

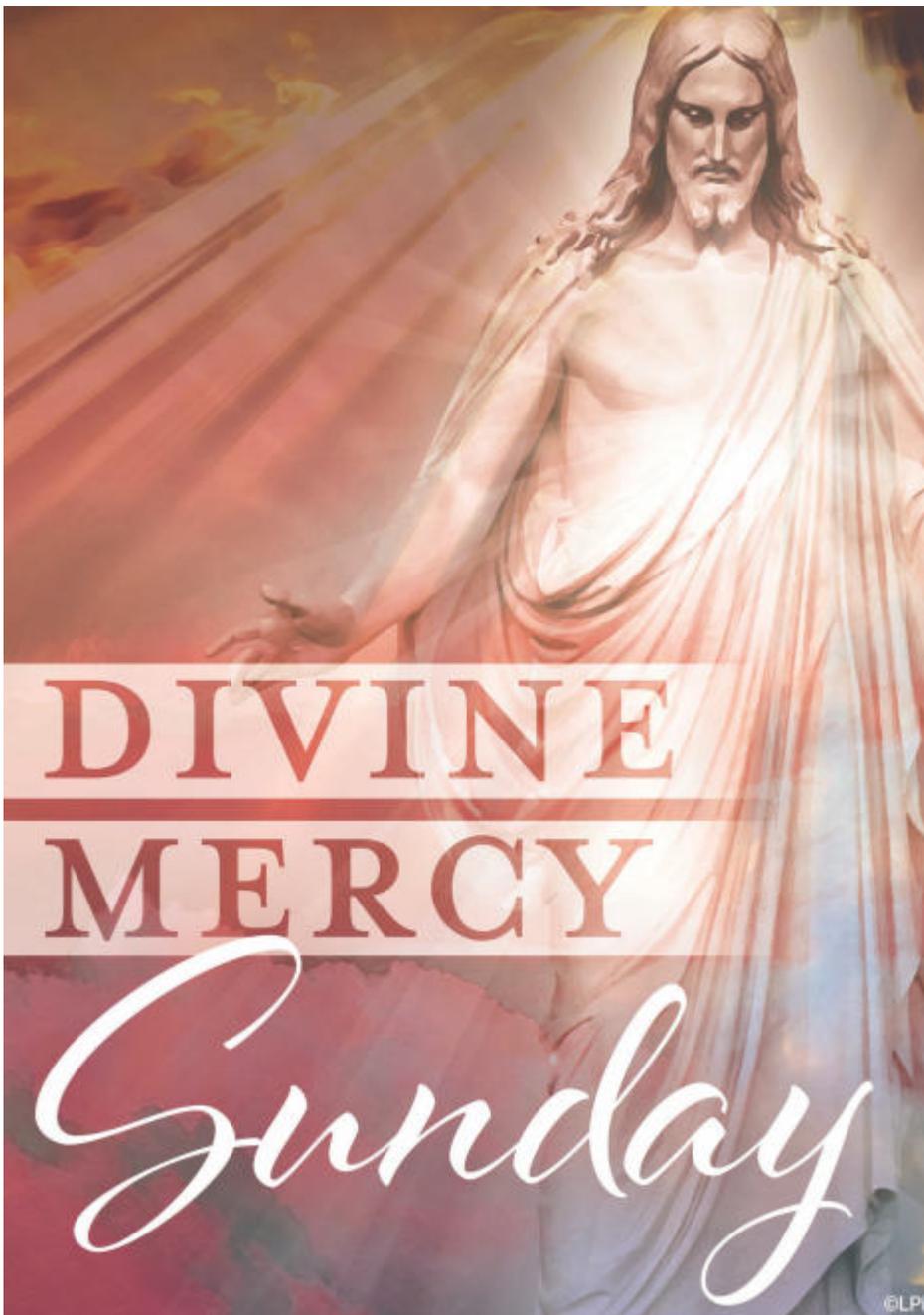
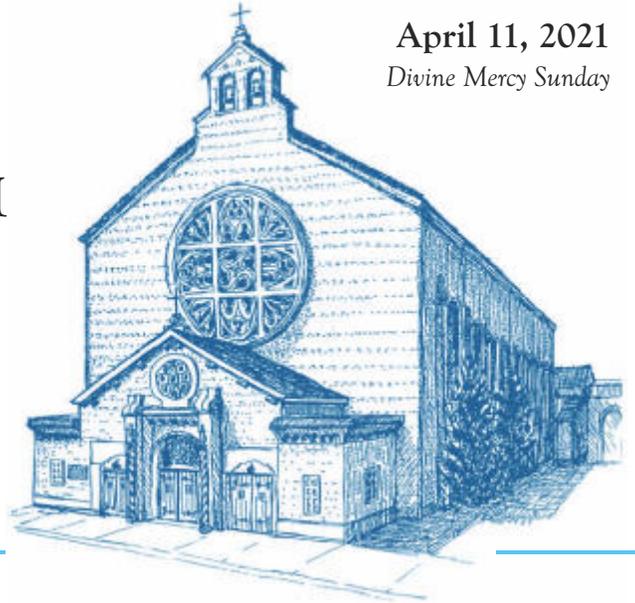
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April 11, 2021  
Divine Mercy Sunday

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday

4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### Sunday

7:30 am (Vietnamese)

9:30 am (English)

11:30 am (Vietnamese)

1:30 pm (English)

### Weekdays

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am (Bilingual)

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## Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy – Year B

The first reading of this Sunday gives us a vivid picture of the life of the early Christians.

The Acts of the Apostles, 4: 32-35, states very clearly:

*The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.*

Yes, it was a happy place, filled with faith-filled and loving people. Truly, it is a living and concrete image of the community of followers of Jesus. In our mind, we dream to live there and belong to that group.

In order to create those communities of faith, trust, and loving concern for God and one another, the Apostles lived, testified, and proclaimed the joy of the resurrection.

Today's Gospel, John 20: 19-31, tells us that Christ, after his resurrection, appeared to his disciples. Thomas however refused to believe unless he could see the Lord with his own eyes. A week later Thomas saw the Risen Lord and was allowed to touch the mark of the nails. Thomas, like other disciples, saw, believed, and witnessed the resurrection of Jesus to the whole world.

In the first letter to his congregation, St. John said:

*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. (John 5: 1-3)*

We also belong to the community of people who have faith in Christ. We may not hesitate to profess our faith in God. We can say that we always lay our trust in the Lord. But when talking about love, who among us dare to sacrifice for others in a selfless way? How many of us can honestly say that we put God first, before all other things, in our lives? Let us ask ourselves: Have I loved enough yet that people can see me belonging to the community of love and of a loving God?

Fr. Phi Nguyen

## ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS ENRICHING OUR SPIRITUALITY

"Angels in the Bible" Little Rock Scripture Study : April 16, 23 and 30; May 7, 14 and 21; noon to 1 p.m. or 5-6 p.m. via Zoom; presented by Fr. Derran Combs, OFM; to register, call [312-853-2376](tel:312-853-2376) or email [joannstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:joannstpeters@gmail.com) to register; \$12 registration fee includes materials; visit [stpetersloop.org](http://stpetersloop.org).

### FAMILIES SHARE STORIES ON THEIR EXPERIENCE OF "AMORIS LAETITIA"

On March 25, the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, in collaboration with the Dicastery for Communication, will inaugurate an initiative dedicated to the Apostolic Exhortation, five years after its publication. Ten families from around the world will offer their video testimonies reflecting on the papal document. Cardinal Farrell calls it "an invitation to understand today's challenges and the blessings of family life."

**By Alessandro De Carolis**

"The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church." The opening words of the [Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia](#), which Pope Francis promulgated on 19 March 2016, express what the prevailing sentiment of the universal Church is toward the "domestic church" of the family.

With great care and depth, this papal document enter into the "flesh" of family fragilities and then revive the beauty of these bonds according to God's plan.

#### CELEBRATING 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Five years later, the [Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life](#) has decided to celebrate this anniversary and launch a special year desired by Pope Francis and inspired by *Amoris laetitia* by offering a series of initiatives.

These include a space for the witness of ten families from various geographical backgrounds every month, starting 25 March, where they share details about their lives and their faith, and examine their own experience with regard to the teachings of the Pope, who in each episode of the series will reflect on some part of the document.

The videos, accompanied by a downloadable pastoral aid, are produced in collaboration with the Dicastery for Communication, which will publish them in five languages on the Vatican News portal, as well as the website [www.amorislaetitia.va](http://www.amorislaetitia.va).

#### THE POPE'S GIFT

In presenting the project, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, who heads the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, says these video testimonies are a "gift that Pope Francis has given to each of us." They are also "a moment to remember that this great teaching is relevant in our world today."

"I hope and pray," Cardinal Farrell concludes, "that we can all come together to hear, to feel and to understand the importance of this document for our world today. This, in the history of humanity, is a moment that requires the commitment of each of us to better understand the challenges and blessings of family life, for the good of humanity and society at large."

## A Novena to St. Catherine of Siena

Nine Days of Prayer and Spiritual Reflection  
Hosted by Catholic Communities Around Vicariate II of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
**April 20 – April 28, 2021**

Join us in-person or live stream as we pray the first day of the Novena at

**Holy Child Jesus Parish**  
2324 W. Chase Av., Chicago  
**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

Fr. Phi Nguyen, Pastor, will lead us in prayer.  
Bishop Mark Bartosic will join us in prayer.

This nine-day journey to St. Catherine of Siena's feast day on April 29 is the second Novena by Catholic laity to unite the faithful in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in healing and atonement for the clergy sex abuse crisis.

St. Catherine of Siena is known for her love of Christ and his Church. Her love was personal and mystical, culminating in her receiving the Stigmata of Jesus. Her love was also practical, expressing itself in advocacy for moral and administrative Church reform. She appealed personally to Church leaders, including Pope Gregory XI, to enact the reforms needed to rekindle faith within the Church, and the love of Christ that produces obedience to him and his teachings. Her advocacy was not politically motivated but flowed from her communion with Christ. She lived in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, a time not unlike our own. She died at the early age of 33.

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April 21, 7:00 PM: St. Ita Church. 5500 N. Broadway Av. Chicago. 312-291-1502  
April 22, 7:00 PM: St. Clement Church. 642 W. Deming Pl. Chicago. 773-281-0371  
April 23, 7:00 PM: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. 708 W. Belmont Av. Chicago. 773-525-0453  
April 24, 7:00 PM: Immaculate Conception Church. 1431 N. North Park Av. Chicago. 312-787-7174  
April 25, 11:00 AM: National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. 2520 N. Lakeview Av. Chicago.  
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April 26, 7:00 PM: St. Benedict Church. 2215 W. Irving Park Rd. Chicago. 773-588-6484  
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April 28, 7:00 PM: Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University. 2110 Sheridan Rd. Evanston.  
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## CYCLES OF FAITH Divine Mercy Sunday

"What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

## SACRAMENTS

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

**Baptism: Sunday, 3:00 pm**

2nd in English  
3rd in Vietnamese

**Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

1st & 3rd in English  
2nd & 4th in Vietnamese

## R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

## HOLY HANDS

Call the Rectory office for assistance.

## Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
[1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9  
[cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/  
Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/  
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20  
[7a]/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/  
Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/  
Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9  
[7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

## REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Richard Schaefer** for whom we promise our prayers that he may live in joy in His presence.



# 6 WORSHIP CALENDAR

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, April 11**

**Divine Mercy**

Vietnamese

7:30 am Xin bình an cho gia đình các hội viên Gia Đình Thánh Tâm.  
Cầu cho linh hồn Maria (mới qua đời).  
Cầu cho linh hồn Maria Nguyễn Thị Hoa  
Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse và Dominic

English

9:30 am Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

Vietnamese

11:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse Phạm Kim Đông  
Cầu cho linh hồn Đaminh, Maria và Giuse.

English

3:00 pm Orlando Ardinte Pelegrico, Jr.

**Monday, April 12**

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Matta

**Tuesday, April 13**

8:00 am For the soul of Donnie David Sanchez  
(100 days death)

**Wednesday, April 14**

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Maria (mới qua đời) và linh hồn Đaminh.  
Xin tạ ơn Chúa và xin cầu cho linh hồn Giuse (Lễ giỗ).

**Thursday, April 15**

8:00 am Cầu cho linh hồn Maria Nguyễn Thị Mạnh

**Friday, April 16**

8:00 am For the souls of Oscar, Celestina and Antonio Rodriguez.

**Saturday, April 17**

8:00am Cầu cho linh hồn Maria Sự và Giuse

English

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Vietnamese

6:00 pm Cầu cho linh hồn Albert Ba Hàu.

**Sunday, April 18 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Vietnamese

7:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Anna Huỳnh Thị Kính

English

9:30 am Barbara Isaacson  
Marie Schmid  
John Cipriani  
Jack Garrity - anniversary  
David & Rosie Wallis

Vietnamese

11:30 am Cầu cho linh hồn Giuse Phạm Kim Đông.

English

1:30 pm Deceased members of Holy Child Jesus

**In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty-hours.**

-Mark Twain



## Vatican News:

**Post-pandemic world must learn from mistakes, pope says**

By Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY —

The uncertainty and death brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic can be an opportunity for humanity to reflect on how to build a better world, Pope Francis said in a new book. “The world will never be the same again. But it is precisely within this calamity that we must grasp those signs that can prove to be the cornerstones of reconstruction,” the pope said.

The book, titled “Dio e il Mondo che Verra” (“God and the World to Come”), was written with Italian journalist Domenico Agasso and was to be published by the Vatican publishing house March 16. An excerpt was published March 14 on Vatican News.

The pope denounced the manufacturing and trafficking of weapons where large sums of money are spent “that should be used to cure people and save lives. It is no longer possible to pretend that a dramatically vicious cycle of armed violence, poverty and senseless and indifferent exploitation of the environment has not crept in,” he said. “It is a cycle that prevents reconciliation, fuels human rights violations and hinders sustainable development.”

The world instead must be “fraternally united” to face common threats without resorting to “counterproductive recriminations, the exploitation of problems, shortsighted nationalism, propaganda, isolationism and other forms of political selfishness,” the pope said.

And while the pope said the world won’t be the same after the pandemic, he insisted men and women can turn “this time of trial” to “a time of wise and farsighted choices for the good of all humanity.”

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