QUEEN OF PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

APRIL 12, 2026 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Welcome!

OUR WORSHIP SITES:

Our Lady, Mother of the Church

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656

Masses:

Tuesday:	7:00 am
Thursday:	7:00 am
Sunday:	10:00 am

St. Eugene Church

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Rectory Office Hours

Mon.- Thur.:	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
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Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

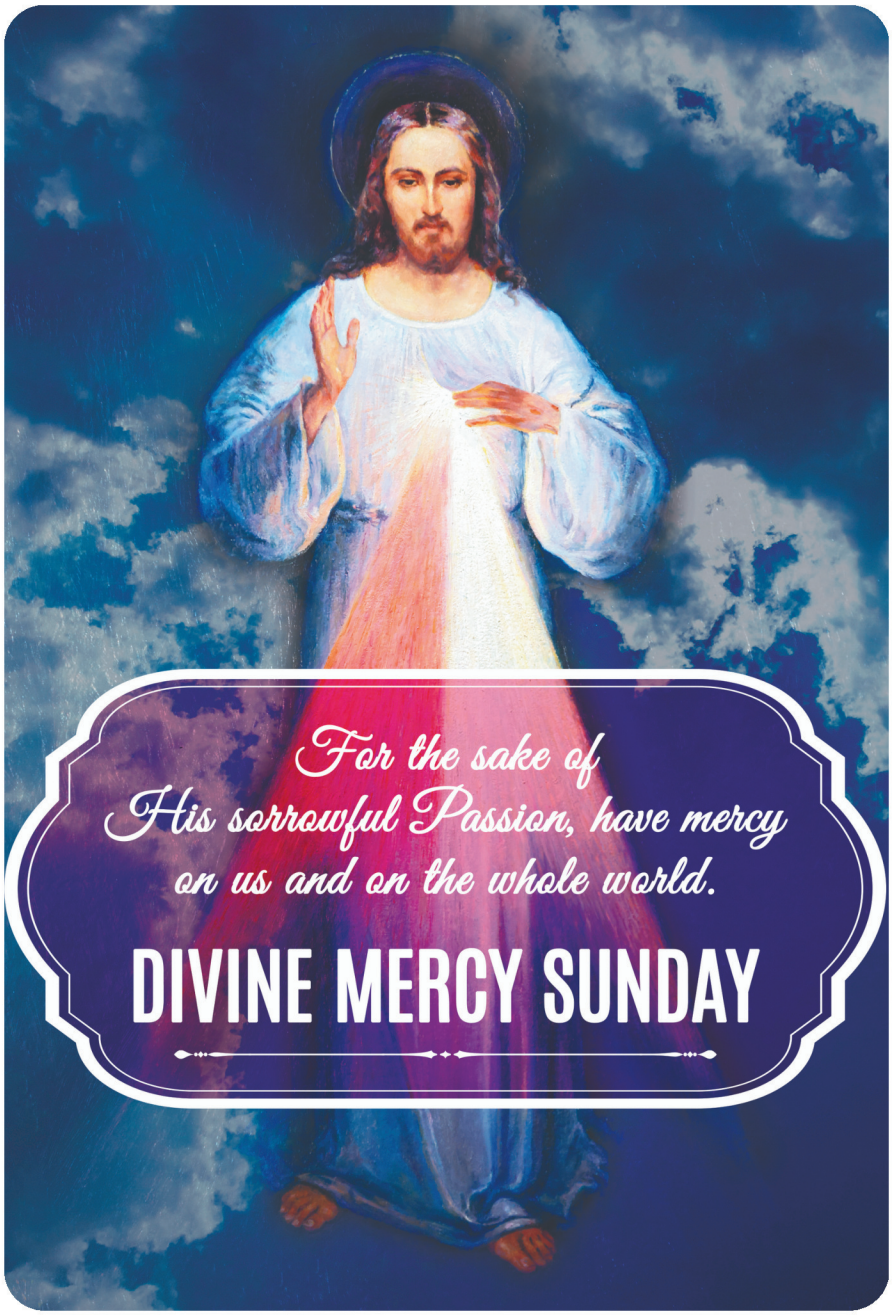
Masses

Monday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	8:30 am
Sunday Vigil Mass:	4:30 pm
Sunday:	8:30 am
	11:30 am

Confessions 3:30 pm on Saturday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction	5:45 pm



OUR MISSION

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.

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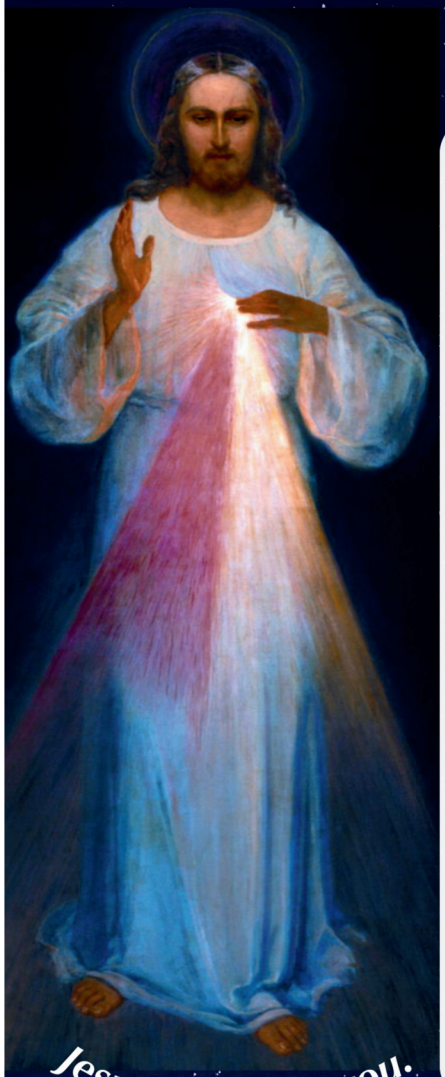
St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE
In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.

Divine Mercy Sunday

at Queen of Peace Parish



CONFESSION
3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11
St. Eugene Church

MASSES
4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11
St. Eugene Church

8:30 a.m. Sunday, April 12
St. Eugene Church

10:00 a.m. Sunday, April 12
Our Lady, Mother of the Church

11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 12
St. Eugene Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary
3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 12
St. Eugene Church
(Open 2:30 to 4 p.m.)

Sister Faustina (1905-1938) was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."





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	03/29/2026	04/05/2026
Regular Sunday Collection	$14,009.50	$9,932.50
Online Collection	$2,287.67	$3,012.67
Mail	$3,523.00	$4,048.00
Sunday Total	**$19,820.17**	**$16,993.17**
Easter Flowers	$4,312.00	
Easter Collection		**$52,121.00**
Mail		$2,584.00
Online		$820.00
Easter Total		**$55,525.00**

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If paying by check, please make the check payable to Queen of Peace Parish. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 12
School Support
April 19
Social Concerns
April 26
Parish Repairs & Maintenance
May 3
Mother's Day
May 10
Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal

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Saturday, April 11 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
Souls in Purgatory
Bougadis & Szczech & Palos Families
Juliusz Dmochowski
Chris Ficco
Beverly Wrobel - Birthday Remembrance
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church
Banas & Schu Families
David, Jr., & Robert Brichetto
Dec'd Mem. of the Mahoney & McGuire Fam.
Frank Masley
Adele, James, Louis & Stephen Pastorino
Bob Schu
Carlos Soul
Tom Szczech, Jr.,
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Sunday, April 12, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
Pasquale & Luigina Cesario
Elzbieta Chojnowska
Antonio Di Brita
Ted & Jean Fornek - Wedding Rememb.
Dec'd Members of the Kolakowski Family
Jozef Krol - 4th Anniversary
Jude & Minn Families
Mary Kendzior
Carmella Minelli
Dec'd Members of the Wandolowski Family
10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
People of the Parish
Dora Ciccone
Ben Fiorentino
Tadeusz & Maria Knurek
Stefania & Jan Kulon
Janice Lambrecht, Zofia & Czeslaw Pilch
Irena & Zbigniew Niedzielski
Jozef & Stefania Rebacz
S.I. For Dominic & Ida Spatafora -
40th Wedding Anniversary Blessings
11:30 am Mass at SE Church
Remembrance of the Polish Plane in Smolensk
Rosa Abbinanti
Mariano Lising
Bridget Byrne, Katarzyna & Teofil Cabaj
Anna & Domenico Cale
Teresa Casey
S.I. For Amandi Holder
Leokadia Miklewicz
Donato Donald Parente

Monday, April 13, 2026
9:00 am Mass at SE Church
Souls in Purgatory
Ford, Pozzie, & Stacey Families
Rev. Ed Pacocha

Tuesday, April 14, 2026
7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Sophia Fabillon - Birthday, Julian Mucek
Salvatore LaScola, Anthony J. Lupo, Sr.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
9:00 am Mass at SE Church
Stanislawa & Jan Bazula
Juan Diaz, Charles Dressner
Nathalia D'Souza, Rozalia Radzik

Thursday, April 16, 2026
7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Vincent & Angela Mandile
S.I. For Mike & Nicole

Friday, April 17, 2026
9:00 am Mass SE Church
Joseph Cozzone

Saturday, April 18, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
Jude & Minn Families
S.I. For Mike & Nicole
4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church
Mimo Della-Santina
Josephine & Joseph Derus, Wayne J. Greco
S.I. For Kozak Family - Blessings
S.I. For Paul Kozak - B-Day Blessings
Nick Rombotis, Lizzie Saldanha
Ann Siele, Tom Szczech, Jr.,
Mary Wróbel

Sunday, April 19, 2026
8:30 am Mass at SE Church
America & Angelica & Middle East Families
Chris Ficco
Giacomo Giovannielli - Wedding Anniv. Remem.
Mary Kloss, Anthony J. Lupo
Hugh McGreevy, Rev. Ed Pacocha
10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Rev. Dan Fallon, Francesco & Louis Di Filippo
James Francis Gibbons, Anthony J. Lupo, Sr.
Michael Nardulli - Anniversary
John Nicosia, Marie Noel
Donato Parente
Maureen Sadowski, Viola Thompson
11:30 am Mass at SE Church
People of the Parish
Jerry Craven
Pearl & George Giovannoni
George Meier
Hillard Mike Michalek
Michael Michalek
Mary Lou Oberheim
Walter Piekosz
Santo Russo - 30 year Anniversary of Death
Joseph Tofel



Thank you
to all those who supported Social Concerns with the Food Drive. Over 1,200 items were collected and brought to the New Hope Food Pantry. The Pantry was most pleased with the amount of food they received.
Our next Drive (personal care items) will take place on April 25 & 26.

The Stations of the Cross









April is the Month dedicated to the Holy Spirit!
Together, may we foster a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit as Guide, Advocate, and Comforter.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!



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.



This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. “It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable,” we read in the Catechism.





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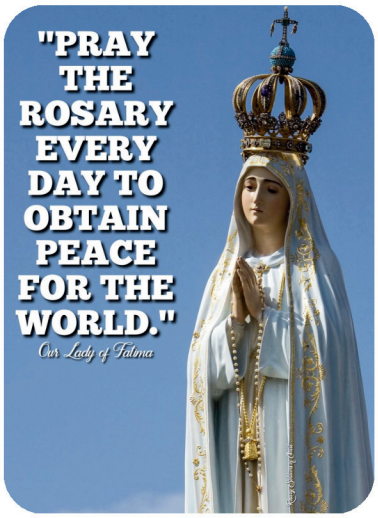
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DIACONATE INQUIRY SESSIONS

Men, single or married, ages 32 to 62, are invited to attend a Diaconate Inquiry Evening. If married, your wife is also invited to attend. There will be information on the ministry of a deacon, the Diaconate Formation Program, and the application process. To register, please call the Office of the Diaconate at 1-708-366-8900. Choose from two Monday evening sessions: April 13, 7:30 p.m., at St. Alexander Parish, 7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL, or May 18, 7 p.m. Online (via Zoom).



ROSARIES FOR VICTIMS OF WAR AND A NEW, RENEWED PEACE

On March 31, Pope Leo XIV said, "Let us pray for them, for the victims of war, let us pray that there may truly be a new, renewed peace, which can give new life to all." The Rosary Guild invites everyone to pray Rosaries for this intention. Members of the Rosary Guild are: Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S

LIVING ROSARY

Pray a decade or more of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and also in honor of its patron, Saint Philomena.

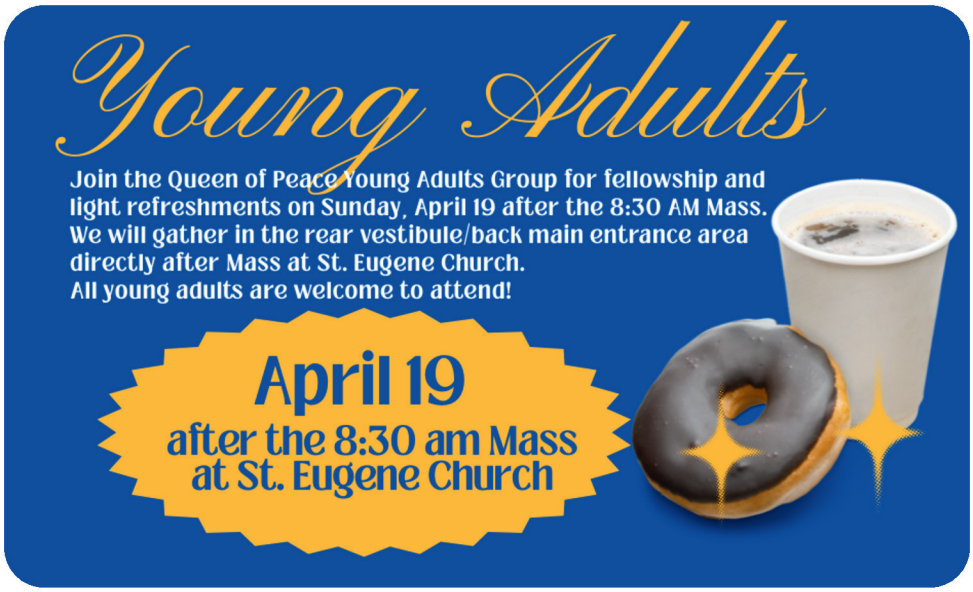
Joyful Mysteries:	Luminous Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries	Glorious Mysteries
Annunciation - Lori G.	Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.	Agony in the Garden - Jean R.	Resurrection - Lita J.
Visitation - Barb R.	Wedding at Cana - Mary M.	Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.	Ascension - Marsha G.
Nativity - Josephine N.	Proclaim the Kingdom - Terri K.	Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.	Descent of Spirit - Terri K.
Presentation - Karen R.	Transfiguration - Emily A.	Carrying of the Cross - Mary M.	Assumption - Camille C.
Finding the Temple - Mary M.	Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.	Crucifixion - Demi S.	Coronation - Camille C.

	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
SATURDAY 04/18/26 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	C. Lim - WB R. Sparacino - B Rev. Carlton / J. Magnuson - C M. Meo - O J. Noronha - WO M. Lim - Cup B M. Pollowy - Cup O	S. Martinez J. Rog	C. Smits
SUNDAY 04/19/26 8:30 AM - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	C. Mikucki - WB I. Rog - B Rev. Yanos / J. Kolaski - C G. Fornek - O M. Egan - WO M. Unger - Cup B J. Fornek - Cup O	A. Czubek L. Parillo	S. Kumiega
SUNDAY 04/19/26 10:00 AM - OLMC	Rev. Jacek Dada	C. Capps - T D. Flynn - T Rev. Dada/M. D'Alessandro-C J. Colon - Cup T G. Henderson - Cup A	G. Pilch J. Pilch	M. Kosiek - 1st Reading S. Melendrez - 2nd Reading
SUNDAY 04/19/26 11:30 AM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	L. Feist - WB T. Moore - B Rev. Rom / P. Paetsch - C J. Mroszczak - O M. Zurek - WO P. Tomzik - Cup B J. Nardi - Cup O	T. Janus W. Janus E. Switalla	School Lector

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April 24 & May 15









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St. Eugene School prepares and inspires students to achieve their full potential and lead meaningful lives, grounded in the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Vision
To be celebrated as a school where we recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of each child, which is affirmed through our instructional strategies, methods, and materials utilized to promote the continuous academic, spiritual, moral, emotional, and physical development of the whole child.

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Come and be part of this wonderful adventure!

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If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Joe Marley at 708-702-2726
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THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Casino Trip

Friendship Club Meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 11am at OLMC. For more information about upcoming meetings or with any other questions, please contact Debra at dltimmreck@gmail.com or by calling 773-398-4472.

The Friendship Club will be meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 11:00 SHARP. This will be our Spring Party. Our lunch will be Pizza, Salad, and a Special Sweet Treat for dessert. Our speaker will be Mike Kennedy who will speak on A Library In Your Hand. Home Care will have a table of information for you to review. After lunch, Bingo will be played. Hope to see you there.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives.
We crochet:

- shawls,
- lap robes,
- baby blankets,
- crosses
- and even scarves
- and hats when there is a need.

We are meeting on 1 & 3 Wednesday of the Month from 12pm-3pm at Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

Please call Pam Hoffelt at 773-685-7586 for more info.



Bible Study

Please join us on Wednesdays in St. Eugene School-room 110 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net
Hope to see you there!



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Bulletin requests must be sent 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org. We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. Thank you.

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Please contact St. Eugene School at 773-763-2235 for information about our Religious Education Program or go to the school website and click on the Religious Education Tab to read or register your child.

Please contact the Rectory Office for:

- Information about Sacraments of Baptism (Parents requesting Baptism for their child at Queen of Peace must be registered and active members of the Parish), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals.
- Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
- Request sacramental records such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, or other certificates.
- To register as a new parishioner.
- To schedule a Mass intention (Mass Intentions can be scheduled only in person at the rectory office).
- Make a donation or set up financial support options
- Get general information like office hours, event schedules, or directions to the church facilities.

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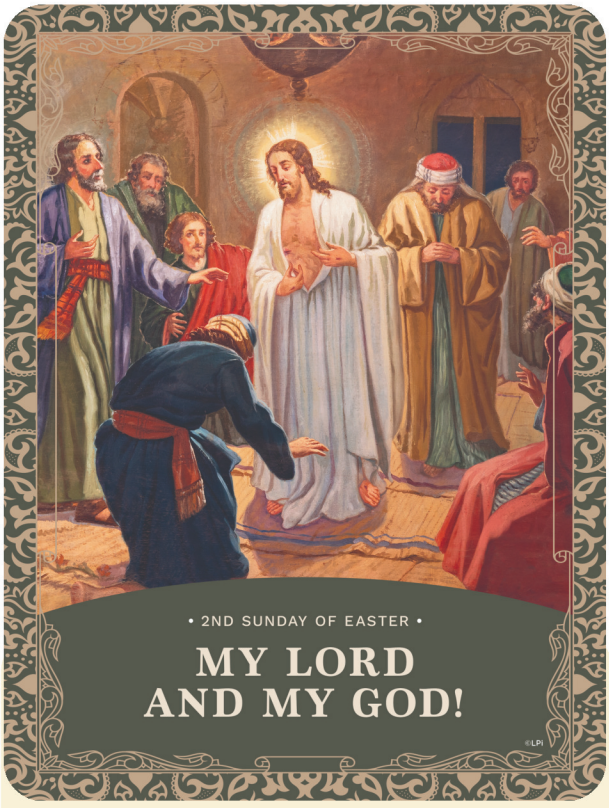
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IN OUR HEARTS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.



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. Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God".

Worship & Meditation

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
with knowledge of your love for us,
understanding of the depth of your passion,
and trust in your never-ending mercy.
Amen.

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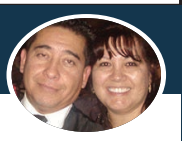
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