



April 24, 2022

**St. Stanislaus  
Kostka  
Catholic Church**

*1511 Hwy 90 South  
Anderson, TX 77830  
936-873-2291  
Established 1866*

*Archdiocese of  
Galveston-Houston*

**Mass Schedule**

*Wednesday Noon*

*Friday Noon*

*Saturday 4:15*

*Sunday 10:00*

**Office hours**

**Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00**

**Pastoral Staff**

***Pastor Rev. Elias Lopez***

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Russell Pasket

Garry Janota

***Secretary / Bookkeeper***

Carol Serres

***Altar Society President***

Delores Posinski

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Ben Leman, Larry Sechelski Jr.

***Music Coordinator***

Leo Hock

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Russell Pasket, Marcus Reaves,

Thomas Sechelski, Gail Sowell

Linda Toler, Dana Wagner

***RCIA***

Kim Ritchie

***RCIC***

Dana Wagner

**April 24, 2022**

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*



*My Lord and my God!*

The Apostles continue preaching and healing as more people come to believe in Jesus Christ. In a vision, John records seeing the risen Lord, who says he was dead but lives. In the Gospel, after the Resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples and blesses them with the Holy Spirit and the authority to forgive sins.  
Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus.

## **Mass Time & Intentions**

**Wednesday April 27th noon**

Mike & Margaret Yanchak  
Ed Adam Jr.

**Friday April 29th noon**

Willie, Christine & Frank Sechelski  
John & Maggie Pasket  
Floyd & James Pasket

**Saturday April 30th 4:15**

Edward Pasket

**Sunday May 1st 10:00**

Helen & Albert Kimich  
Maxine Lee

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on  
our past,  
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our  
future!*

## **Father Eli**

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## **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**



**Saturday April 30th 4:15 pm**

**Lectors:** Delores Posinski & Joan Pushee  
**Rosary:** Barbara Dibello  
**Altar Servers:** Maggie Borski, Myles Borski, Wyatt Marek  
**Ushers:** Johnny Pasket Jr., Darrel Wagner, Danny Pasket, Stephen Pasket

**Sunday May 1st 10:00 am**

**Lectors:** Margaret McClosky & Christi Leman  
**Rosary:** Linda LaSalle  
**Altar Servers:** Hannah Abraham, William Abraham, Jonathon Ritchie  
**Ushers:** Ed Marek, Gary Klodzinski, Daniel Klawinsky, Don Sowell

**If you cannot be present, please find a replacement**



# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

GOD'S MERCY IS FOR EVERYONE, ALWAYS

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us that "Jesus said to St. Faustina, 'be merciful to everyone always' (December 24, 1937). *To everyone*: let us not think only of our interests, our vested interests. Now, while we are looking forward to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, there is a danger that we will forget those who are left behind. The risk is that then we may be struck by an even worse virus, that of *selfish indifference*—a virus spread by the thought that life is better if it is better *for me*, and that everything will be fine if it is fine *for me*. It begins there and ends up selecting one person over another, discarding the poor, and sacrificing those left behind on the altar of progress.

"The present pandemic reminds us that there are no differences or borders between those who suffer. We are all frail, all equal, all precious. May we be profoundly shaken by what is happening all around us: the time has come to eliminate inequalities, to heal the injustice

that is undermining the health of the entire human family! Let us learn from the early Christian community described in the Acts of the Apostles. It received mercy and lived with mercy: 'All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need' (Acts 2:44-45). This is not some ideology: it is Christianity.

"In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. God gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. The salvation God offers us is the work of God's mercy and is for everyone. No human efforts, however good they may be, can enable us to merit so great a gift. God draws us to himself and makes us one with him. We too can love others as God has loved us, giving our lives for one another. Whoever experiences divine mercy, is impelled to be an architect of mercy among the least and the poor. Let us receive mercy and let us give mercy."





## St. Faustina's Mission

Polish born Helena Kowalska (1905–1938), was the third of ten children. When almost twenty, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, became Sr. Maria Faustina and devoted her life to the message of God's mercy. She traced her spiritual experiences with Christ in her diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. She was canonized in 2000.

St. Faustina's life-long dedication to God's mercy was the direct result of her mystic encounter with Jesus, who gave her this mission. "Today I am sending you with my mercy to the people of the whole world. Speak to the world about my mercy. Let all mankind recognize my unfathomable mercy. Let them have recourse to the fount of my mercy. Let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them. Before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the doors of my mercy. One who refuses to pass through the doors of my mercy must pass through the doors of my justice. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy."

## St. Faustina's Prayer

I want to be completely  
transformed into your mercy  
and to be your living reflection, O Lord.  
Help me, that my eyes may be merciful,  
so I may never suspect  
or judge from appearances,  
but look for what is beautiful  
in my neighbors' souls  
and come to their rescue.  
Help me, that my ears may be merciful,  
so I may heed my neighbors' needs  
and not be indifferent to their pains.  
Help me, that my tongue may be merciful,  
so I should never  
speak negatively of my neighbor,  
but have a word  
of comfort and forgiveness.  
Help me, that my hands may be merciful  
and filled with good deeds,  
so I may do only good to my neighbors  
by doing the difficult tasks.  
Help me, that my heart may be merciful  
so I may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor.  
Jesus, I trust in you!

## OUR MISSION TODAY: WITNESSING TO GOD'S MERCY

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis reminded us that the Church, which means each of us its members, is called to witness to the power of God's mercy to transform us and our world.

"The Church is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative and has loved us first (1 John 4:19). Therefore we can move forward, boldly taking the initiative, going out to others, seeking those who have fallen away, standing at the crossroads and welcoming the outcast. Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of God's infinite mercy. Let us try a little harder to take the first step and to become involved by word and deed in people's daily lives, to bridge distances, to embrace human life and to touch the suffering flesh of Christ in others."

"Today there is need for people to be witnesses to God's mercy and tenderness. So many situations require our comforting witness. I am thinking of those burdened by suffering, injustice and tyranny; of those enslaved to money, to power, to success, to worldliness. We are all called to comfort our brothers and sisters, to testify that God alone can eliminate the causes of existential and spiritual tragedies. Any environment, even the furthest and most impractical, can become a place where our witness can bear fruit. There are no situations or places precluded from our Christian presence and witness. The witness that Jesus asks of us is not closed, but is open. It is in our hands."

### What can each of us do today to be more merciful as Jesus was?

- *Whom have I 'infected' with my faith and trust in God?*
- *How many people have I encouraged with my hope for a better life for all?*
- *How much love have I shared with those in my life?*
- *How might I take the first step to heal some broken relationship?*
- *How might I act to change in some small way the injustice I see around me?*

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**April 24, 2022**

**11am-2pm**

**Hamburger & Hot Dog Lunch**

**Live & Silent Auction**

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# CCE Spring Festival

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- 3<sup>rd</sup>    58" onn. Roku TV (\$400)
- 4<sup>th</sup>    \$300 Visa Gift Card ~ David & Jesslyn Borski
- 5<sup>th</sup>    \$200 Lowes Gift Card ~ Serres & Son Plumbing Services
- 6<sup>th</sup>    \$200 Walmart Gift Card~ Memory of Father James Moore

Please call the office if you would like to sponsor one of the prizes.

CCE students will be selling ticket. \$5.00 per ticket





# Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (C)

Acts 5:12–16

Rev 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19

Jn 20:19–31

## Take My Word for It

**T**his is easier said than done. Growing up, we insisted on doing things ourselves, learning from our own experience, developing a sense of our own ability. We soon came to know that there are times when we should—in fact, we must—take someone else's word for something. If we refused to do this, we might be called a “doubting Thomas.” Is that fair to us? Is it fair to Thomas?

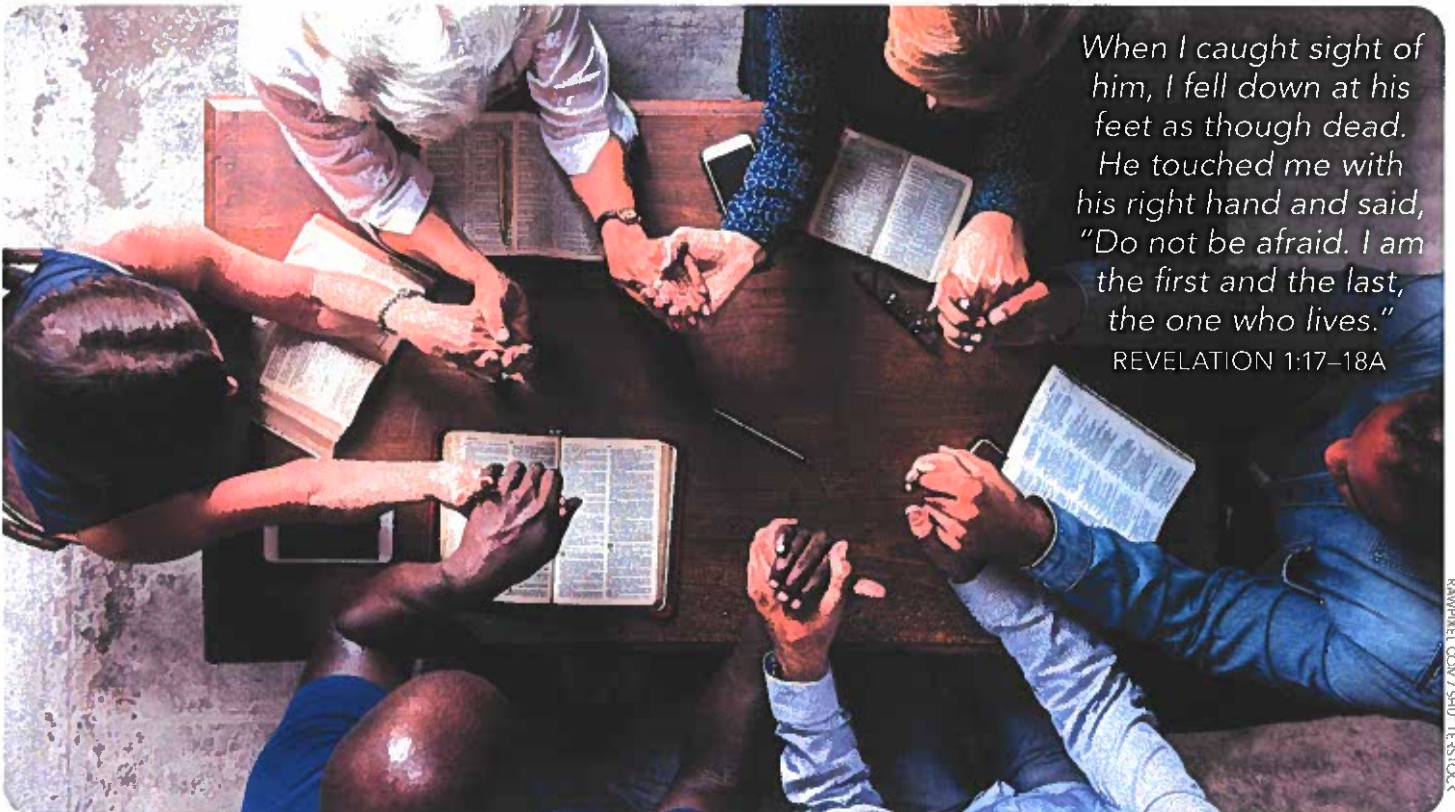
As today's Gospel passage reports, gathered in a room, several disciples of Jesus experienced him truly among them. Thomas was absent. When the others told him what had occurred, he refused to take their word for it. To believe, he also would have to experience Jesus. It is unfair to credit them with faith and label him a doubter. After all, their experience probably convinced them, an event Thomas did not enjoy with the other disciples.

The point of this story is not Thomas' eventual visit by Jesus or his subsequent profession of faith. Rather, it is the source of such a confession. Thomas was unwilling or unable to accept the truth of the resurrection unless he saw Jesus and touched him. Jesus told him: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). Blessed are you and me, who have come to know Jesus and the truth of his resurrection on the word of others—our parents and teachers, pastoral ministers and friends, those who have come to know him and who witness to this in their lives.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *If you lack faith, as seems to be the case with Thomas, pray for it.*
- ★ *What do you do to learn more about the faith?*



When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives.”  
REVELATION 1:17–18A

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# Dear Padre,

**My friend is doing a Bible study, and part of the program is something called *lectio divina*. Is that a Catholic practice?**

**T**his method of listening to Scripture has the Church's approval. In fact, Catholic bishops have recommended *lectio divina* as an easy way for Catholics to become more familiar with the Bible. The practice of *lectio divina* is quite simple:

First, ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen. Then slowly read a short Scripture passage aloud. Listen for a word or phrase that strikes you. Next, think about why this word or phrase is so striking at this moment. Does the word or phrase touch your life right now? Then, ask God's help in making an important choice, or ask what the word or phrase that struck you in the first step means in your life. Finally, close your eyes, let go of all thoughts, and remain silent before God.

These parts have a logical progression, but it's not a hard-and-fast method. People who have been doing *lectio divina* for a long time sometimes move back and forth between parts. If you practice *lectio divina* regularly, over time your understanding of God's word will deepen.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[*Lectio divina*] is first of all a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively—even more, I would say with “obedience” to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JANUARY 27, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 25  
St. Mark,  
Evangelist  
1 Pt 5:5b–14  
Mk 16:15–20

### Tuesday

APRIL 26  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:32–37  
Jn 3:7b–15

### Wednesday

APRIL 27  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17–26  
Jn 3:16–21

### Thursday

APRIL 28  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27–33  
Jn 3:31–36

### Friday

APRIL 29  
St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church  
Acts 5:34–42  
Jn 6:1–15

### Saturday

APRIL 30  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:1–7  
Jn 6:16–21

### Sunday

MAY 1  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41  
Rv 5:11–14  
Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



April 24, 2022

## Sunday of Divine Mercy

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

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's Gospel, Thomas gets singled out as the one who doubts that Jesus had risen from the dead. But the other Gospels reveal that the other disciples doubted too. I understand why they had trouble believing that Jesus was alive. To think that God loves us enough that he chose to become human to die for our sins is incomprehensible. To accept that he loves us this deeply is almost unbearable. It seems doubtful anyone can love us that much. It seems doubtful that we deserve to be loved that much. It is much easier to doubt than to believe. But Thomas was the first to publicly proclaim the man Jesus as also God: *My Lord and my God!* he says. The risen Jesus had come into the room, although the doors were locked, and called them back into belief. Through Christ, God shows the disciples – and us – the extent of his love and mercy. We are worth it, even when we doubt, even when we fail. His death and resurrection are testament to that. He will walk through whatever walls exist to tell us. No doubt about it.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles today describes the reaction to the apostles' joyful and confident proclamation that Jesus was Lord and God after receiving the Holy Spirit. The crowds drew near just to have Peter's shadow fall upon those who were sick. God's mercy has no bounds. How can we be like the first disciples? In what ways do our lives reflect God's mercy on us? Where can our own "shadows fall" so that God's goodness and grace can bring healing and comfort to others? Let us begin our days by giving "thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting," and trust that the Holy Spirit will both remind us of our blessings and continued need for mercy, and guide us to encounters with others who need the same.

**PRAY** During this Easter season, read a passage from the Acts of the Apostles each day and immerse yourself in the history of the early Church. End your time of reflection by praying the Apostles' Creed, the statement of beliefs of Christians in the first centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection.



# **Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka**

Please contact the parish office if you wish to become a register member 936-873-2291

## **Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions April**

**Health Care Workers:** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

## **Announcements**

### **Knights of Columbus Council 9367**

The Navasota Knights of Columbus Council 9367  
2022 Scholarship applications are available in the office.

### **Choir**

A cantor class will start soon.  
Please contract Leo Hock if you are interested.

### **Blood Drive**

Our next blood drive will be May 1st 8:30 to 1:00 in the parish hall.  
The Knights of Columbus will be serving a free breakfast.  
Come for the breakfast and please consider donating blood.

### **Altar Society**

The ladies of the Altar Society are planning an outing on May 15th to the Navasota Theatre to see a play. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Call Delores Posinski at 873-2113 or Gail Sowell at 870-6842 to get tickets

When we receive the Eucharist, the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus are substantially present, yet disguised under the appearance of bread and wine.

As with Thomas, the Lord gives us the ability to see and believe in him.

A good prayer for the moments of consecration, then, is the confession of faith that Thomas makes: *My Lord and my God!*



### Altar Society:

Meets the first Thursday  
September to May. The  
next meeting will be  
Thursday May 5th @  
6:00 in the rectory.  
All Catholic ladies are  
welcome.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

On the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of every  
month Fr. Eli will bless  
anyone with a birthday  
or wedding anniversary  
during that month following  
each Mass.

### Choir Practice:

Choir practice is on  
Thursday evenings at  
6:15pm in the church.  
Contact Leo Hock at  
713-435-9949 for more  
information.

### Knights of Columbus:

KC Council #4054 meets at the  
KC Hall every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at  
7pm. Please join us.  
**Next blood drive May 1st with  
breakfast.** Contact Deen Miller  
936-524-1700 for membership  
And James Moran  
936-306-9663 for rental  
information .

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference

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**Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and  
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### 12 Hour Adoration:

Our church is open every  
Monday 8 am to 8 pm.  
September 13th to the end of  
May. Everyone is welcome to  
join in the worship with the  
scheduled persons.

### Cemetery Guidelines:

If you have any questions of  
concerns pertaining to the  
cemetery, please contract  
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### RCIA & RCIC:

Anyone seeking the Rite of  
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### Baptism:

Classes are necessary for  
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### Divine Mercy:

Every Friday after the noon  
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### Marriage:

There is a required preparation  
process that must be completed  
prior to one being married in the  
Catholic Church. Call the office for  
more information.

### Reconciliation:

30 Minutes before Wednesday  
& Friday Masses (Please call  
ahead to let the Priest know)  
and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections

**May 8th** St Vincent de Paul-local

**May 29th** Catholic Communications

## Weekly Collections

Holy Thursday \$138

Good Friday \$698

Easter Weekend \$6,645

## Please pray for those in active military duty



Andrew Anderson, Austin Barnes, Andrew Burzynski,  
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Cody Klawinsky, Travis Klawinsky, Stash Allen Kurten,  
Joe A. Lopez, Matthew Macejewski, John McKnight,  
Shelby Seale, Phillip Walkoviak, Travis Watson

## Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound

Sam Bova, Patricia Dobyanski, Margaret Fann, John Faust,  
Marilyn Frenzel, Dolores Holler, Donny Klawinsky, Thomas Nobles,  
Henry Ostermann, Adam Pasket, Charlie Pasket, Tina Pasket, Avery Russell,  
Charles Russell, LaNell Szymczak, Tom Upton,  
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