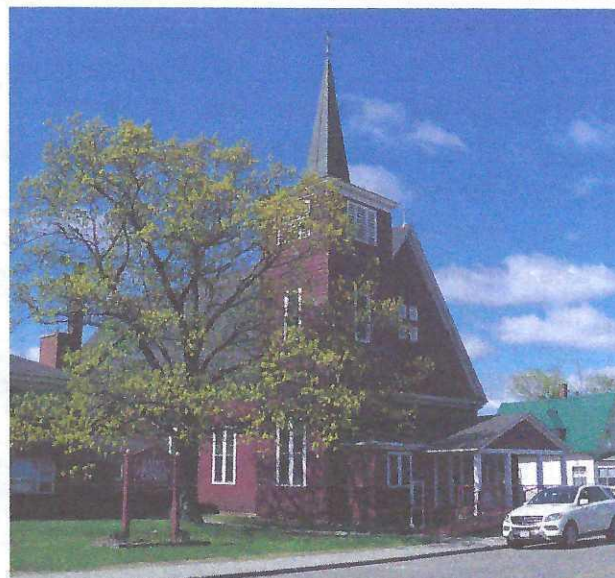


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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Sacred Heart	Sunday Morning	9:00 am
St. Francis	Saturday Evening	4:00 pm
	Sunday Morning	11:00 am

WEEKDAY

Wednesday thru Friday 9:00 AM (Check Parish Bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

Office Telephone: **636-1047**
Office Secretary: Mrs. Tina Hunt

Office Hours:

Mondy - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Call Rectory for an appointment

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Rectory 6 mos.
prior to your tentative date.

CONFESSIONS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm (Also by appointment)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Francis 636-1047

Christian Formation:
Children ages 4-15 years

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sacred Heart 9:00 am Mass

St. Francis 11:00 am Mass

GENERAL INFORMATION

New Parishioners, WELCOME! Please call our Parish Secretary as soon as possible to register.

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026

Today we complete the octave (8 days) of this liturgical time, one of the two octaves—along with that of Christmas—that have remained out of the renewal made by the Vatican Council II. During eight days we contemplate the same mystery and try to go deeper into it by the light of the Holy Spirit.

St. Pope John Paul II decided to call this Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday. It is something that goes far beyond a particular devotion. In his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*, the Holy Father explains that Divine Mercy is the ultimate manifestation of God's love in a history injured by sin. In Latin "Misericordia" (which means "mercy") comes from two words: "Miseria" (misery) and "Cordia" (heart). Our own despicable situation due to sin is placed by God in Jesus' loving heart, that is faithful to His Father's designs. Jesus Christ, dead and resurrected, is the supreme manifestation and acting of the Divine Mercy. **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son (John 3:16) and has sent him to die to save us".** "To redeem the slave, He has sacrificed the Son",



we have proclaimed in the Easter Proclamation of the Easter Vigil. And, once resurrected He constituted him into a source of salvation for all those who believe in Him. By faith and in conversion we receive the treasure of his Divine Mercy.

Holy Mother Church, who wants her children to live the resurrected life, commands that—at least at Easter—we receive Holy Communion and we do it in the grace of God. The fifty days following Easter is the right time for us to fulfill the Paschal Precept. It is time to practice the sacrament of confession and benefit from the power of forgiveness of sins the resurrected Lord has conferred to His Church. As he said to the Apostles: **"Receive the Holy Spirit; for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven" (John 20:22-23)**. We shall thus go to the source of Divine Mercy. And we should not doubt either to bring our friends to these sources of life, to the Eucharist and to Penance. This is what the resurrected Jesus expects of us. Fr. Mateo I. Garcia

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PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



The Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima is ready to visit more homes in our parish. The explanation of the Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima, the Statue and Rosaries are found on the table behind the piano. Signup sheets are located there as well.

BLESSED EASTER!



Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen? Our Lenten journey is completed. Thank You! Together we changed lives each year through the Lent through Catholic Relief Rice Bowl. Thank you for participating. Please remember to return your Rice Bowl in the basket provided at the entrance of the church, behind the last bench. Last year we received a Rice Bowl in July which we saved for this year. Our amount collected will be tallied soon. We celebrate the Easter season to share what we have with our global family.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday of Easter / (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)
April 12, 2026

The Gift of Doubts

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. “Reflect on your doubts,” I say. So very often, the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they’re not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don’t believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who “allows” children to die of cancer and “permits” wars that slaughter people.

Sunday Readings

Acts 2:42–47

Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

1 Peter 1:3–9

You may have to suffer through various trials, so...the genuineness of your faith...may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

John 20:19–31

These [signs] are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah...and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don’t understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week’s gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet, when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. †

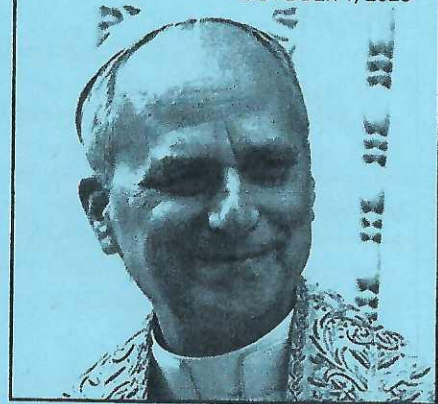


***Our doubts ask us to
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of who God is.***

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

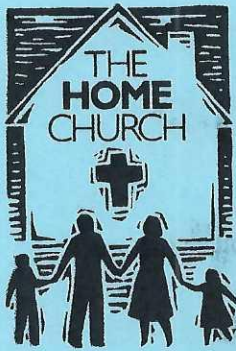
The Lord shows us his wounds and says: *Peace be with you.* Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us, too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
OCTOBER 1, 2025



REFLECTION
QUESTIONS
QUESTIONS
REFLECTION

- Do I think of doubt as an invitation or a temptation?
- Has my understanding of God changed over the years?



Strong(er) in Faith Together

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We are much like St. Thomas. We like to understand God as we understand a textbook. Despite walking with Jesus for three years, Thomas and the other apostles did not see Jesus clearly. He was beyond their understanding. Faith is not contrary to reason but reason alone is not enough to comprehend God. Faith is believing in something beyond our intelligence. When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe," he tells us, too. When Jesus came to the closed room, his first greeting was, "Peace be with you." He brings peace. Faith relieves you of the fear of what others will say or how they will treat you. This is what the apostles were frightened of. Jesus' appearance relieves the apostles of this fear so that they could publicly proclaim the same Jesus. Relief from fear gives us freedom. Freedom is not something to do everything we like; rather, freedom is to live responsibly with fellow beings.

The first reading tells us how the first Christian community

lived in peace. Their happiness depended not on the things they held but on the eternal life they would get. They could easily share everything and yet live happily. Many of us are also like St. Thomas when we are separated from the Church. Jesus appeared to them when they were together, but St. Thomas was not there. He missed the risen Jesus' experience. This happens even today. People believe in God but refuse a community experience. Church is not a perfect society, just like at the time of Jesus. But we have to remember that Jesus created the Church as a community and gave it power as a community. An African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." Our journey is long, and it is good to go forward as a community. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From "Divine Mercy: Following in the Footsteps of Saint Faustina" by Fr. James White, CSSR

In his message for the fifty-ninth World Day of Peace, Pope Leo XIV spoke with urgency, begging believers to be witnesses to mercy: "The great parable of the Last Judgment invites all Christians to act with mercy. (See Matthew 25:31-46.) In doing so, they will find brothers and sisters at their side who, in different ways, have listened to the pain of others and freed themselves inwardly from the deception of violence." The world needs the witness of disciples who embrace and practice mercy in their daily lives. Saint Faustina wrote, "Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to my merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace" (Diary, §1074). Humankind is aching. With St. Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament, we can each become a sign of God's merciful love.

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Lord Jesus, when we are tempted to doubt that good triumphs over evil, that life is stronger than death, fill us with faith and hope, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

April 13-18

Monday, Easter Weekday: Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, Easter Weekday: Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, Easter Weekday: Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Friday, Easter Weekday: Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, Easter Weekday: Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21



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Mass Intention's
Sacred Heart

Sunday, April 19, 2026

9:00 am † For the intention of all parishioners.

St Francis Xavier Church

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

No Mass

Thursday, April 16, 2026

9:00 AM † Mary Ellen Burer - req. by a Friend.

Friday, April 17, 2026

9:00 AM † David Bingham - req. by Friend.

Saturday, April 18, 2026

4:00 PM † Dorothy Beliveau Aniv. - req. by

Don & Rita Hartlen.

**† James St. Laurent Aniv. - req. by his Wife,
Claudette.**

Sunday, April 19, 2026

**† For the repose of the souls of Ralph and
Marie Skowron.**

**Next weekend's collection is for Catholic
Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) April 25 &
26th.**

**CHMA supports the strengthening of the
Catholic Church where it is most financially
challenged in the United States.**



Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. years of marriage in 2026 to a Mass in celebration of wedding anniversaries, The mass will be held on **Sunday, June 7, at 2:00 p. m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, in Manchester.** To register, please contact our parish office by May 15th. We will gather and submit all necessary information. To those celebrating significant anniversary years, congratulations.

**Next weekend's collection 4/25 & 26,
will be for Our Parish Cemeteries**

As we will be entering our mowing season soon. The mowing at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery and Sacred Heart Cemetery is done by a contracted service. To meet the monthly mowing expense for each Church Cemetery, I am asking each family to please consider contributing to the upkeep of our Parish Cemeteries.

All donations are greatly appreciated throughout the mowing season.

Thank you, Fr. Dan

Parish Financial Support

For the week ending: 4/5/ /2026

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