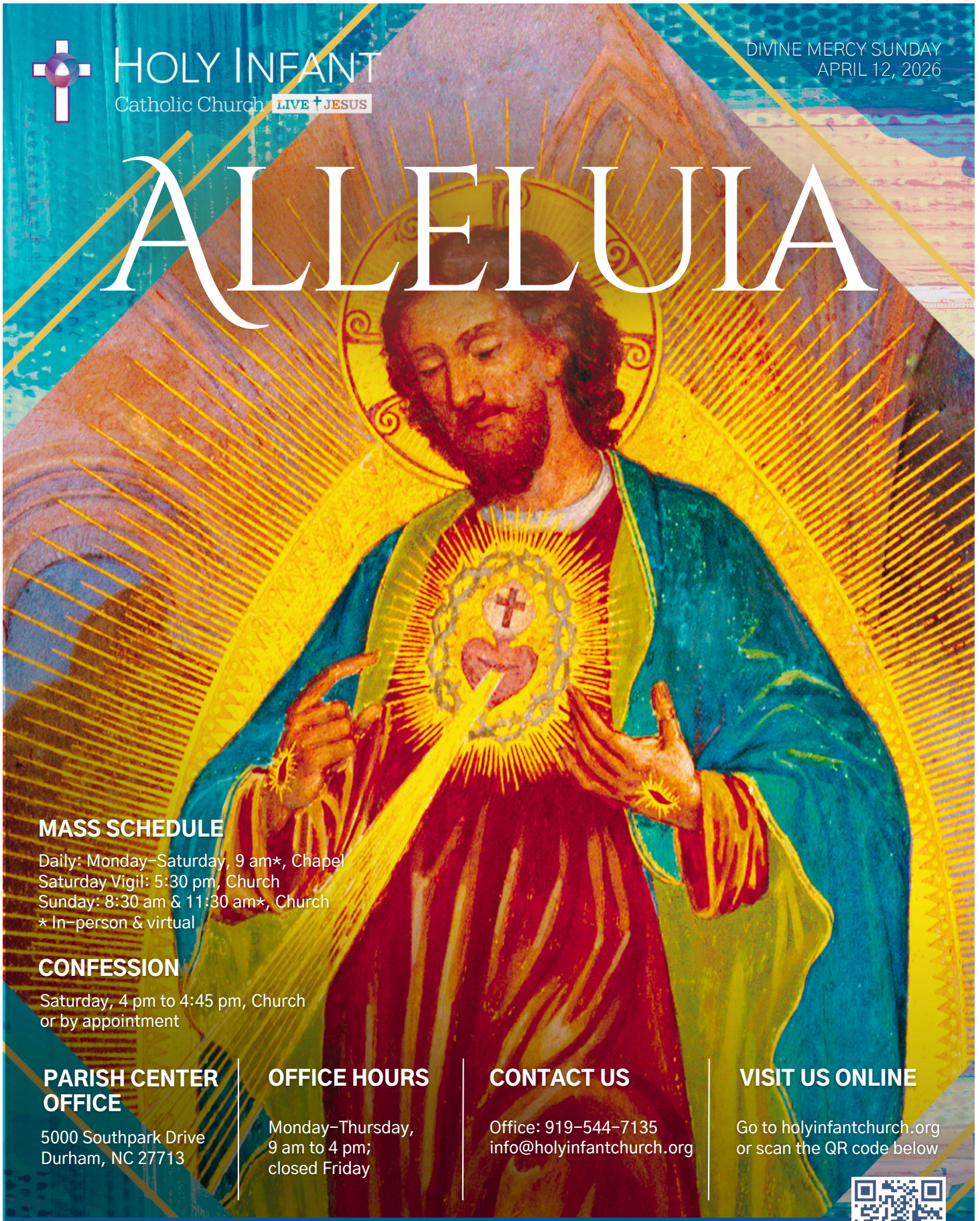
HOLY INFANT
Catholic Church LIVE † JESUS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 12, 2026

ALLELUIA



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday–Saturday, 9 am*, Chapel
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Church
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:30 am*, Church
* In-person & virtual

CONFESSION

Saturday, 4 pm to 4:45 pm, Church
or by appointment

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closed Friday

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OPEN HEARTS · OPEN HANDS · OPEN MINDS



Thoughts from Salesian Spirituality

"Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless. Our joy that hath no end."
-Saint Francis de Sales

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FIND IT ON THE WEB

Our parish website is your primary source for the most complete and up-to-date information about the parish. Visit holyinfantchurch.org for details on many topics, including:

- Mass and Liturgy Times
- Office Hours and Contact Information
- Calendar of Events, including event details
- News within the parish and around the diocese
- Worship & Sacraments, including sacramental prep information for Baptism, Reconciliation (Confession),
- Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders; Vocations for men and women; and Funerals
- Faith & Learning for adults, teens, and children; becoming Catholic; Catholic schools
- Salesian spirituality and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
- Joining the parish
- Getting Involved
- Ministries & Groups

Safe Environment Victim Assistance Hotline | Call 866-535-SAFE

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

During the General Intercessions at our weekend Masses, we remember all members of our parish and community who are homebound or suffering any illness. Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

Jean Arlotta; Mary Anthony; Jo Agusta; Nancy Balding; Jeff Baker; Charlotte Banks; Colette & Clayton Bean; Jerry DeBenedetto; Elizabeth Bently; Jennifer Bland; Maria Capone; Alice & Christos Chamis; Albina & Chin Chua; Eva Crowley; Lillian Davids; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Jason Ferrigan; Adela Florey; Lillian Gage; Doris Gierisch; Dot Gregory; Marjorie Goode; Fran Hadden; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Denise Herron; Patti Holland; Ruth & Kenneth Jones; Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Gerard Maras; Fanny Mazza; Peggy McIntyre; Terry Mercaldo; Katie Mostellar; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; Marc Peloquin; Helen Pischak; Joe Porcelli; Diane Cursatis-Ratliff ; Rosalind Riggio; Nancy Rizzo; Shelia Rogers; Julia Schmidt; Susan Sheehan; Tom Shreve; Betty Short; Bob Smith; Corrine Stavely; Katherine Strubing; Marisa Suarez; Mary Sunderland; Richard Thomas; Angel David Torres

If you need emotional support, reach out to the national mental health hotline: Dial 988.

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - February 28

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	$766,953	$773,683	$6,730
Christmas Offertory	$27,000	$17,529	($9,471)
Easter Offertory	$0	$175	$175
Holy Day Collections	$9,500	$10,873	$1,373
Maintenance Offertory	$31,700	$25,775	($5,925)
	$835,153	**$828,035**	**($7,118)**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

April 13th to April 19th

Monday, 9:00 am *Zoy Family (honor)*
Tuesday, 9:00 am *Jeff Rice †*
Wednesday, 9:00 am *Thomas G. English †*
Thursday, 9:00 am *Emily & Dominick Zappia †*
Friday, 9:00 am *Tom Kennery †*
Saturday, 9:00 am *Mrs. Noreen D'Sa †*
Saturday, 5:30 pm *Cash Owings †*
Sunday, 8:30 am *Fredd Ammirata (birthday)*
Sunday, 11:30 am *Sebastian Haba (birthday)*





UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 13 Gift of Empathy Book Study, 9:45 am
Apr 14 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
Apr 14 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Apr 14 Safety & Security Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm
Apr 14 Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm
Apr 15 Cards & Games FYM, 2 pm
Apr 15 Families Moving Forward Dinner, 5 pm
Apr 15 Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm
Apr 15 OCIA Inquriy Session, 7:30 pm
Apr 16 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Apr 16 Stephen Leaders Meeting, 10:30 am
Apr 16 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Apr 16 Marriage Convalidation - Nicole & Maura Centonze, 5:30 pm
Apr 16 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm
Apr 16 Gift of Empathy Book Study, 7 pm
Apr 18 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Apr 18 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
Apr 18 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm
Apr 18 OCIA Catechetical Session, 6:30 pm
Apr 19 UMD Shelter Dinner
Apr 19 Earth Day Celebration
Apr 19 First Eucharist Retreat, 9:30 am
Apr 19 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am
Apr 19 Baptism Peter James Ropero, 11:30 am
Apr 19 JYM End of Year Celebration, 6:30 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21
Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36
Friday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15
Saturday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21
Sunday Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35





Celebrate Earth Day

Spring is a season of renewal and a beautiful reminder of our call to care for the world God has entrusted to us. This year, Holy Infant invites you and your family to celebrate Earth Day together as a parish community on Sunday, **April 19th**, between the masses in the DeSales Center.

In his encyclical Laudato Si', Pope Francis calls each of us to embrace this responsibility with faith and purpose. Responding to this call, our parish celebration will offer opportunities to learn, reflect, and engage with today's environmental issues, such as plastic pollution, climate change, and the loss of biodiversity, while discovering simple, practical ways we can make a difference.

During the celebration, you can explore:

- An Earth Day Art Gallery featuring creative works by our parishioners
- Educational displays, games, and videos for all ages
- Freebies, including seeds, plants, and honey

Whether you come to learn something new, support fellow parishioners, or spend time with your church family, this event is a meaningful way to live out our faith in action.



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REGISTER FOR VBC

Due to the upcoming renovation of the DeSales Center, we are excited to try a new model for Vacation Bible Camp this summer, a full one-day VBC experience!

Join us on Saturday, **June 27th**, from 9 am-4 pm. for an unforgettable adventure at Rainforest Falls.

At Rainforest Falls, kids will explore the nature of God - discovering who God is and just how much He loves them. Throughout this immersive day, children will participate in memorable, hands-on Bible learning activities, sing fun and catchy faith-filled songs, play teamwork-building games, make (and devour!) yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures & test out hands-on experiments they'll never forget.

REGISTER NOW





SWAP DONATIONS STILL NEEDED

Holy Infant Church is hosting a Kids' Clothing & Gear Swap on **April 25th**, a true swap event where no money changes hands, just a great way to give and receive.

You can drop off your items at the parish office during Office Hours. If you need to arrange a different drop-off time, please contact Michalene. We will be accepting donations through April 20th. Learn more using the QR code!

GRACE COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET OPENS FOR THE SEASON

There is something deeply meaningful about gathering around food, especially when it connects us to one another, to our neighbors, and to God's provision. The Grace Farmers Market invites you to be part of that connection throughout the 2026 season.

Located at 906 N. Buchanan Blvd. in Durham, the Grace Farmers Market is more than just a place to shop; it is a living expression of mission and community. Rooted in faith and guided by love, the market seeks to support local farmers of color, provide food for neighbors experiencing food insecurity, and create a welcoming space that reflects God's love for all.

Throughout the season, the market will be open one Saturday each month from 1-4 pm:

- May 9th
- June 13th
- July 11th
- August 8th
- September 12th
- October 10th



Ministries

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A CALL TO HEALTH AND STEWARDSHIP

Our bodies are gifts from God, and caring for them is part of our call to faithful stewardship. One important aspect of that care is heart health, especially managing cholesterol.

New guidance from the American Heart Association highlights the importance of addressing dyslipidemia, or unhealthy cholesterol levels, which can increase the risk of heart disease and stroke.

The guidelines remind us that care should be personal. Each individual's plan may look different, but for everyone, a heart-healthy lifestyle is the foundation. Learn more using the QR code.

HEALING STARTS HERE

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat **June 12th-14th**, in the Raleigh area.

The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men, and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion.

For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021.

SUCCESSFUL OFFERING OF LETTERS FOR BFW

Thanks to the generosity, compassion, and commitment of our parish community, this year's Bread for the World Offering of Letters was a wonderful success. Together, parishioners wrote an incredible **179 letters** advocating for policies that address hunger and support our most vulnerable neighbors.

These letters were thoughtfully directed to our elected officials:

- 64 letters to Senator Thom Tillis
- 58 letters to Senator Ted Budd
- 54 letters to Representative Valerie Foushee
- 3 letters to Representative Deborah Ross

Each letter represents a voice raised in faith, an act of love rooted in our call to care for those in need and to seek justice in our world.

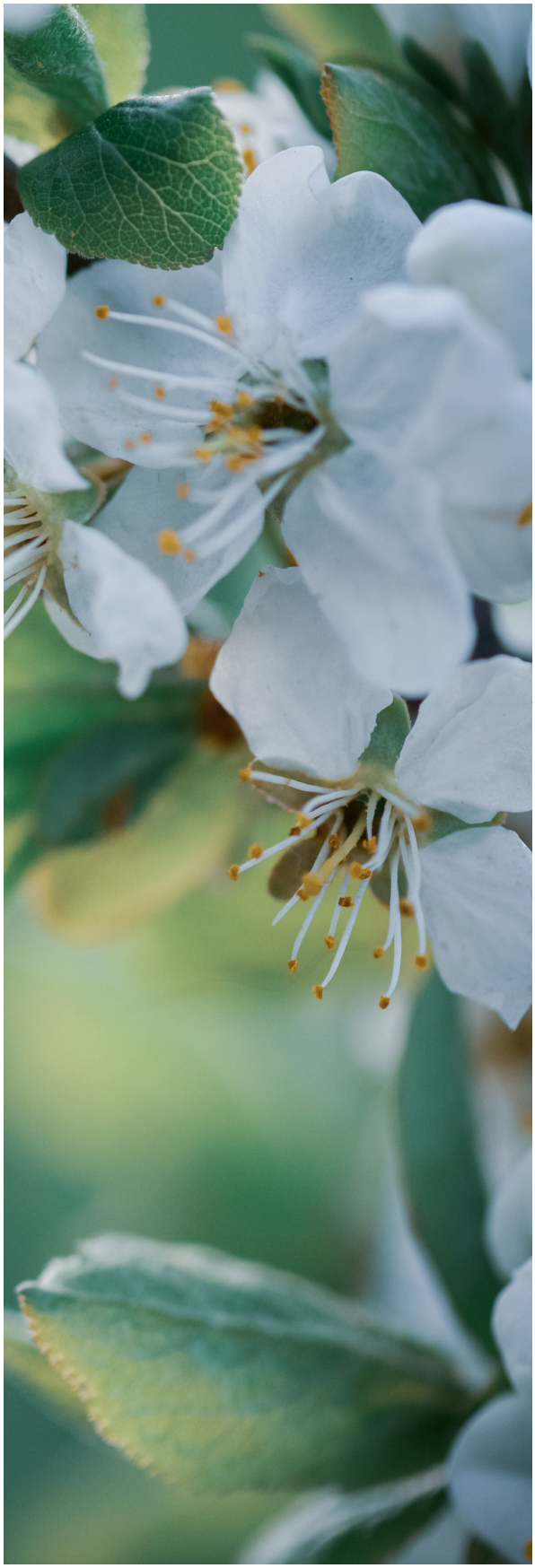
The letters to Representative Ross have already been mailed, while the letters to Senators Tillis and Budd, along with Representative Foushee, will be personally delivered to their local offices later this spring. This personal delivery is a powerful reminder that our collective voices matter and can make a real impact.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported this advocacy effort: those who helped organize, spread the word, and especially those who took the time to write one, two, or even three letters. Your participation is a beautiful witness to our parish's commitment to living out the Gospel through action.

As we continue our mission as a parish, may we be inspired by this example of faithful advocacy, remembering that even small acts, like writing a letter, can help bring about meaningful change.

CHECK OUT OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR MORE UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY INFANT

Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales



LETTING OTHERS DOWN - A HUMAN EXPERIENCE

In his commentary regarding the story of Lazarus, Scripture commentator William Barclay wrote: “This is one of the most human of experiences in all the Bible.” Why does Barclay believe this? Because the raising of Lazarus was possible only after dealing with something to which we can all relate: the experience of being let down by another, and the experience of letting others down.

When Martha meets Jesus, she greeted Him with this salvo: “If you had been here, my brother would not have die”. When you got our message, why didn’t you come at once? Why didn’t you make this a priority? And by the time you did come, you were too late. In contemporary language, she might have added: “We all know what you’ve done for perfect strangers. And this is how you treat your friends?” And yet, as devastated as she was – as tempted as she might have been to tell Jesus that His services were no longer needed – Martha found the grit to say: “And for all that, I still believe that God will give you whatever you ask.”

As disappointed as she was in Jesus, she still believed in Jesus.

For His part, we are told that Jesus was perturbed and deeply troubled. How could he not be? His friend is dead. Martha and Mary are besides themselves with grief and both have publicly rebuked Jesus. He is aware of the criticism in the crowd regarding his failure to do for a close friend what He had recently done for a stranger. Suddenly finding Himself disappointing pretty much everyone, Jesus might have been tempted to simply slink away in embarrassment or shame. But He managed to push through His humiliation and performed one of the most remarkable miracles of all: raising a man who had been dead for four days.

As disappointed as Jesus was in Himself, He still believed in Himself.

The lesson for us? Perhaps when we have enough faith to recover from the disappointments that we suffer at the hands of others; perhaps when we have enough faith to recover from the disappointments that others suffer at our hands – that incredibly miraculous things can happen.

-Fr. Michael Murray, OSFS