visit the confessional.** Confession is a Sacrament that encourages us to take an honest



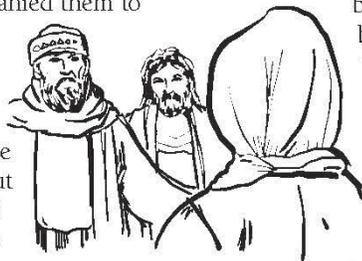
look at the way we are living. Even Catholics who have been away from Confession will find that the best way to get a new beginning with Jesus off to a great start is to visit the confessional. Clean that slate! Begin anew.

**Spend time with him.** We can spend time reading inspirational books and blogs, and chatting on Catholic sites, but to develop a relationship with Jesus, we need face time with him. Adoration is one of the best ways to keep him company.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 24:13-35, Jesus accompanies us

Imagine what it would be like to have a Bible study with Jesus! This was exactly what Cleopas and his friend experienced when Jesus accompanied them to Emmaus. Failing to recognize Jesus and still grieving his death, they unknowingly told the risen Christ all about it. In an unexpected turn of events, Jesus explained to them how his death and resurrection was part of God's saving plan.



blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples. Suddenly, they recognized him. He vanished, but their hearts burned with joy. They raced back to Jerusalem to share the Good News with their fellow disciples.

Cleopas and his friend's story is ours too. At every Mass, God speaks to our hearts through Scriptures. In the

Eucharist blessed, broken

and given to us, we encounter Jesus and receive him into our hearts. With the final blessing, we are sent to spread the Good News: Christ rose from the dead and reopened heaven for us.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 19 – Divine Mercy Sunday.** In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised those who honor him as the King of Mercy and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy would receive special graces and great mercy.

**April 21 – St. Anselm (1109).** St. Anselm left a rich court life to become a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.

**April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist (1st century).** St. Mark wrote the second Gospel largely based on St. Peter's perspective. Mark travelled with SS. Paul and Barnabas (Mark's cousin) through the island of Cyprus and is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.

**April 28 – St. Louis de Montfort (1716).** A French priest with a passion for preaching the Gospel, St. Louis had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, and his *True Devotion to Mary* is widely popular today.



### Q & A What is a monstrance?

In practicing or learning Catholicism, one can find some funny sounding words. "Monstrance" is one of them. It's



an upright container for the Blessed Sacrament (a consecrated Host), usually made of gold or silver and often shaped like a sunburst. The rays are meant to evoke the power and grace radiating from the Host. They also draw the eye

to the window (luna) at the center where the Host is. By means of it, Christ and the viewers can literally be face to face.

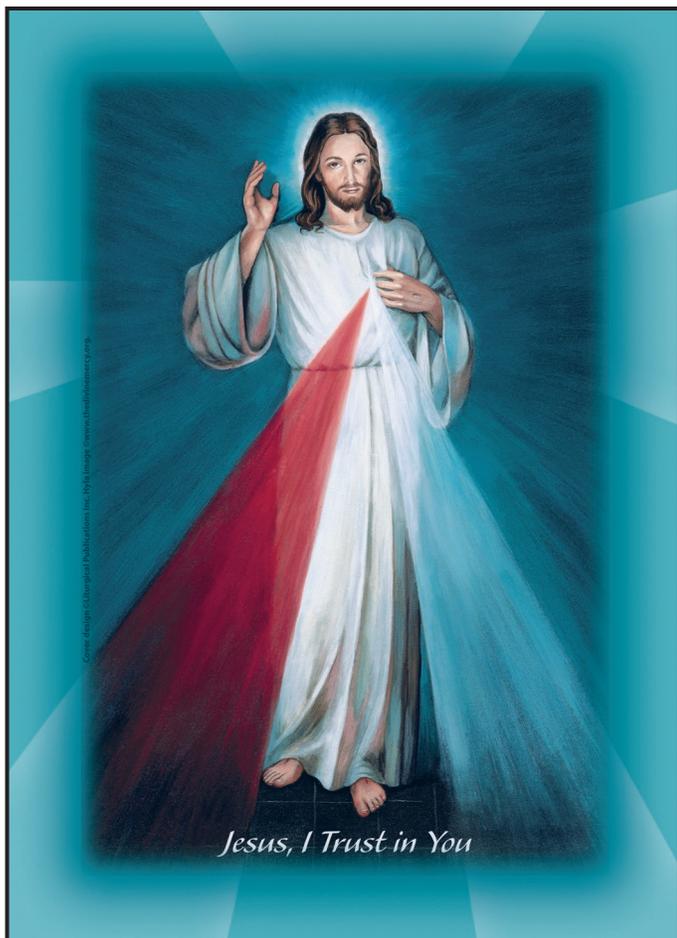
The monstrance is used to display the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. Adoration of the Eucharist outside of Mass developed to satisfy the devotion of the faithful. When you love someone deeply, you want to see him – in person – and spend time with him frequently. God doesn't just want to hear our prayers; he wants to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). Jesus longs for us to visit him in our churches. He remains in the Blessed Sacrament so that anyone who seeks him can find him.

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# *The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!*

How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?



Our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated in honor of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. That special feast day is now known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, named by Pope Saint John Paul II on April 30, 2000.

Our Merciful Savior called for this feast through St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. She quotes Him in her Diary, entry 699:

***“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. ...It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.”***

**To observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:**

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter.
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins.
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus.
4. Go to Confession (preferably before the Feast).
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast (or its Vigil).
6. Venerate the Divine Mercy image.
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

To receive the Extraordinary Graces of this Feast promised by our Lord, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or its Vigil) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

In addition to the extraordinary graces promised to the faithful by our Lord Himself through St. Faustina, a plenary indulgence was granted by Pope Saint John Paul II for the devout observance of the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). The Decree of the Holy See offers:

***“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 honour 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!)...”***

**The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday.**

Pamphlets with the prayers for the novena and the chaplet are located at the church exits.

**Celebrate**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**April 19, 2020**

**Watch for opportunities to celebrate  
Divine Mercy Sunday on EWTN or online.**