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**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday of Divine Mercy • April 12, 2026**  
 +Felipa & Fred Deases by Carlos & Eileen Deases

**Wednesday • April 15, 2026**  
 No Mass

**Thursday • April 16, 2026**  
 No Mass

**Sunday • April 19, 2026**  
 +Leyton Hernandez by The Family  
 +Santiago, Mikaela, & Juana Alvarez by Lupe Fierova

**Liturgical Ministries**

**April 12 Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 Robert Schultz  
 Jamie & Angela

**April 19** Karla Arriaga  
 Martin & Karla

**April 26** Toni Rodriguez  
 Maria & Angela

*My Resurrected Jesus of Mercy, I trust in You.  
 Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You!*

April 12, 2026

**Mass Times**  
**St. Therese of the Little Flower**

Holy Rosary • 8:30am  
**Sunday Mass • 9:00am**  
 \*Confession Sunday 8:30-8:50a.m.  
 Holy Rosary Monday • 6:00pm  
 Wednesday • 7:30a.m. followed by *Adoration*  
 Thursday • 7:30a.m.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

St. Therese • Thursday 3:00pm

**Our Lady of Refuge**

**Saturday Vigil • 4:00pm**

\*Confession Saturday 3:30-3:50

Sunday Mass • 10:30am

Thursday • 12:05 pm Chapel

**St. James the Apostle**

Holy Rosary Sunday • 11:30am

**Sunday Mass • 12:00 Noon**

\*Confession Sunday 11:30 - 11:50am

Monday • 7:30am

Friday • 7:30 a.m. followed by *Adoration*

\*or by appointment

**Parish Giving**

*Collections will be in next Sunday's bulletin.*



**Why Did Jesus eat fish after the Resurrection? Why did he eat at all?**

It's one of those small Gospel details that is easy to overlook. After the Resurrection, when Jesus appears to His disciples, He does something unexpected...He eats. Specifically, He eats fish. In the Gospel of Luke, we are told: "They gave him a piece of broiled fish, And he took it and ate before them" (Luke 24:42-43). At first glance, it seems almost unnecessary. If Christ has risen from the dead, why pause to include something so ordinary? But scripture does not include details like this by accident. The disciples, at this point, are not simply joyful—they are confused. They are seeing something they cannot fully comprehend. Luke tells us they were "startled and frightened," even thinking they might be seeing a spirit. Jesus responds in a very human way. He shows them His hands and His feet. He invites them to touch Him. And then—He eats. Not because He needs to, but because they need to see it. The Catechism explains this moment with clarity. "Jesus did not return to earthly life ... but He showed himself to his disciples with the marks of his Passion... He converses with them and eats with them" (CCC 645). The Resurrection is not symbolic. Christ did not rise as an idea. He rose in His body. Eating the fish becomes a small but powerful proof: this is not a ghost, not a vision, not a memory. This is Jesus, alive. There is something else here as well. Throughout the Gospels, meals matter. Christ teaches, forgives, and reveals Himself at the table. After the Resurrection, He continues this pattern. He meets his disciples not in spectacle, but in something familiar—shared food, fish, the common food of the area, and shared presence. It is not so different from how He meets us now, often in ordinary ways we might overlook. The detail of the fish reminds us that the Resurrection is not distant from our lives. It is not abstract. It enters into the ordinary. Christ rises—and then sits down and eats with His friends. It is a small detail, but it tells us something essential: the risen life is not less real than this one. It is more. **-Get Fed**

**CCD News:** April 12 Confirmation II at 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

**On behalf of eCatholic**, we thank you for your patience as the problem has been fixed and welcome you to our new online address, [www.christontxhwy77.org](http://www.christontxhwy77.org)

**\*\*Join us in prayer today at 3 p.m. here at St. Therese in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday!**

**Best of luck to Jordan Garza** who is a nominee, chosen by the Refugio County Chamber of Commerce, for the Outstanding Senior Student Award.

**Prayer Meditation of Easter Octave:** Lord of Mercy, as our Church prepares for the glorious celebration of Mercy, poured out in a special way on the eighth day of this Octave on Divine Mercy Sunday, help me to open my heart more deeply than ever before to the abundance of Grace and Mercy You wish to bestow. Pour forth Your Mercy into my life and into the lives of all Your children. I offer You my family, friends, community and the entire world. I pray for the faithful, the sinner, the lost and confused, the clergy, our Holy Father and all of Your precious children. May we all anticipate, with eager hope, the abundance of grace You wish to dispense. **Amen.**

**Our deepest condolences to the family of Rose Martinez** who passed on Saturday, April 4. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Prayer List:** Jesse Flores, Yolanda Rodriguez, Rene Garza, Janie Martinez, Robert Trevino, Rebecca Tanguma, Ty Schultz, John Gilstrap, Deidra Fozzone, Pat Schubert, Richard Fierova, Connie Garcia, Frank Rodriguez, Cosme Valenzuela, Dorothy Welfel, Mary Pierce, Dolores Elizardo, Kay E. Gregon, Laura Balderamas, Martin Arriaga, Shirley Ramirez, Elizabeth Ketchum, Linda Unrein, Irene Garza, Rene Hernandez, Jessica Chavez, Lucy Allen, Ruben, Elizalde, Sheila Beshur, Ambrosio Vega, Raymond Martinez, Sharon Boling, Emma Lopez, Rosie Estorga, Oscar Cantu, Debra Bolcik, Cindy Clendenon, Rita Parker, Jeff Cummings, Carlos Deases, Fr. William Bakyal, Rudy Elizalde. **Repose Soul:** Rose Martinez, Rita Baker. **"My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart." Psalm 73:26**

Sunday of Divine Mercy