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2025 Holy Week Highlights at the Border Town Parishes



Have a Blessed Easter Season!



OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. *in English*
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. *in English*
Sunday Masses
10:30 a.m. *in English*
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *or by appointment; seasonal services*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARDEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

April 11-12, 2026: Divine Mercy Sunday

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 11-12, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #903 of the Journey songs Book

Monday	April 13
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
Tuesday	April 14
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
Wednesday	April 15
9:15 A.M.	The Clerics of St. Viator
Thursday	April 16
9:15 A.M.	The Health of Evelyn Provost
Friday	April 17
9:15 A.M.	The Cronk & Cosenza Families
7:00 P.M.	† Pat Shainauskas
Saturday	April 18
4:00 P.M.	The Parishioners of St. Patrick's
Sunday (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)	April 19
10:30 A.M.	Frs. Dan Hessling & James Holup
12:00 P.M.	† Stanley Supinski

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SUNDAY COLLECTION:
 March 28, 2026 TBA
THE PARISH DONATED \$750 TO THE NEEDY OF AROMA PARK WHO SUFFERED FROM THE TERRIBLE DEVASTATION FROM MARCH'S TORNADO.

COLLECTION COUNTERS:
 April 12, 2026 J. & L. Meyer
 April 19, 2026 B. Kovacs & S. Ekhoﬀ

PLEASE CONSIDER NAMING ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at a care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:
 Please call Janice Gelino at ☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE: To Dedicate a Candle for a Loved One, please call the office at ☎ (815) 472-2864.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday, April 18 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Minister: D. Surprenant
Lector: S. Surprenant
Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess
 S. Pansa, D. Rademacher
Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, April 19 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister: M. Meyer
Lector: J. Rehmer
Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider
Altar Servers: Y. Aalia,
 J. & B. Miller, P. & C. Bickel

Sunday, April 19 (Fr. Pete) 12:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Minister: C. Andrade, E. Zagal
Lector: F. Franco, L. Ojeda
Ushers: G. Alvarado, G. Careño
 L. Flores, F. Nelson, N. Viveros
Altar Servers: I. Falcon, G. Franco
 N. Melendez, N. Padilla

St. Patrick's Church
 Momence, IL - April 1, 2026
 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
 Confessions - Divine Mercy
 Chaplet - Adoration
 In English & Spanish

Divine Mercy Sunday



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at
pjankowski@yahoo.com.

Before Easter, I had a chance to visit Pastor James Carr from the Redeeming Life Ministries in Aroma Park to present him a check for \$1,250 as a "gift" between the two parishes I serve as a way to support the community deal with the tragic loss of home and property during our March tornado storm. The gift was as substantial as we could do for the size of our parishes but the symbolic meaning of the gift speaks volumes. We wanted to make sure the gift went to a community that would put this to good use. Ted Peterson recommended visiting Pastor Carr to offer him this gift.

A also wish to thank Bishop Christopher Glancy, Fr. Doug Hauber, Fr. John Peeters and Fr. Jhobany Orduz for covering the Masses after Easter while I am gone. Along with the other clerics from the era, the one from the Order of St. Viator have been nothing but gracious and serving our community and helping out with the Masses.

This weekend, Fr. Jhobany Orduz is leading our Divine Mercy services at the parish. Between him, Barb Hart and Sandra Lutz, we are doing what we can to unite our various parish communities into what God intended us to do, namely living as **ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH**, united by the Sprit with Christ as the head.

I thank Fr. Uriel Martinez and Fr. Tom Conde for helping us out with Spanish Masses in June, Fr. Sebastian Genoni for leading the St. Anne Novena in Spanish from July 17-26 and Fr. Diego Maximino for helping us with an Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission from December 9-12. A good number of priests are offering a "team effort" in helping us out during the next couple months. We are hoping for a "surprise" celebrant on St. Anne's Day for the English Mass. More to come on that. In the meanwhile...

As part of his responsibilities for the University of St. Francis (Joliet, IL), I have been asked to teach a course in "Business Ethics" for 117 Vietnamese Students in Hanoi, Vietnam. The salary that Fr. Pete makes at the university goes back to the parishes, as a general rule. In 2025, I was able to give over \$70,000 of these resources to the parishes; in 2024, I was able to get more than \$83,000 in

resources. It's all about God, it's all about the parish... AND IT IS ALL ABOUT YOU!!!



What I have been asked to do in this course of "Business Ethics" is provided a positive, sound foundation concerning the way we conduct ourselves, a "Consistent Ethical Standard," so to speak, in the way we serve our businesses, our families, our communities and certainly our Church. Each community has a culture; to learn that culture is essential but the goal is to lead one culture into an ethical base that is more universal while retaining the local cultures themselves. In the world of faith, this is called "inculturation": to learn one's own culture (which is a life-long process) is called "enculturation; to have ethical standards in business in life while learning how to incorporate an ethical bas within an cultural group is called "acculturation."

All of this sounds really fancy and maybe over our heads. That said, the basic principle stands, whether it come from Aristotle (whose focus the good of the individual),. Confucius (whose focus is a harmony within society) or even Immanuel Kant (whose focus is on the "duty" of doing good with any group associated with our business, called "stakeholders") – to "do unto others" to "love thy neighbor" and building personal relationships that our business (our Church, our family etc.) serves as a "good neighbor" to the communities we serve. As a Catholic institution focused on suffering and sacrifice for the other, I have been asked by the University of St. Francis to take those ethical and moral values to the other side of the world with a culture very foreign to our own. Hopefully I can bring stories of hope from my experience with these students.

Please pray for me in this journey to Vietnam and a safe return so that we can prepare for our Confirmation and First Communion Services!



Jesus said to [Thomas], “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

The Importance of Trust

ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas’ insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would you believe it if someone told you that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven’t our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven’t our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they’d “done their own research,” they wouldn’t believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even “your own research” will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others’ research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today’s gospel, Jesus names as “blessed” those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

Reflect

When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?

Dear Padre,

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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

Monday

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

Friday

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

April 19
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.



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(ST. ANNE, IL)



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St. Patrick's Foundation - \$3,000,000

St. Anne's Building Generators - \$50,000

Paving of St. Pat's Church Parking Lot - \$100,000

St. Pat's Academy Gym Parking Lot - \$275,000

ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



If you are interested in learning more about the pew dedication program (\$2,500 a pew), contact the parish office at St. Patrick's Church at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.

ST. ANNE'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



The concept for our dedication program is simple - we are offering the opportunity to remember a loved one in a memorial dedicated for one of our church or chapel pews (\$2,500).

If you are interested in learning more about the dedication program, contact the parish office at phone ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.



WHY VOLUNTEER?

Have you ever wonder what the Bible says about volunteering at church? Is it one of God's commandments? Is it just a good thing to do? Will it help us get into heaven?

Here's the deal, volunteering at church will not get you into heaven and it isn't one of the Ten Commandments, but God does have a lot to say about serving Him, the church, and others. Check it out.

So in book of James in the New Testament it talks a lot about Faith and Works. We don't have to do good works (volunteer our time, help those in need, etc.) to earn our way into heaven; we do good works because we love God! We can show our faith by our actions ([James 2:18](#)). James also goes on to say that faith without work is DEAD. So if we claim to be part of "one, holy and Catholic Church," we need to show it through our actions. One way to do that is by volunteering our time at church.

James is pretty straight forward that we are called to do work, but here are three others reasons we should volunteer at church:

USE YOUR GIFTS! In his letter to early Christians, Peter writes, "God has given you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to SERVE others." ([1 Peter 4:10](#)) God has given each of us who follow him specific and unique gifts. Some of us have the gift of hospitality. We enjoy making people feel loved and welcomed. A great way to use this gift in the church is by being on the Hospitality Team. You can greet guests as they come to church, make them feel at home. Some of us have the gift of teaching. Use this gift to lead a bible study or a kids class. Use the gifts God has given YOU to volunteer at church.

IT IS GREATER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED! Jesus himself said in [Matthew 20:28](#), "For the even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as ransom for many." Jesus was the ultimate example of serving others. He was fully God yet He came to serve man. In John 13, Jesus serves his closest followers, the disciples, by washing their feet. He is setting the example for not only the disciples but also for us that serving others is greater than being served. There is so much more than coming to church to hear a good sermon and sing songs. We are called to serve others. By volunteering at church we can serve others.



Divine Mercy Sunday and Temporal Punishment

Catholic theology teaches that there are two punishments for sin; one is called eternal and is inflicted in hell, and the other is called temporal and is inflicted in this world or in purgatory. The sacrament of penance remits the eternal punishment and only part of the temporal. Doing penance (prayer, fasting, almsgiving, works of mercy and patient suffering) remits temporal punishment; but on Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus promised to St. Faustina, that: "The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion [on that day] shall obtain complete forgiveness [or remission] of sins and punishment. (699).



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

11-12 Abril 2026: Segundo Domingo de la Pascua

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 20 de abril de 1906 los ojos de una imagen de la Dolorosa comenzaron a parpadear durante un lapso de 15 minutos en el colegio jesuita San Gabriel, en Quito, Ecuador. En 1995 en Cochabamba, Bolivia, donde una imagen del Divino rostro lagrimó sangre y después, una imagen de la Inmaculada hizo lo mismo. En el transcurso del siglo veinte, muchísimas imágenes de Cristo, Maria e incluso, el Espíritu Santo, lloraron lágrimas de agua, sangre u óleo, emitieron aroma de rosa o mostraron alguna manifestación paranormal.

La ciencia logró explicar algunos de estos fenómenos, pero en muchos casos no fue posible. Normalmente, la jerarquía eclesial prefiere no hacer declaraciones oficiales al respecto, por lo menos, no antes de mucho escrutinio. El apóstol san Juan recomienda examinar cada espíritu (1 Juan 4: 1-3) y esto es lo que la Iglesia hace con estas manifestaciones sobrenaturales. Con investigaciones científicas, sociales y espirituales se examinan cuidadosamente estas manifestaciones a fin de asegurar que provienen de Dios y no del diablo u otros orígenes. En fin, la mejor prueba de la veracidad de estos fenómenos es la conversión de los fieles.

- Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gl, OFM,
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TIEMPO DE ALEGRÍA

“Acudían asiduamente a escuchar las enseñanzas de los apóstoles, vivían en comunión fraterna y se congregaban para orar en común y celebrar la

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

7:00 p.m. los Viernes

ROSARIO & CATECISMO

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m.

La Parroquia de San Patricio

fracción del pan” (Hechos 2: 42). La primera línea de la primera lectura de hoy marca la pauta al comenzar esta celebración de Pascua de cincuenta días. Hoy escuchamos las enseñanzas de tres apóstoles - Lucas, Pedro y Juan - que nos recuerdan que, aunque no hayamos visto a Cristo, estamos llenos de alegría al depositar nuestra creencia en su muerte y resurrección salvadoras. Cada semana durante el tiempo de Pascua nos reuniremos como comunidad de fe para hallar fuerzas y apoyo de nuestro Dios y de los demás. Cada semana nos reuniremos para fraccionar el pan y dar gracias en oración, acciones que manifestaran la mismísima presencia del Cristo resucitado entre nosotros. Estemos abiertos a los milagros de este tiempo de alegría. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Muchos de nosotros probablemente podremos hacer un trabajo mucho mejor en esto. Cuando hacemos que la gente se sienta bienvenida, les hacemos sentir como si estuvieran incluidos en lugar de ser excluidos. Un simple “hola” y una sonrisa llegan lejos.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Todos los creyentes vivían unidos y compartían todo cuanto tenían (Hechos 2: 42-47).

Salmo - Den gracias a Dios porque es bueno, su amor es eterno (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda Lectura - Dios nos concedió renacer a la vida que esperamos por la resurrección de Jesucristo de entre los muertos. (1 Pedro 1: 3-9).

Evangelio - Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20: 19-31).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heh 4: 23-31; Sal 2: 1-9; Jn 3: 1-8

Martes: Heh 4: 32-37; Sal 93; Jn 3: 7b-15

Miércoles: Heh 5: 17-26; Sal 34; Jn 3: 16-21

Jueves: Heh 5: 27-33; Sal 34 (33): 2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3: 31-36

Viernes: Heh 5: 34-42; Sal 27 (26): 1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6: 1-15

Sábado: Heh 6: 1-7; Sal 33 (32): 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6: 16-21

Domingo: Heh 2: 14, 22-33; Sal 16 (15): 1-2, 5, 7-11; 1Pel: 17-21; Lc 24: 13-35



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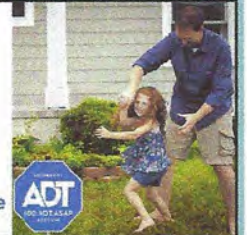
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