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SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

Divine Mercy

SUNDAY



Events

SATURDAY April 11

Women's WELCOME Meeting
9:00-11:00am - Faith Formation Room

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY April 12

Coffee & Christ
9:15-10:15am - Faith Formation Rm

Divine Mercy Chapel
Following the 10:30am Mass-in the Church

MONDAY April 13

No Events today

TUESDAY April 14

Adult Bible Study
10:00-Noon - Faith Formation Rm

Centering Prayer
Resumes 4/21

Bereavement Group
2:00-4:00pm - Faith Formation Rm

OCIA
6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY April 15

Stitchers
9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room

PSR
5:30pm - Mass
6:15-7:00pm - Food/class

Music Practice
6:15-7:30pm - Music Room

THURSDAY April 16

OLL Game Day-4th Anniversary
1:00pm-3:30pm - Faith Formation Rm

FRIDAY April 17

Spanish Charismatic Group
6:00-9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY April 18

No AM Events

Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm
7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

Important Links

[Click Here For PARISH CALENDAR](#)

[Click Here For MASS INTENTIONS](#)

[Click Here For FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

Flower Intentions available for May

Mass Intentions

Sat.	4/11	5:00pm	Robert and Dorothy Chapman and family (Living & Deceased) †
Sat.	4/11	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun.	4/12	8:00am	Betty Harrison †
Sun.	4/12	10:30am	John Paul Jude Vandermeden (Special Intention-Living)
Mon.	4/13	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Konzen Family †
Tue.	4/14	9:00am	Baumgard Family †
Wed.	4/15	5:30pm	George Martin Jr. † (Anniversary DOD)
Thur.	4/16	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Konzen Family †



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Collection through March 29, 2026
(Not available for this week- April 5th)

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Envelopes:		\$27,176.76
Plate:		\$13,650.00
Green Envelopes:		\$ 7,479.50
Total:		\$48,306.26



Coffee & Christ Sundays

9:15am to 10:15am
Faith Formation Room



Upcoming dates

April 12th

April 19th

April 26th

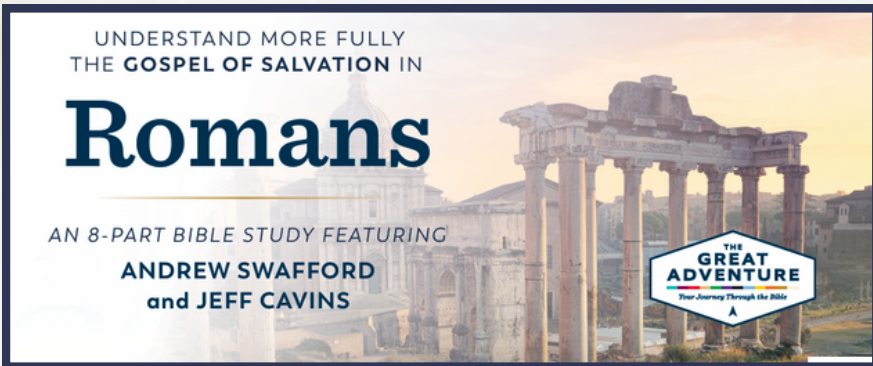
Coffee & Christ is an adult Catholic Christian faith education opportunity for learning and building community that meets on Sunday morning between the Masses.

**Participants are always welcome!
There is no required attendance!**



**Please Join
Cassandr  Haygood
Sunday, April 12th
for the Divine Mercy Chaplet
after the 10:30 Mass
(In the church)**

ALL ARE WELCOME



Adult Bible Study Tuesdays

10:00am to Noon
Faith Formation Room

*We're excited to invite you to
Romans: The Gospel of Salvation,
an eight-part study about possibly the most famous—and controversial—of St. Paul's letters.*

Join us!

Session 4 - April 14th - Romans 5–6: Entering into the Paschal Mystery

Session 5 - April 21st - Romans 7–8: The Logic of the Covenant, the Gravity of Sin, and the Gift of the Spirit

Session 6 - April 28th - Romans 9–11: God Fathers His Family

Session 7 - May 5th - Romans 12–13: Making Our Lives a Living Sacrifice

Session 8 - May 12th - Romans 14–16: The End of the Story

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning.

Indeed, many Catholics fear that Romans is too "Protestant."

But understood correctly, as St. Paul intended, Romans is authentically Catholic.

Romans reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sharing in his divine life. In Jesus Christ all the hopes and expectations of Israel are fulfilled, leading to the universal ("catholic") family of God.





We want to thank everyone who helped us in welcoming in all our Elect and Candidates at the Easter Vigil!

Thank you to our Sponsors and godparents, to all of you who wrote welcome notes, the music ministry and staff and Clergy who worked so hard to make everything perfect! Thank you!



OCIA continues on to Pentecost!

*This week starts the Mystagogy portion!
Please continue to pray for all our Neophytes, not only here at OLC, OLO and OLL,
but also in our Dioceses and throughout the world!*

*And as we see more and more seeking The Truth in the Catholic Faith,
please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood.*

*Your OLL OCIA Team Leaders,
Steve Harter, Mario Lombardi, Stephanie Miller, Wendie Lapham,
Cody and Casey Fenton and myself (Lorry Davis)*

Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Hidden Jewels of God's Tender Love

The Second Sunday of Easter, known throughout the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday, is far more than a devotional observance. It is a radiant jewel set into the very heart of the Easter season. Many Catholics know the Chaplet or the Image, but fewer realize this beautiful treasure the Church invites us to contemplate on this day. Divine Mercy Sunday is the one day when the Hour of Mercy and the Feast of Mercy converge.

One of the most remarkable truths about Divine Mercy Sunday is that it is the only feast Jesus Himself explicitly requested. Through St. Faustina, the Lord asked that the Church dedicate the octave day of Easter to His mercy. This alone makes the feast extraordinary. It is not merely a pastoral initiative or a devotional preference -- it is a direct desire of Christ for His people.

Yet the feast is not separate from Easter; it is the completion of Easter's octave, the "eighth day" of the Resurrection. In biblical symbolism, the eighth day is the day of new creation. Divine Mercy Sunday proclaims that the Resurrection is not only a victory over death but the opening of a new world where mercy is the air we breathe. The Risen Christ does not return with vengeance or reproach. His first words to the apostles were simple and stunning: "Peace be with you."

The Gospel for this Sunday reveals another hidden jewel, it is the moment when Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Risen Lord breathes the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and entrusts them with the authority to forgive sins. Divine Mercy Sunday is, in a real sense, the birthday of Confession in the New Covenant. The feast invites us to rediscover this sacrament not as a burden, but as a homecoming.

Perhaps the most astonishing grace of this day is the promise Jesus gave to St. Faustina that those who receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday receives complete forgiveness of sins. This is not the same as a plenary indulgence; but it is something even more far-reaching. It is a kind of spiritual renewal akin to a second baptism. It is Christ pouring the full power of His Passion and Resurrection into our souls.

The image of Divine Mercy, with rays of red and pale light streaming from Christ's Heart, reminds us that mercy flows from the very center of the Paschal Mystery. The water and blood symbolize Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments that make us new. Divine Mercy Sunday is not about a picture (or a welcoming Forsyth billboard); it is about the open Heart of Christ.



Finally, this feast is especially for those who feel lost or forgotten -- the discouraged, the ashamed, the fallen-away, the wounded. Jesus told St. Faustina that the souls who most need His mercy often fear Him the most. Divine Mercy Sunday is His answer: a day when He says to every soul, "Your misery is the vessel of My mercy." (Diary entry 1485 in *Divine Mercy in My Soul*.)

May this feast renew our parish, our families, and our hearts with the peace of the Risen Christ.

2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

SAVE THE DATE
AND MAKE PLANS TO PARTICIPATE !



2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

We are One in Him.

DDF SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026

THIS YEAR'S DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF) CAMPAIGN WILL BE KICKING OFF **MAY 3, 2026!**

MORE INFORMATION ON THE CAMPAIGN DETAILS AND ON HOW TO DONATE WILL BE COMING SOON.

OUR LADY OF THE COVE

GIANT TOOL SALE

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 - 10AM-4PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 18- 8AM-12PM

WOODWORKING TOOLS,
METAL WORKING TOOLS,
IMPACT WRENCHES , AND
OTHER TOOLS



SAVE THE DATE OUR LADY OF THE COVE SPRING GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH
(8AM-4PM)

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH
(8AM-12PM)

**WE HAVE SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE!**



HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

COME JOIN

OUR LADY OF THE COVE KIMBERLING CITY

FOR A RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

APRIL 12TH AFTER THE 10 AM MASS

**SAY HELLO TO THE
NEWLY RECEIVED
INTO THE CHURCH
AT EASTER VIGIL.**

**REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE
SERVED**

GATHERING BEGINS IN THE SOCIAL HALL.



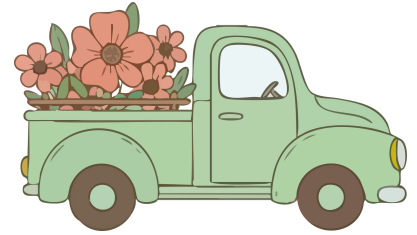
**INCLUDES
EASTER
EGG HUNT**





APRIL PSR CALENDAR

(Parish School of Religion)



Wednesday PSR K-12th

April 15th 5:30-7pm
Mass
Food/Class

April 22nd 5:30-7pm
Mass
Food/Class

April 29th 5:30-7pm
Mass
Food/Class

SAINT OF THE MONTH

St. Catherine of Sienna



St. Catherine's feast day is April 29,

She is the patroness against fire, illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, and nurses.

SERVICE PROJECT

Say a Divine Mercy as a Family

MENU

4/15 - BBQ Chicken Sandwiches

4/22 - Sandwiches

4/29 - Pizza



The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Kolbe Academy

† Make the Sign of the Cross

● Our Father

● Hail Mary

● The Apostles' Creed

● The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

● For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

3x at the end:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

OLL Games

Join us April 16th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

OLL Train - The Jolly Bunnies
BIG Winner Judy E -218
Eva -304 Ed -340 Remy -378
Lil' Winner Joe -479



OLL Train - Silver Bunnies
BIG Winner Mary 304
Anne Marie -360 Julie -364
Lil' Winner Rose Marie -594

Swoop - Swoopin' Fools
Big Winner Sharon S -239
Kevin -256 Margaret -290
Dan -323
Lil' Winner Jeanie -497
Julie W -166 left early



Swoop - Funny Bunnies
Big Winner Judy H -245
Sharron -265 Butch -288
Joyce -384 Julieann -392
Lil' Winner Sharon A -494



Mahjong
Judy O -50 Edean -25
Harry -25 Susan -25



Friday March 13, 2020 was the day OLL was shut down as Covid was spreading across the world...

This began a dark time of personal isolation as churches, schools, businesses, closed. Mass was broadcast online, groceries where order & pick up. No visitation in hospitals, nursing homes, everyone was encouraged to not have contact with anyone...



Can you believe we will be celebrating OLL Game's 4th Anniversary on Thursday, April 16th?

Thanks to the original six for bringing us together!!!

March 3, 2022

It began as a idea!
After two long years of Covid the statement was made... "We need to do something to bring the parish together!" A group of six people came together and bounced ideas! The conclusion was OLL Train, church rules where agreed upon. One week would be OLL Train the next would be Pinochle. It has evolved into weekly OLL Train plus assorted Card Games with the recent addition of Mahjong. Looking for something to do on Thursday afternoon? Come & See!

Want to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, but don't want to drive?

We will be taking a chartered bus to West Plains.

We will leave OLL - SAT. AUG. 15TH at 6:00AM

There's no charge to sign up for the bus, **HOWEVER...**
you will need to register & pay to attend the Congress.
Spots are **FILLING UP** fast.

Cost

There is a registration fee of **\$10 per person or \$25 maximum per family** (parents with minor age children).

We are grateful to the sponsors and donors whose financial gifts are helping to keep the registration cost very low for participants!

The registration fee includes

- all Congress activities
- speakers
- materials
- and a lunch meal

Meals

Lunch will be provided at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. A variety of grab-n-go lunch options will be provided by area restaurants that will be serving meals at the Civic Center.

You will be able to view menu options and order your lunch meal ahead of time, during the online registration process.

TO RESERVE A BUS SEAT(S)

Scan QR code to reserve



Or

Click on the link below to reserve a seat(s) on the bus

Eucharistic Congress Bus reservation | Flocknote

OR GO TO:

<https://ollbranson.flocknote.com/signup/241552>

TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CONGRESS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Scan the QR CODE Or

Click on the link below

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - DioSCG

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress
AUGUST 15, 2026
WEST PLAINS CIVIC CENTER

Spots are filling up fast

Those who eat my flesh & drink my blood remain in me & I in them. - Jn 6:56

Speakers:
 Bishop James Conley
 Bishop Edward Roca
 Fr. Leo Patallangha
 Dr. Scott Hahn
 Fr. Elvis Gonzalez
 De Ministrera
 Mari Pablo
 Brian Willet
 Sr. Carolyn Nunes, FSCM

JOIN US IN PRAYING, LEARNING & CELEBRATING
at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

DIocese of SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU
70 YEARS 1956-2026

Visit WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS or scan the QR CODE for more resources, including suggestions for the Year of Spiritual Preparation, and updates to the Congress!



THE LORD'S TABLE IS SET... & YOU'RE INVITED

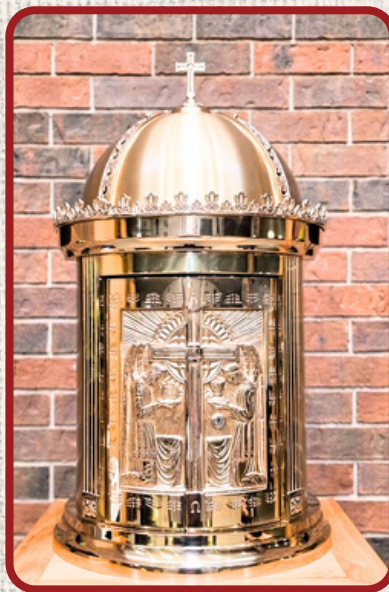
This invitation is for everyone.

This guide lays out monthly themes & practical suggestions to help you build lasting habits & to focus on placing God back at the center of your life.

APRIL



Tabernacle at
Our Lady of the Lake



Tabernacle at
Our Lady of the Cove



Tabernacle at
Our Lady of the Ozarks

PARTICIPATE IN THE HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM

Attend Mass during this time leading up to Easter

GO FOR A WALK OR HIKE WITH FRIENDS &/OR FAMILY

Spend time in nature to enjoy God's creations

DO RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

***Random acts of kindness suggestions**

Leave an encouraging note on a random car windshield in a parking lot.

Donate gently worn clothes to a thrift store.

Pay for the next person in line at the drive thru.

Forgive someone you've been holding a grudge against.

Straighten up shelves when you're walking through the grocery aisle or the toy department.

Write a thank-you note to your server at a restaurant.





The Cursillo® Movement pursues two purposes or objectives. The immediate purpose is to provide a conduit for living what is fundamental for being a Christian, namely, the on-going and total conversion of the person.

The end purpose is to vertebrae Christianity in society by means of these persons who live what is fundamental for being Christian (the love of God and neighbor) in their daily lives.

Simply explained, the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is that we become the Good News, and that our actions naturally turn out to be evangelical in our daily lives.

For more information and to Register Online:
<https://dioscg.org/cursillo/>

Women's Weekend

Date: April 23-26, 2026

Location: Carthage, MO

QUO VADIS

"WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"

HIGH SCHOOL MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

JUNE 3-6, 2026

God has a plan for you. Join us for a retreat to discern where God could be calling you.

Camp St. Carlo in Fredericktown, MO

For High School Men, 9th-12th Grade

For more information visit dioscg.org/vocations

Dads of participants are invited to join their sons for the retreat



Office of Vocations
Diocese of Springfield - Cape Girardeau

To register, scan the QR Code



"May the victory of the Risen Jesus bring an end to war.

May Christ continue to bless all those who entered the Church this Easter."

Bishop Edward M. Rice

April
PRAYER INTENTION

2026 MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us at the

STATE CAPITOL IN JEFFERSON CITY

[WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/RESPECT-LIFE/](https://www.dioscg.org/respect-life/)
 Diocesan-chartered buses and mileage reimbursement available!

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ABORTION TAKES THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF UNBORN CHILDREN EVERY YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES.

JOIN WITH US AS WE MARCH FOR LIFE IN JEFFERSON CITY

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, BUS REGISTRATION, AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FORM IS AVAILABLE [HERE](#).



Annual Safe Environment Bulletin/Newsletter Announcement

Noted below are two different announcements:

- 1) the Procedures for Reporting Abuse or Misconduct, and
- 2) The Safe Environment requirements for all diocesan personnel—clergy, employees, and adult volunteers.

Every year, we request that the following announcements be published in the parish and school bulletins. This public notification of the reporting procedures is to ensure that the diocese remains compliant with the Norms of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which is typically reviewed during the on-site audit. Please forward a copy of any publications where these appear to the Diocese Office of Child and Youth Protection.

Reporting Procedures of Known or Suspected Abuse or Misconduct

Any known or suspected **abuse or neglect of a minor** must first be immediately reported to the **Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 800-392-3738**.

Any known or suspected **abuse or neglect of an adult** must first be immediately reported to the **Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 800-392-0210**.

In situations of immediate danger, call 911.

Known or suspected abuse may also be reported to law enforcement in addition to making a report to the MO Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline or to the MO Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline.

*Violations of The Code of Conduct should also be reported to the Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection at childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org or (417) 866-0841 or through the **TIPS** online reporting system available on the diocesan website www.dioscg.org.*

Violations involving the Bishop should be reported to the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting System at 800-276-1562 or <https://reportbishopabuse.org/>.

The Safe Environment Policy and Procedures, the Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers and other important information, including a link to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People are available on the webpage <https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>

Requirements for all diocesan personnel—clergy, employees and adult volunteers

The mission and ministry of creating a safe environment for all to flourish and thrive is a responsibility we all share.

Before regularly working or volunteering with minors or vulnerable adults, all diocesan personnel are required to first complete

- 1) the Safe Environment Training**
- 2) have a Background Screening conducted**
- 3) submit the current and signed Code of Conduct**

The Safe Environment training is now available online after creating an account in the VIRTUS system (through the VIRTUS webpage <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>).

The Code of Conduct, which is required annually and made available at the beginning of every school year, the Background Disclosure and Authorization, as well as all other required Safe Environment Policies and forms are available on the Diocese website, under the Office of Child and Youth Protection <https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>.

Questions about these requirements may be directed to the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417-866-0841 or by email: childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org.

Thank you!
William Holtmeyer, Jr, MS, NCC, LPC, CEAP
Director, Office of Child and Youth Protection

you're

WORTHY

"Which saint would most likely join Jesus for afternoon tea?"



"St. Faus-TEA-na."



St. Faustina was a Polish religious sister who experienced extraordinary visions of Jesus, revealing His deep love through the "Divine Mercy" devotion.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA
JUST FOR FUN

Question: In Luke's Gospel, how many lepers did Jesus heal, and how many returned to thank him?

Answer: Ten were healed.
One returned.
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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER.



ACTS 2:42-47



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase “*anima Christi, sanctifica me*” (“soul of Christ, sanctify me”) and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord’s crucified flesh: “*Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ’s side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.*”

Then comes my favorite part: “*within thy wounds hide me.*”

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of *liminal places*, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It’s overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: “Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me.”

There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, “Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

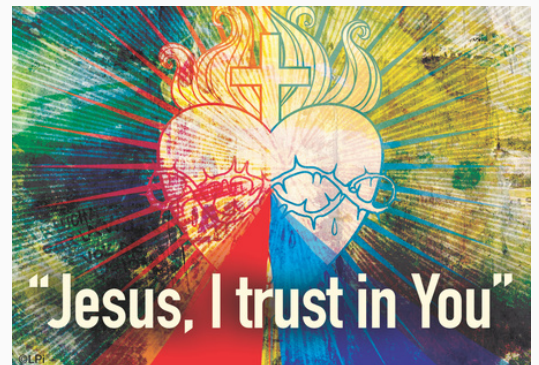
Question:

Where did the Feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the Feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”



Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

Sunday:

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

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

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:46-47)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia

Second Reading:

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Pt 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
(Jn 20:29)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas?
Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation.

Observances for the week of April 12, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Monday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday: Tax Day
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him, doing so specifically *in pursuit of the good*.

Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,
May your mercy flow over us,
filling our gaps and healing our wounds.
Open our hearts more deeply
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understanding of the depth of your
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and trust in your never-ending mercy.
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