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Please contact the priest if special arrangements need to be made.

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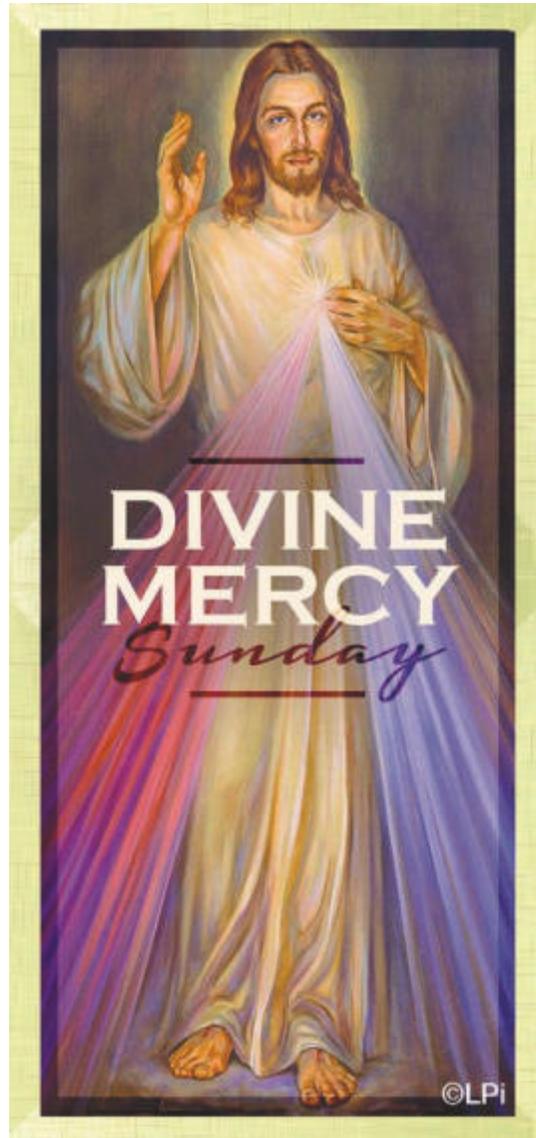
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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, April 12**  
9:00am St. Joseph

+ **Beth Anne Schubmehl**  
by Richard and Ann Schubmehl  
Family

**Tuesday, April 13**  
8:15am St. Mary

+ **Joyce Wirth**  
by MaryKay and Jim Moose

**Wednesday, April 14**  
9:00am St. Joseph

+ **John Barr**  
by Sandy Barr

**Thursday, April 15**  
8:15am St. Mary

+ **Karl & Fred Doyle**  
by Dianne Acomb

**Friday, April 16**  
8:15am St. Mary

+ **Stephen Beecher**  
by Doug Beecher

*Weekend Mass Celebrations*

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/  
Lk 24:35-4

*Saturday, April 17*

**St. Mary**

4:00 pm

Lector

+ **Jon Shay**

by D.C.H.S. Class of 1960

Jim McMahon

*Sunday, April 18*

**St. Joseph**

7:30 am

Lector

+ **Sally & Joe Fox**

by John and Donna Scura

J.L. Ward

**Sacred Heart**

9:15 am

Lector

+ **Nick and Anne VanDurme**

by John and Donna Scura

Nicole Alioto

**St. Pius V**

11:00 am

Lector

+ **Pro Populo**

John Landino

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week...*



**Readings for April 11, 2021**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**First Reading:**

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

**Psalm:**

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

**Second Reading:**

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

**Gospel:**

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21))

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**Reflect and respond to this week's readings,**  
**April 11, 2021**

**First Reading:**

Luke gives us a glimpse into the solidarity of heart and mind with the original community of believers in Jerusalem. How does your current community of faith compare to this first-generation Jerusalem church?

**Second Reading:**

John speaks of the power of faith and love for believers in conquering evil in the world. How does the faith and love in your life sustain you?

**Gospel:**

The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?

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**PARISH OUTREACH FOR LOCAL NEEDS**

One way our parish helps local families is through the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**



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Week 13, April 5, 2021**

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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. In short, the main reason that Jesus wanted this feast to be established is that He wanted to "throw a lifeline," so to speak, to

souls who are perishing, souls who are drowning in sin and despair. That lifeline is this Feast, with all the tremendous promises of graces and benefits which Jesus attached to it. As He said to St. Faustina, He wanted to make this Feast day a special "refuge and shelter" for the "consolation" of souls. In *Diary* entry 1517, Jesus said: "the Feast of My Mercy has issued forth from My very depths for the consolation of the whole world." In short, Jesus gave us this Feast as both a comfort and a lifeline for souls. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Closing of the Divine Mercy Novena takes place Sunday, April 11, 3:00pm at St. Mary Church. All are welcome.

**THANK YOU!**

The Holy Week ceremonies were truly prayerful and reverent.

None of the solemnity, beauty and glory of Holy Week and Easter is possible without the hard work of so many good people who deserve our thanks: our priests and deacon; our sacristans; our choir and musicians; those who worked to prepare and decorate the churches; our Ministers of the Word and ushers; and all the people who assisted with various parts of the liturgies.

Thank you to everyone, and may the peace of God be with you throughout the rest of this holy Easter season.



**CEMETERIES** - We kindly ask that **all fall/winter decorations etc.**, be removed from all of our cemeteries as we prepare for summer months.  
Thank You

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - April 11, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Easter (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.

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

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## Monday, Apr 12, 2021

### EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Stand with those who stood for you

Though you may not remember it, your Baptism was an extremely important day in your life—the beginning of your life in Christ. Your godparents represented you that day, speaking on your behalf if you were a baby. Perhaps later you became a godparent to others. Whether you're still close or have drifted apart over time, reach out to your godparents or godchildren and reminisce about that day. Talk about the role you have played in each other's spiritual life and pray together for deepening conversion. Promise to keep on praying for each other in our ever-growing identity as children of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8 (267)*. "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

## Tuesday, Apr 13, 2021

### MEMORIAL OF MARTIN I, POPE, MARTYR

#### The dilemma of indifference

The Eastern Church began exploring monotheletism, the notion that Jesus had only a divine will, despite being both human and divine, in the 600s. Pope Martin I issued a reprimand, opposing this heresy. This angered the Eastern emperor, who had the sickly Martin dragged to Constantinople for trial. The pontiff was beaten, starved, and exiled, leading to his death. But Martin also blamed a Western Church that never came to his rescue. "I am surprised at the indifference," he wrote, of "those who belong to the church of Saint Peter." Ask for Martin's intercession today, for all who suffer indifference.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268)*. "The community of believers was of one heart and mind."

## Wednesday, Apr 14, 2021

### EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Let your life be your witness

How do you live your faith? Some days may be harder than others, but rarely, if ever nowadays, will the effort to be a faithful follower of Jesus land someone in jail or cost them their life. Yet that was the fate of the early disciples who insisted on proclaiming the stories of Jesus' life, death, and rising. There are 20th-century martyrs as well (Blessed Stanley Rother, Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, the martyrs of El Salvador among others), but faith calls all of us to kindness to all people, fairness in the face of injustice, trust in God's promised Spirit, and a constant willingness to see the face of God in our neighbors. Do people recognize you as a follower of Jesus by the way you live?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269)*. "The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area and are teaching the people."

## Thursday, Apr 15, 2021

### EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Be up to the tax at hand

Taxes are due today, an obligation that few people savor and yet all of us rely on. Catholics can feel proud to promote the common good by paying taxes for schools, roads, parks, healthcare, and other social benefits. In their pastoral letter, *Economic Justice for All*, the U.S. bishops go even further, saying: "The tax system should be continually evaluated in terms of its impact on the poor." If you feel disheartened by the paperwork or the cost of taxes, take heart that despite any flaws in the system, taxes help build the commonwealth.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270)*. "The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him."

## Friday, Apr 16, 2021

### EASTER WEEKDAY

#### A God of his word

Poor communication is the main reason relationships fail. If it isn't clear what is being promised, then it is easy to become disillusioned when expectations aren't met. People who lose faith in God often point to God's untrustworthiness: They asked for something and didn't receive it. Hence, they conclude that God is not to be trusted. But remember the promise of God is love. Look around; wherever you see love—even a love lost—you see God's promise fulfilled. As Saint Augustine put it: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others." Help embody God's love today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271)*. "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

## Saturday, Apr 17, 2021

### EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Call a deacon

The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek word *diákonos*, meaning "one who serves at table," found in today's first reading. The office of deacon endured for several centuries after its origin in Acts. But eventually the diaconate was reduced to a temporary stage of ordination to the priesthood. After Vatican II the permanent diaconate was revived. Today many men, most married although some single, enter the diaconate through the sacrament of Holy Orders. They serve their parishes and assist their pastors in many ways both social and liturgical. Perhaps you know someone who would make a good deacon. Give him a call.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272)*. "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table."

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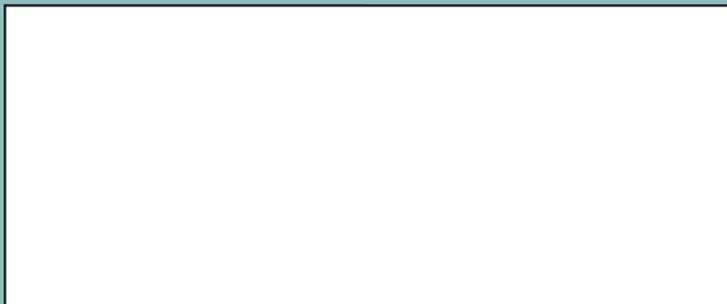
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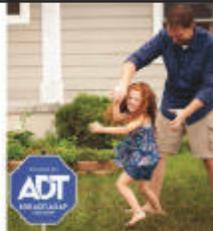
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