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April 12, 2026 - Divine Mercy Sunday (A)

By His Wounds, We Have Peace!



Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday, inviting all baptized Christians to embrace the resurrected life of Jesus Christ through Holy Communion and Confession. These sacraments offer forgiveness and grace. By fulfilling the Paschal Precept and using the fifty days after Easter for repentance, we receive indulgences and grow closer to Divine Mercy. All grace comes from Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. The main message: Divine Mercy provides a path to forgiveness and renewal.

In this weekend's gospel, we hear our Lord's greeting: "Peace be with you!" Peace is his gift to his troubled disciples. His gift of peace frees them from overwhelming fear and doubt, allowing them to focus less on themselves and move beyond their own concerns.

When Jesus appeared to his disciples, he still bore his wounds. Why did the risen Lord show signs of agony? Shouldn't he appear flawless? Yet, these wounds show continuity between crucifixion and resurrection—they prove he is the same person. Furthermore, they are more than reminders of his death; they symbolize love and mercy. His pain, then, led to a lasting outpouring of love—not retaliation but forgiveness and healing.

By revealing his wounds, Jesus seems to say: "Instead of retaliating against your cruelty or defending myself, I accepted your inflictions." The risen Lord, in an act of mercy, offered us his mercy. If God enforced strict justice, we would all bear scars, since we all fall short. But God's mercy prevails; even when we cause pain, He spares us. He offers forgiveness, not hurt. His mercy brings true peace.

Understanding God's mercy is easy when we are on the receiving end; it becomes harder when it's our turn to show it. How about being wounded ourselves to spare others? We shall choose to refrain from reacting instantly to the slightest provocation, a simple remark, or a comment. How about learning to let go of the hurts and grievances? The deepest wounds are often the ones we inflict on ourselves by nurturing hurts and negative thoughts, and these do not bring peace.

Recognizing these challenges, we must remember that our world urgently needs mercy. It begins in ourselves. A lack of mercy leads to prejudice, injustice, violence, corruption, environmental harm, disregard for innocent lives, and other attacks on dignity. Jesus invites us to turn to the source of Divine Mercy for true peace, as St. Faustina wrote: "Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of my mercy." The main message: Only Divine Mercy can heal and bring peace to our world.

Let us continue to contemplate Christ's wounds so they guide us toward mercy. Pray that, like St. Thomas, who confessed Jesus' Lordship after touching his wounds, we who receive the Body and Blood of our risen Lord may receive and witness to his mercy.

As a concrete response, let us commit to taking practical steps to live Divine Mercy by carrying out the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy this week and beyond. Let us make a deliberate effort to serve others in these ways, pleasing God and fulfilling Jesus' command.

Through these acts, we not only receive mercy but become messengers of it, living out



the central message of Divine Mercy. These works are: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead, give alms to the poor; admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses, comfort the afflicted, and pray for the living and the dead.

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor

A Journey of Joyful Witness to Doing all things with Love.



We worship what we believe; we live what we worship.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Pope St. John Paul II designated the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, a day that goes beyond mere devotion. In his encyclical 'Dives in Misericordia,' the Pope elaborates on Divine Mercy, describing it as God's deepest expression of love in a world damaged by sin.

The Latin term 'Misericordia,' meaning 'mercy,' comes from two words: 'Miseria' (misery) and 'cor' (heart). Essentially, God takes our pitiful state caused by sin and places it within the compassionate heart of Jesus, who remains faithful to His Father's will. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ symbolize the enactment and revelation of Divine Mercy. As stated in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son" to die for our salvation. The Easter Vigil echoes this message with the proclamation, "To redeem the slave, He has sacrificed the Son." Once resurrected, Jesus becomes a source of salvation for all believers. Through faith and repentance, we gain access to His divine mercy.

The Church encourages us to live this resurrected life by participating in Holy Communion during Easter in God's grace. The fifty days after Easter are a perfect time to fulfill the Paschal Precept through confession, granting access to forgiveness through Christ's resurrection power bestowed upon His Church. As Jesus told His Apostles in John 20:22-23 - "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you forgive are forgiven." Therefore, we approach Divine Mercy's source without hesitation or doubt while also guiding others toward these life-giving sources – the Eucharist and Penance. (Fr. MAH)

Aloha St. Theresa 'Ohana,

We are reaching out with heavy hearts as many families across our community continue to struggle in the aftermath of the recent flooding on O'ahu. Some are still without clean water, facing illness, and working through extensive clean-up after losing nearly everything—including their homes.

In response, the *Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary* is organizing a parish-based flood relief effort to support those in need—both within our church and in the surrounding community.

If You Need Help

If you or your 'ohana have been impacted, please know you are not alone. We are here to support you. Whether you need basic supplies, assistance, or help connecting to resources, please reach out.

Donation boxes are located at the church entrances.

All items will be distributed directly to those in need, and any additional donations will be shared with the Salvation Army and Hawai'i Foodbank to help extend support across the islands.

Monetary Donations

We are also accepting monetary donations to assist families with immediate needs.

Stay Connected

As we continue outreach, we expect more requests for help. *Your generosity will make a meaningful difference during this difficult time.*

For assistance or to donate, please contact:
Joyce Perreira at (808) 349-7092
joyceperreira@gmail.com

O'ahu Flood Relief Support

You can help people impacted by the flood in many ways!



HOW YOU CAN HELP
We are collecting donations for families who have already reached out and are in need.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- ✓ Canned / non-perishable foods
- ✓ Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste)
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Blankets
- ✓ Pillows



Hosted By:
KNIGHTS of PETER CLAVER
and LADIES AUXILIARY

DROP-OFF INFORMATION

Location: St. Theresa Church and School
Dates: NOW - 4/30/2026

Contact: Joyce Perreira, Ph: (808) 349-7092



Weekly Offering Report

For March 30, 2026 - April 5, 2026



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL
CONTACT INFORMATION
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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 19,211.50	\$ 618.94
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*** Looking for convenient, safe and secure way of giving to our church? We have online giving feature in our website, just click on the link and go through the easy-to-follow steps to go about it. We also have a Giving Kiosk beside the statue of St. Damien. Please have a look at these methods for your church contributions. We thank you for your continued support in fulfilling the mission of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. ***

We will provide a complete report on the donations and updated expenses for the church fence and security project as soon as they are available. In the meantime, we would like to encourage you to reflect and pray to consider donating more towards the church fence and security project the construction of which is in progress. Please continue to pray with us for the completion of this important project for the safety and security of our church and school.

Parish Savings with the Diocese as of February 28, 2026	\$ 275,414.90
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of February 28, 2026	\$ 275,167.66

Second Collections:

April 25-26 for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund
 May 9-10 for the Repairs and Maintenance

Mahalo for your generosity.



On behalf of *St. Theresa School*, you are warmly invited to our upcoming spring production of *The Pied Piper*!

STS is offering two special showings:

Our *Grand Production* will take place on *Friday, April 17*, with doors opening at *6:00 PM*, dinner served at *6:30 PM*, and the performance to follow.

Tickets are *\$50 for General Admission* and *\$100 for VIP*.

We will also have a *Matinee Production* on *Saturday, April 18*, with doors opening at *12:30 PM*, lunch at *1:00 PM*, and the performance to follow.

Tickets for the matinee are *\$35 for General Admission* and *\$50 for VIP*.

Come support our talented students and enjoy a wonderful performance for the whole family!

Tickets are available for purchase in the *school office*, and for more information, please call *(808) 536-4703*. We hope to see you there!

St. Theresa School Presents
The Pied Piper

Grand Production	Matinee Production
Friday, April 17	Saturday, April 18
Doors open at 6:00 PM Dinner at 6:30 PM Production to follow	Doors open at 12:30 PM Lunch at 1:00 PM Production to follow
General \$50 VIP \$100	General \$35 VIP \$50

Tickets are available for purchase in the school office!
 Questions? Call (808) 536-4703

SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- Principal/Music 1-8 - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal/Math 8 & Discovery - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Executive Administrative Assistant/LA 6 - Faith Leasiolagi
- Admission Clerk/Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Dean of Discipline/Athletic Director/4 & 5 Health/Art - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- PK-8 PE & MS Health - Jayven Bumanglag
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Kindergarten Aide & Resource Teacher - Lenie Macadangdang
- Kindergarten Teacher - Taiena Finau
- PK, Kindergarten Religion & Liturgy Coordinator - Sr. Ana Fua Dela Cruz, SPC
- 1st Grade - Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade/Sacramental Prep - Faith Afu
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
- 5th Grade Homeroom/Math 5 & Middle School/MS Science - Dr. Peter Park
- Middle School Social Studies & Math 6 - Alyssa Yabes
- 7 & 8 Language Arts/7 & 8 Home Economics - Dr. Frances Wong
- Middle School Religion - Shaun Agtarap
- Math 7 - Christian Raquepo
- Middle School Japanese/7 & 8 Arts/ Marketing - Tiani Quon
- Permanent Sub - Laura Gomes
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



You are all welcome to join our newly baptized and newly confirmed, as we continue our OCIA faith formation session this **Tuesday, April 14th** as we discover how to



“Live the Sacramental Life of the Church”

Join us at 6:30pm this Tuesday in Room 210, if you would like to deepen your Catholic faith. *May you have a blessed Easter!*

*"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord God of Hosts."
Psalm 84:1*



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
(Closed during Lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00 pm)
Saturdays
from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sundays
from 7:30 am - 11:30 am

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass

6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Daily Mass

Mon – Thurs: 6:30 am

Fri – Sat: 8:00 am

Vietnamese Mass (VHM)

Daily Mass:

Mon, Tues. & Thur. at 5:30 pm

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm

Sundays at 3:30 pm

Holy Hour/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

Wednesdays

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:00 pm
Holy Hour/Benediction & Confessions at 6:15 pm
(First Wednesdays of the month with Bishop)

PASTORAL TEAM & PARISH STAFF

Fr. Manuel Hewe

Pastor

Sr. Mercedes Estrella, SPC

Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

Tyra Lamb

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Noraliza Tapeç

On-Call Church Custodian

Felipe Tan

Accountant

Joan Mabag

Custodian

Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

April 13, 2026

Monday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

April 14, 2026

Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

April 15, 2026

Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

April 16, 2026

Thursday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

April 17, 2026

Friday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

April 18, 2026

Saturday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21;
Luke 24:13-35

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The First Sunday After Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2026



THE PROMISE

Our Lord Jesus said, “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”

— Saint Faustina, Diary, 699

WHY IS THIS PROMISE FROM JESUS SO WONDERFUL AND MERCIFUL?

TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT AND SUFFERING:

The Catholic Church teaches that sin has two consequences, or punishments. (CCC 1472). The first is eternal punishment in which the soul loses Heaven and is confined to an eternity in Hell. This punishment is remitted through the forgiveness of sins. The second is temporal punishment, in which a person must expiate, or make reparation for his sins. This temporal punishment remains even after sin is forgiven. This temporal punishment is known as Purgatory.

So, Jesus’s amazing promise to St. Faustina amounts to offering all mankind the graces of a COMPLETE PARDON; an opportunity to have all temporal punishment, time in Purgatory, that which would be necessary before entrance into Heaven, completely removed!

THE DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY

“I desire that there be a feast of mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be known as the Feast of Mercy.”

THE IMAGE

“I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies, already here on earth, and especially at the hour of death... I Myself will defend it as My own glory.”

THE CHAPLET

“Pray unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation.”

THE CONVERSION PRAYER

“If you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith, on behalf of some sinner, I will give that soul the grace of conversion:

‘O Blood and Water that gushed forth from the heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.’

— Diary 186, 187

Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.”

— Diary 1397

SPREAD OF THE DEVOTION

“Do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack.”

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

Our Lord's promises attached to the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska

1. "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of Divine Mercy) will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory."
2. "The two rays denote Blood and Water... These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father... I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy...whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."
3. "I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion [in a state of grace on this day] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."
4. "Whoever will recite it [the Chaplet of Divine Mercy] will receive great mercy at the hour of death."
5. "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy."
6. "The souls that say this Chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death."
7. "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior."
8. The prayer most pleasing to Me is Prayer for the Conversion for Sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."
9. "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world."
10. "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak."
11. "Through this Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will."
12. "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one."
13. "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior."
14. "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony...I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion."

How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet Using the Rosary

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed.

2. Then, on the Our Father beads, say the following:

"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."

3. On the 10 Hail Mary beads say the following:

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

(Repeat Steps 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4 Conclude with (three times):

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

Visit **DivineMercySunday.net** for additional resources.

