



*St. Mary Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX*

**St. Mary / St. Boniface
Vision Statement**

To serve Christ and
promote
His teachings
through Worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
Community
Involvement



*St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX*

Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., PASTOR

"There's no such thing as a bad priest, just priests whose people don't pray enough for them." St. John Vianney

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

On the **3rd Sunday** of the month at 6:00 pm.
Call the Church Office or Deb Schreiber (940-704-6537) or
Karley Buerger (940-631-3439) to register for classes.

Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least **nine to 12 months prior**
to wedding date

RCIA/OCIA

contact Fr. Michael at 782-3200/e-mail: mmoloney@comcell.net

Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as
soon as possible.

Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

Confession

Every Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Wednesday after Mass

& Anytime, Any Day by Appointment

St. Boniface Every 4th Thursday 5:30 pm

Hispanic Ministry

Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

Protecting Our Children Sessions

Call Suzette Schreiber @ (940) 631-6301

Mass Schedule for the Week

All Sunday Masses will be live-streamed

Sunday 6:00 PM	April 16 – St. Mary's Confirmation Intentions of Confirmants
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Monday 8:00 AM	April 17– St. Mary's NO MASS
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Tuesday -	April 18 – ST. MARY'S Intentions of Fr. Michael
Wednesday 6:00 PM	April 19 – St. Mary's Novena
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Thursday Boniface 6:00 PM	April 20 – St. NO MASS
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Friday Mary's 3:00 PM	April 21– St. NO MASS
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Saturday 8:00 AM	April 22 – St. Mary's †Bert Ostermann by Donor
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5:00 PM	†Rosalie Schenk by John & Lillie Wolf
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Sunday 8:00 AM	April 23 – St. Boniface Intentions of Parishioners
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Sunday 10:30 AM	April 24 – St. Mary's †Martha Wolf by George & Juanita Martin
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ST. MARY'S MINISTERS
Monday April 17th - Sunday April 23rd

SATURDAY APRIL 22ND 8:00 AM

Reader – Volunteer

SATURDAY APRIL 22ND 5:00 PM

Servers – Grayson Steinberger, Gabby Hoegger,
 Gunner Hoegger

Reader – Judy Koetter

Eucharistic Ministers – Richard Schreiber,
 Diane Schroeder, Suzette Schreiber(choir)

Ushers: Roy Koetter, Leo Hoff Jr., M.J. Geis, Doug Berend

SUNDAY APRIL 23RD 10:30 AM

Servers: Drew Anderle, Carson Anderle, Luke Gregory,
 Leah Anderle, Hudson Conrady

Reader : Ted Neeb

Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Yandell, Shelley Schlumpf,
 Craig Anderle

Ushers: Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder,
 David McCann, Thomas McCann

Eucharistic Minister to Homebound: April 23rd

Mike Schreiber

Children's Liturgy – Heather Schroeder, Marsha Frazier

SUPPORT – Envelopes \$3700.00 Loose \$827.00

Bldg. Fund \$50.00 Rice Bowl \$1598.00 Holy Land \$1091.00

COUNTERS April 17th : Danny Joe Schroeder,
 Melinda Schneider, Darla Schroeder

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS
Monday April 17th - Sunday April 23rd

SUNDAY APRIL 23rd 8:00 AM

Servers –Maddie Idell, Shae Hoffman, Natalie Anderle,

Reader – Keith Teichman

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion-

Patsy Stallcup, Cassidy Koetter

Ushers – Kenneth Veitenheimer, Dan Smith

SUPPORT – Easter Ministries Envelopes \$845.00
 Loose \$401.00

COUNTERS April 23rd : Kenneth Veitenheimer,
 Debbie Krah

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK In memory of
 +Elizabeth Schlumpf by Schlumpf Family.

WINDTHORST SR. CITIZENS meet every Tuesday at 1pm at
 the Berend Family Center for bingo & games. All are welcome.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PICNIC: The date is fast approaching.
 Thanks to Victoria Anderle for volunteering to take over the chair
 of the game booths. Please call her to let her know which booth
 you would like to chair or to work in one of the game booths.
 940-882-6734

**An overall chairman is still needed for the picnic and
 more beef donations.** Please contact the Church office to
 volunteer or donate.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' SOCIETY Don't forget
 to attend the Pancake Breakfast & Raffle on April 16,2023 The
 benefit will complete the Prayer & Meditations Area at the Ten
 Commandment Monument. Your participation & contributions
 are greatly appreciated.

CHURCH MINISTERS NEEDED - We are looking to add
 Ushers, Readers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
 Communion for all Masses. More information to come on training
 for each of these Ministries, but if you have questions please
 feel free to reach out to those leading each Ministry – Terry
 Schroeder @940-733-0268 (Ushers), Karen McCann @ 940-632-
 6006 (Readers), and Michael Schroeder @ 940-781-1273
 (Eucharistic Ministers). Before your name can be added to the
 list, everyone needs to take/have taken the Safe Environment
 Program of the Diocese of Fort Worth. Please contact Suzette
 Schreiber for more info on this.

WINDTHORST WATER SUPPLY will hold its Annual Meeting
 Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 11:30 am after Mass at St. Mary's
 Parish Hall in Windthorst, Texas. A meal from The Branding Iron
 will be served and a short meeting will follow. Please plan to
 attend to learn more about election of officers as well as current
 and future improvements to our water system. Please contact
 the office at 423-6685 to RSVP for the meal or do so by
 indicating on your bill when you send it in. Thank you.

THANK YOU: St. Mary's wishes to thank all those who worked
 together to make the Easter Services so special & beautiful. A
 special thanks to Father Michael for his untiring ministry &
 encouraging words. To Gloria for arranging the music for the
 services, to musicians, the cantors & choir members. The
 ministers - ushers, readers, servers, Extra Ordinary Ministers
 of Communion – A big thank you. Thank you to Suzette for lining
 up the servers. To Sherry for taking care of the decorating, from
 ordering flowers to arranging for the volunteers to come
 decorate. Thanks to all who helped decorate & who donated
 flowers so the Church could look beautiful (what a beautiful job!)
 A special thanks to those that helped to drape & remove the
 statue covers during the Lenten season. Thanks to M.J. Geis –
 the lighter of the fire & Robert Baumer for helping to keep things
 going smoothly. Thank you Melanie for doing a great job of live-
 streaming. Thanks to everyone that helped in preparing Our
 Church for Lent & Easter. Thanks to Anyone that was not
 mentioned. We are so fortunate to live in a community that is
 very generous with their time and talent & so thank you to all
 that helped in preparing Our Church for the Easter celebration!
 May God Bless each of you.

EASTER FLOWERS: As you notice plants being removed from
 the Sanctuary, they will be placed by the south server's
 entrance. Please feel free to take one.

THANK YOU: ST. Mary's wishes to thank Randy & Gina Wolf
 for their generous donation to St. Mary's CCD program in memory
 of Agnes Schreiber, Maria Carcano & Bert Ostermann.

ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK: For the
 health & welfare of Altar Society members & their families by
 Altar Society

7 DAY LIGHTS: Happy Easter to all our heavenly family
 enjoying everlasting life by Joe Hoff & Family; To all the sick &
 hurting, God's Blessings always by Joyce Moer; For Dwain Moer
 & Della Ables, our memories will be with you forever as you
 enjoy everlasting life by Joyce Moer & Larry Ables

SACRISTAN: We are in need of more volunteers to be a
 sacristan at St. Boniface. Responsibilities include setting up for
 Mass, Baptisms, Weddings & other services. Anyone interested
 please call Pat Hemmi @940-541-2423.

SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS will meet on April 16th at noon in the K of C Hall. All are welcome & invited for a delicious meal & games.

THANK YOU: St. Boniface wishes to thank everyone who helped make the Easter Season special, especially Fr. Michael, ushers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, decorators, live-stream and those who donated flowers. God Bless you all!

THANK YOU: St. Boniface wishes to thank Randy & Gina Wolf for their generous donation to St. Boniface Scholarship fund in memory of Elsie Koetter & Charles & Diane Zotz for their generous donation to St. Boniface in memory of Elsie Koetter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY. ST. MARY'S WILL HAVE A DIVINE MERCY SERVICE AT 3:00 PM.

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE: will be in the home of Joey Schroeder Family the week of April 23rd. They, as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

April 30th James & Pat Zotz

May 7th Stella & Ron Hoffman

THANK YOU NOTE: Thanks be to God! & thanks to the people of Windthorst, Scotland, Bellevue, Wichita Falls & Henrietta for all the prayers and all that you have done for Johnny. He is on the mend! He's in Encompass doing a lot of rehab. Thank you from his whole family. The Schroeders

CDA NEWS: Join us for our regular scheduled meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2023, after the 6 pm Novena in the parish hall meeting room. Voting for the Daughter of the year will continue. Hope to see you there!! Regent Whitney Schreiber

ST. MARY'S/ST. BONIFACE SCHOLARSHIPS 2023: Deadline is **Thursday, May 4th, by 4 pm** to the Church office.

A Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 22 at the V-Tex Ranch from 8:30 am-3:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Steve Nasche and topics are "Forgiveness" and "Moved in Spirit with Fervor of the Saints." A light breakfast and lunch will be served. It is free of charge although love donations will be accepted that day. Seating is limited so please reserve asap with Judy Hale (249-7523), Florence Anderle (631-7567), Betty Wolf (733-4811) or Suzette Schreiber (631-6301). Flyers are in the back of church with QR codes for registration or check St Mary's Sisters In Christ FB page. All women are welcome and we hope to see you there!

ACTS OF CHARITY: Please use hand sanitizer upon entering Church. This is an act of charity to our neighbors

SCAM ALERT: There is still a scam going on. Please be aware that Fr. Michael is not texting anyone for gift cards/money etc. Father would contact you personally should he need your help.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays at 6:45 pm at St. Mary's, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm at St. Mary's & 1st Saturdays at 7:00 am at St. Mary's. No Confessions on Wednesday April 19th or May 3rd.

Confessions at St. Boniface, every 4th Thursday at 5:30 pm.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the Convent.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Friday mornings at 6:00 am at Berend Family Center.

CCD CLASSES: Grades K – 5 Monday – Thursday @ 7:25 am. Word Service will be on Friday mornings at 7:25 am.

***ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Sundays at 9:30 am in the 3rd section of St. Mary's Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION FOLLOW UP: Wednesdays after Mass in the Parish Hall & every 2nd & 4th Sunday 4:00-5:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS: Wednesdays, April 26th & May 10th after Confessions.

CCD CLASSES: Grades 6 – 12 Wednesdays beginning with Mass @ 6:00 pm. High School will meet in the youth building & Junior High will meet in the JH building

RCIA/OCIA: Sundays after 10:30 Mass in the Convent.

MASS TIMES: PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANY MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH All Monday Masses will be at 8:00 am except the 4th Monday of the month. There will be no Masses Monday April 17th through Friday April 21st as Father Michael will be on Retreat. Also, there will be no Masses on Wednesday, May 3rd or Thursday, May 4th as Father will be attending the Presbyteral Assembly. There will be No Mass Thursday, May 11th.

BAPTISMAL CLASSES are offered on the

third Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m in St. Mary's Convent. Classes need to be attended by Parents and Godparents. Baptismal classes need to be refreshed every three years. You may attend the class before the baby is born. Please call the office at 940-423-6687 or Deb Schreiber at 940-704-6537 or Karley Buerger at 940-631-3439 to register. Thank you.

Baptisms will be at 11:00 am.

Next Baptisms April 29th May 20th

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation will be at St. Mary's Sunday, April 16th with Mass at 6:00 pm. This Mass is a Sunday Mass and meets the Sunday obligation.

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION

For World Peace & the ongoing Conversion of Russia.

7:00 AM Confession 8:00 AM Mass of Reparation

7:30 AM Scripture Rosary 8:30 AM Rosary Meditation (15 min)

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION APRIL 29-30: Please support the formation of future priests in the Diocese of Fort Worth through the Good Shepherd Sunday special collection. Our seminarians can commit to prayer and studies during their education and formation with our support. **Please use the envelopes dated May 7th in your boxes.** Watch the bulletin for more details next week.

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www.masstimes.org is a great website for anyone traveling who is looking for local Catholic Churches and their Mass times. You can input an exact address, a city, or have it find your location on your phone and it will share with you all the Mass times near you by each Church as well as giving you the Church's address.

MARIAN CONSECRATION: It's not too late to participate. There are still books in the back of Church. & all you have to do is catch up on the readings - Windthorst Knights of Columbus Council #1824 is sponsoring a 33-day Marian consecration. The 33-day consecration will started on April 10th, the day after Easter. The consecration preparation will is based on Father Michael Gaitley's book *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Most of the consecration preparation will be completed individually. However, for those who can attend, the final consecration will be completed as a group after the 8 AM mass on May 13th, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Please contact Craig Anderle or Robert Baumer for more information or to register and get your copy of the book for a discounted rate of \$10 per book. Check can be made out to K of C #1824.
 Craig – Email: craig.anderle@gmail.com Phone: 940-507-1985
 Robert – Email: Robert.baumer@gmail.com Phone: 940-782-3465

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2. Enter the parish's zip code and select parish
3. Register with your name and email address

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FAITH DIRECT

As we approached Easter, we focused our daily activities on growing closer to Christ through an increase in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May this extend into our lives beyond this liturgical season. It is a secure and convenient way to make a conscious decision about your financial support of our many wonderful ministries.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/TX1143 for St. Mary's & faith.direct/TX1144 for St. Boniface, contact the Parish office or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOOKLETS: We have set up a kiosk with various booklets from the Knights of Columbus in the back of St. Mary's. The booklets have been purchased by Council #1824 and are free. The Knights of Columbus seeks to strengthen family life through its building in the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish Initiative. Through this initiative, the Order promotes various programs that support Christian family life and encourages councils and families to more fully integrate with the sacramental and social life of their parish. We thereby hope to not only help each family participate in the Church's mission of evangelization, but to also strengthen our members and revitalize our parishes.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST – Taylor D. Anderson (Army), Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Specialist Benny Garcia, Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Captain Brian Hoff (Marine), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Damian Hoffman (Army), Master Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Stephen Koetter (Army), Adam Lambert (Army), James Devon Lindeman (Army), PVT Miguel Luna Jr., Jess Martinez (Army), Joshua Millican (Navy), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Private Trey Schenk (Marine), Tracy Hoff Schmitt (Army), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Master Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army), Zachary Zotz (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN.



ST. MARY'S 7 DAY LIGHTS: Helen Brown, Dennis Schroeder, Frances Hoffman on her 100th Birthday, Happy Birthday Whitney, Gerald & Deb Schreiber, Elsie Koetter Family, Johnny Schroeder, John & Maxine Veitenheimer, Cordella Berend, Margaret Beaman, Richard Reis Family, Bert Ostermann Family, Gloria Schroeder, Mildred Lindemann, Marvin & Elsie Hoff, Joe & Donna Lindemann, Bennie Lindemann, Joe Loran by Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer; In Thanksgiving for baby Gabe Norris, Welfare of Caitlyn & Aaron, Thank you Christian Mothers' Society, Gerald & Deb Schreiber, Helen Brown, Bobby & Pat Scheffe, Frances Hoffman, Bernard & Pat Scheffe, Healing for Carol Berend, Sonia Meurer & Julie Koetter, Our Family by James & Pat Zotz; Happy Birthday Frances Hoffman, Tommy & Treva Schlumpf, +Elsie Koetter & Her Family, +Bert Ostermann & His Family, Johnny Schroeder, Margaret Beaman, Uncle Dennis Schroeder, John & Maxine Veitenheimer, Joe Loran, Gerald & Deb Schreiber, Healing for Mom, Our Family, Bountiful Rain by Denise & Cooper; Welfare of Mike Schreiber Jr. by Dad; Our Family by Marilyn & Richard Wachsman; Carol Sales by Ray Berend Family; Bountiful Rain, Dennis Schroeder By Rosalee Schroeder; Healing for Jim & Geneva, Healing for Linette, My Children by Mom; Healing for Rick, All My Grandchildren by Grandma; Our Sick Members, For an increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations by CDA #296.

YEARLY LIGHTS: Terry & Carol Sales by Ray & Dorothy Berend; +Leroy Anderle & +Jerry Anderle by Caroline & Family; Our Family by Gerald & Sherry Berend; In memory of +Janice, +Ed & +Catherine, +Lois Luig, +Nancy Luig Carr & +Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig Family; For World Peace & for my family, Jeanne & Family, Ray & Myra & Family, Chuck & Diane Zotz & Family, Terry & Kathy & Family, Dolores Sumner & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30; Our Family & For The Safety of Our Military by Ralph & Clara; For +Joe Schreiber & +Joseph Schreiber by Agnes Schreiber; For Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C.D.A. #296; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For +Lawrence & +Helen Berend Family by Terry & Carol Sales; For Special Intentions by Neil & Barbara Hoff; For Our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; +Arnold & +Lillian Lindeman by the Family; +Thomas & +Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; For our Family by Frank & Joyce Wolf; For all our Family by Don & Benita Essler; For the Welfare of Our Family 2023 by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Intentions of the Members of St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society by the Christian Mothers' Society; +Martha & +Larry by Kenny Wolf; Safety of Volunteer Firemen & Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran, Brett Hoff, Corey George, Greg Schlumpf, Holly Johnston, Sabrina Johnston, Living and Deceased Members of Charles & Mary Lindemann family by Benny Lindemann; "Thanksgiving prayer for all blessings received for my family, community and our country" by Bert & Elizabeth Hoff; For the Safety of Parker & Garrett Amy on their Military Journey by Richard & Marilyn Wachsman; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & +Al Veitenheimer by Ann

Veitenheimer; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; +Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; For My Family & In Memory of +Alfred Berend by Cordella; In memory of Duane & for Our Family by Pat & James Zotz; For those battling cancer & heart disease by Joyce & Charlie Vieth; Pauline Hoff & Willie L. Hoff by Wina & Dean Church; Guidance & Protection for our Military Service Men & Women by V.F.W.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Caroline Anderle, Debbie King Appeal, Jim Baumhardt, Angie Berend, Bernadine Berend, Carol Berend, Chuck Berend, Gerald Berend, Jean Berend, Nellie Berend, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Patience Blake, Toni Blaze, Starlet Borgman, Mabel Bowlden, Karen Brewer, Lonnie Buerger, Billie Burks, David Carcaño, Bill Cardin, Janette Carriera, Jesús Colchado, Jerry Cooper, John Deeson, Marion D'entremont, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Art Frerich, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Savannah Syrus Garcia, Tootsie Gardner, Carolyn Gibbs, Jim Green, Sister Marie Green, Tammie Gutierrez, Theresa Grewing, Stan Hammack, Chris Hemmi, Helen Ann Hemmi, Betty Hilbers, Billie Hoff, Elsie Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Frances Hoffman, Ida Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Ray Hoffman Jr., Terry Hoffman, Melissa Hogan, Butch Humpert, Pat Humpert, Libby Ingram, Donnie Johnson, Gary Julian, JoAnn (Schenk) Klein, Julie Koetter, Robert W. Krah, Phellis Lawrence, Shirley Litteken, Jennifer Lindemann, Mildred Lindemann, Misty Lindley, Jessa Loraus, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Agnes McDonald, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Sonia Meurer, Hans Meyer, Skylar Mueller, Tonya Mooney, Caitlyn Norris, Clarence Ostermann, Patty Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Colby Peterson, Gina Phillips, Ernie Prescher, Phillip Rafferty, Bradley Rodgers, Marilene Renee Rodriguez, Mary Jo Russe, Carol Sales, Bertha Mae Schenk, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Roch Schenk, Tommy Schlumpf Jr., Madi Scogin, David "Aggie" Schreiber, Fern Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Roxanne Schreiber, Vicki Schreiber, Alex Schroeder, Dennis Schroeder, Lauren Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Johnny Schroeder, Margaret Schroeder, Mary Lou Schroeder, Rosalee Schroeder, Ryan Schroeder, Helen Seigler, Geneva Simpson, Jim Simpson, Lisa Smith, Weldon Snyder, Harold Stallcup, Sue Steinberger, Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Ann Veitenheimer, John Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, Tim Vieth, Paul Wachsman, David Williams, Shirley Williams, Charles Winkles, Gladys R. Wolf, Jim Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Bruce Zotz, Chuck Zotz, Harola Zotz.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen

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What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

When and why did the church begin celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday?

RELIGION

SANTIAGO CORTÉS-SJÖBERG

Published April 19, 2011

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in you” at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.”

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina’s visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God’s mercy, the call to accept God’s mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus’ own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: “I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy.”

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina’s diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God’s mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind [sic] will experience in the years to come.”

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Sunday, Apr 16, 2023

Put disappointments behind

Learn a lesson from the experience of the apostle we've come to know as "doubting Thomas." Insisting that our expectations be met is often the path to disillusionment and heartbreak. The way to peace is another route entirely. As Saint John Chrysostom taught, "So you want peace of heart? Then do not seek health, nor wealth, nor fame, nor power, nor luxury. Seek wisdom in God's sight, stick to the virtues, and nothing will be able to make you sad." Start by cultivating the seven big virtues: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, courage, and justice. And leave disappointment in the rearview mirror.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 (43). *"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"*

Monday, Apr 17, 2023

Reborn and renewed

Are Catholics "born again"? Yes, when we are baptized. In Baptism, we die with Christ, in that all sins are purified, and are reborn as children of God. Once done, it need not and cannot be repeated because by Baptism we are incorporated into Christ, configured to Christ, and sealed forever with the "indelible spiritual mark" of belonging to Christ. Catholics can, however, renew baptismal vows—and often do at Mass, especially during the Easter season, including the Easter Vigil Mass. Cherish this opportunity to restate your promises, profess your faith, and strengthen your commitment to Christ and church once again.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 (267). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."*

Tuesday, Apr 18, 2023

The high cost of beauty

On this day in 1506, Pope Julius II laid the cornerstone for today's St. Peter's Basilica, initiating the most celebrated architectural project in all of Christendom. The work involved renowned Renaissance artists Raphael and Michelangelo and took 120 years to complete. The result? Ralph Waldo Emerson declared it "an ornament of the earth . . . the sublime of the beautiful." To appreciate its beauty and grandeur, take a virtual tour of St. Peter's Basilica.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268). *"The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes."*

Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023

Free advice

From the Book of Exodus to the Book of Acts, biblical literature is filled with stories of God delivering people from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light. And, as the church instructs in its 1984 document on liberation theology, the "most radical form of slavery is slavery to sin." Reflect on God's activity in your own life, especially during times that you were stuck or caught in a

destructive pattern. God created us free and longs to see us free. Whatever fetters might have you tied down or wrestling in the dark at the moment, know that you can turn to God for release.

Liberation is what God loves to bring!

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269). *"The angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison [and] led them out."*

Thursday, Apr 20, 2023

More than enough to go around

If you grew up in a household marked by scarcity, the "theology of abundance" might be hard to embrace. This concept, popularized by Lutheran theologian Walter Brueggemann, is that God's generosity and abundance are overflowing, and that discipleship means sharing freely of both material and spiritual riches to rid the world of poverty in all its forms. How do you experience God's overflowing generosity? And how are you paying it forward?

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270). *"He does not ration his gift of the Spirit."*

Friday, Apr 21, 2023

Sad face emoji

Behind smiley emojis and Instagram-worthy photos, many people are struggling to make it through the day. With so much heaviness of heart, Easter can seem totally out of place. Yet, the Paschal Mystery reminds us that we need not be struggle-free in order to allow the warmth, light, and new life of Easter to wash over us, if even a little. God welcomes us in just as we are and offers to us abundant love, holding us when we ourselves can hold no more. As we continue this season, what might you allow God to hold for you?

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271). *"Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."*

Saturday, Apr 22, 2023

Calming the waters

The Sea of Galilee is said to be prone to sudden, violent storms, with temperature swings and gusty winds provoked by the high mountains that surround it. Whether we understand Jesus walking on the choppy waters literally or figuratively, the message is clear: Jesus is our bridge over troubled waters. Whatever turbulence you might be experiencing, reach out a hand to the many incarnations of Christ in your life—those who will stand by you and stand with you, those who are ready to reach out a steadying hand as you face the storms of life.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272). *"The sea was stirred up because a strong wind was blowing."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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April 15 — May 12, 2023

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<p><u>SATURDAY APRIL 15</u> St. Mary's 7:00am Confessions 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass Baptism @11:00 am</p> <p>St. Mary's Confessions 3:30-4:30pm St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY APRIL 16</u> <u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</u> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM Both Masses will be live-streamed</p> <p>St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society Pancake Breakfast 8-12 noon Divine Mercy Chaplet Service St. Mary's 3:00 PM 1st Communion Prep Confirmation Mass 6:00 PM</p>	<p><u>MON APRIL 17</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's NO MASS</p> <p>PRIEST RETREAT/FATHER attending retreat all week</p>	<p><u>TUES APRIL 18</u> Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><u>WED APRIL 19</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's 6:00 pm Novena Confessions 6:45 pm Confirmation Follow Up</p> <p>CCD grades 6th – 12th after Novena CDA #296 after Novena</p>	<p><u>THURS APRIL 20</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Boniface NO MASS</p>	<p><u>FRI APRIL 21</u> Men's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's NO MASS</p>
<p><u>SATURDAY APRIL 22</u> St. Mary's 7:00am Confessions 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass Women's Retreat 8:30AM</p> <p>St. Mary's Confessions 3:30-4:30pm St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY APRIL 23 3rd Sunday of Easter</u> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM Both Masses will be live-streamed</p>	<p><u>MON APRIL 24</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 6:00 pm 4th Degree K of C after Mass</p>	<p><u>TUES APRIL 25</u> Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><u>WED APRIL 26</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's 6:00 pm Mass & Novena Confessions 6:45 pm Confirmation Interviews CCD grades 6th – 12th after Mass</p>	<p><u>THURS APRIL 27</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Boniface Mass 6:00 PM St. Boniface Confessions 5:30pm</p>	<p><u>FRI APRIL 28</u> Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm</p>
<p><u>SATURDAY APRIL 29</u> St. Mary's 7:00am Confessions 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass Baptism @ 11: 00am</p> <p>St. Mary's Confessions 3:30-4:30pm St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY APRIL 30</u> <u>GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY</u> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM Both Masses will be live-streamed</p> <p>Special Collection: Good Shepherd Seminarian Fund</p>	<p><u>MON MAY 1</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 8:00 am</p>	<p><u>TUES MAY 2</u> Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><u>WED MAY 3</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am Family Life & Mission Outreach 5pm (classroom) St. Mary's 6:00 pm Novena CCD grades 6th – 12th after Mass St. Mary's Christian Mothers' meeting after Novena <u>PRESBYTERAL ASSEMBLY</u></p>	<p><u>THURS MAY 4</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am Food Distribution 9-11am (Parish Hall) St. Mary's /St. Boniface Scholarships are due by 4pm St. Boniface NO Mass St. Boniface Christian Mothers' Society meeting</p>	<p><u>FRI MAY 5 1ST FIRDAY</u> Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm</p>
<p><u>SATURDAY MAY 6 1ST SATURDAY</u> St. Mary's 7:00am Confessions 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass Baptism @ 11: 00am</p> <p>St. Mary's Confessions 3:30-4:30pm St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY MAY 7 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> St. Boniface Mass 8:00AM Adult Faith Formation 9:30am St. Mary's Mass 10:30AM Both Masses will be live-streamed First Communion</p>	<p><u>MON MAY 8</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's Mass 8:00 am VFW/VFW AUX. 6pm Berend Hall</p>	<p><u>TUES MAY 9</u> Women's Bible Study 6am CCD K-5 at 7:25am Sr. Citizens 1 PM</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><u>WED MAY 10</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Mary's 6:00 pm Mass & Novena Confessions 6:45 pm Confirmation Interviews CCD grades 6th – 12th after Mass 3rd Degree K of C #1824 meeting after Mass 3rd Degree K of C #1715 7pm</p>	<p><u>THURS MAY 11</u> CCD K-5 at 7:25am St. Boniface NO Mass St. Boniface Altar Society meeting</p>	<p><u>FRI MAY 12</u> Men's Bible Study 6am Word Service 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 3:00 pm</p>