

APRIL 7, 2024– DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



TUESDAY, APRIL 9 8:00AM

†Pilar Aguirre

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 8:00AM

†Evelyn Zeig

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 8:00PM

†Zachary Garrison

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 8:00AM

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13 5:00PM

Parishioners of St. Mary's

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 9:00AM

†Henry Cortez †Ruben Martinez

†Michael John Salazar

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 11:00AM

†Sebastian Valdivia †Miguel Martinez

†Hugo Alberto Romero



We pray for our sick parishioner's!
Si usted desea que oremos por su familiar enfermo!

Alfonso Alvarado, Jr.
John Charles Fazzino
Jesse Lopez
Suzanne Moltz
Clara Mushinksy
Maria Pompa
Megan Ruiz ~ Baby Emersyn & Baby Suttyn

Mary Soliz
Patty Syzdek
Mary Joyce Scamardo
Maria Tirado
Dennis Zeig

Names will remain for **2 months**. If a name needs to remain on the prayer list, please call the Church office or email secretarysm402@gmail.com.



Sanctuary Candle in Loving Memory Of
†Joe Stratta
By Anne Stratta



Coffee and Donuts Social
1st Sunday of every month in the Parish Hall
after the morning Masses

We thank
Mary Cortez, Martha Castilleja & family
for sponsoring
Coffee & Donuts for the month of April!



Stewardship of Treasure Report/
Reporte de Mayordomía:

March 29-31, 2024

Amount Needed Weekly: \$3,600.00

Holy Land Collection: \$1,314.56

Easter Collection: \$1,295.00

Children's Collection: \$120.37

Actual Collection: \$4,028.73

Above Weekly Collection: \$428.73

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."

[Acts 4:32]

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money—these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Second Sunday of Easter
[Divine Mercy Sunday]

Still basking in the glory of Easter, today we celebrate God's unparalleled mercy. Out of mercy for all of us, Jesus died on the cross, atoning for our sins, past, present, and future. Out of mercy for those whose faith is weak, or doubt is strong, Jesus comes to reassure us of his eternal presence. Out of mercy for those who cannot see him, Jesus blesses them in their faith. This Easter season, let us rejoice, for the risen Lord is in our midst, forever bestowing God's divine mercy upon us.

Segundo Domingo de Pascua

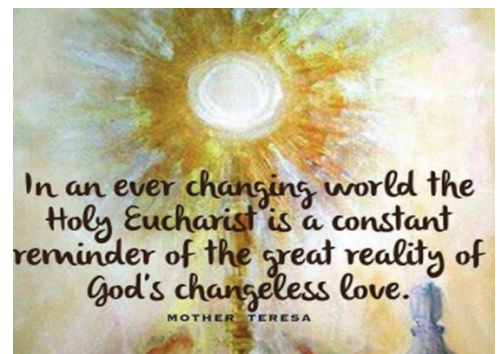
Domingo de la Divina Misericordia]

Todavía con el regocijo de la gloria de la Pascua, celebramos hoy la misericordia incomparable de Dios. Por su misericordia para con nosotros, Jesús murió en la cruz por la expiación de nuestros pecados pasados, presentes y futuros. Por su misericordia para con aquellos cuya fe es débil o cuyas dudas son fuertes, Jesús viene a asegurarnos que su presencia es eterna. Por su misericordia para con aquellos que creen en él sin verlo, Jesús los bendice por la fe que tienen. Regocijémonos en este tiempo pascual, pues el Señor está en medio de nosotros y siempre prodigando su divina misericordia sobre nosotros.

The best prayer Catholics have is the Mass... which is the greatest gift of all!



"Starting in 2022 and for the next three years, every Catholic diocese, parish, school, apostolate, and family are invited to be a part of renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."
[US Conference of Catholic Bishops- USCCB]



FRIENDLY REMINDER:

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord... For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" [1 Cor. 11:27-29].

"Así pues, cualquiera que come del pan o bebe de la copa del Señor de manera indigna, comete un pecado contra el cuerpo y la sangre del Señor. Por tanto, cada uno debe examinar su propia conciencia antes de comer del pan y beber de la copa". [1Cor. 11:27]

Readings for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 8:

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10,
Hebrews 10:4-10, Luke 1:26-38

TUESDAY, APRIL 9:

Acts 4:32-37, John 3:7B-15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10:

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 11:

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 12:

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13:

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 14:

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5A, Luke 24:35-48

7 DE ABRIL– DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA



Divine Mercy Sunday

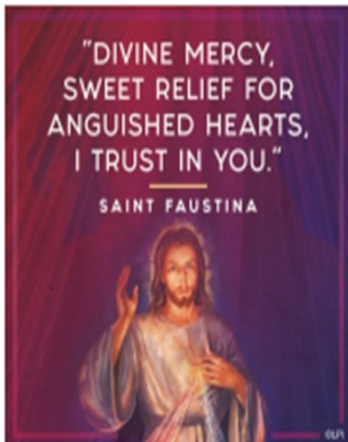
“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.” [St. Faustina, Diary no. 699]

“Hija Mía, habla al mundo entero de Mi inconcebible misericordia. Deseo que la Fiesta de la Misericordia sea refugio y protección para todas las almas, especialmente para los pobres pecadores. Ese día están abiertas las entrañas de Mi misericordia. Derramo todo un mar de gracias sobre las almas que se acercan al manantial de Mi misericordia El alma que se confiese y reciba la Santa Comunión obtendrá el perdón total de las culpas y de las penas. ... Que ningún alma tema acercarse a Mí. ... Deseo que se celebre solemnemente el primer domingo después de la Pascua La humanidad no conocerá la paz hasta que no se dirija a la Fuente de Mi misericordia.” [Santa Faustina, Diario, 699]



Easter is not just one day, but a season that continues for 50 days which ends on the great Feast of Pentecost

Easter is a feast that lasts for 50 days, from the Resurrection of the Lord to Pentecost.



THANK YOU MADELINE ZEIG!

Madeline Zeig is retiring as our Bookkeeper after 27 years of continual dedicated service, & 16 of those years; she also served as Director of Religious Education of St. Mary’s Church.



Please join me in a prayer of thanksgiving for the untold hours of dedication she has so selflessly given to St. Mary’s. We are grateful for her ministry and her continued presence in the parish. May the Lord continue to bestow his blessings upon Madeline and her family. If you happen to see or meet her, please show your thanks and appreciation. -Fr. Ramon



WELCOME LETICIA GARZA

Leticia Garza, a long time parishioner, Catechist, Lector and Eucharistic Minister is our new Bookkeeper.

My name is Leticia Garza. I was born in Wharton, TX and lived in San Benito, TX where I received the sacrament of baptism and first holy communion. I got married to my husband Robert Garza at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Texas City, TX. We have two sons, a step daughter and four grandchildren. My husband and I have been married for 36 years.

Professionally, I have worked in the medical field for over 35 years. I have a Master’s Degree from Texas A&M University in Health Administration. I have over twenty years in Administration and Business Management experience including Bookkeeping. I became a catechist at the age of 18 and have been a catechist for over 30 years. I love walking with people in our faith journey, growing deeper in our relationship with Christ and challenging each other in our faith. My vision of the role as Bookkeeper for St. Mary’s is to be a resource for you. I want to partner with all of you, so we can be good stewards for the things that God has entrusted to us. I am looking forward to working with you and for our church and for the future of our faith.

Sincerely, Leticia Garza



FIRST COMMUNION

Faith Formation

First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday April 20th at 10:00 AM. We ask that parishioners continue to pray for our children and their families as these children approach this important sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN -- La Primera Comunión se celebrará la Misa el sábado el 20 de abril a las 10:00 AM. Pedimos a los feligreses que continúen orando por nuestros niños y sus familias mientras estos niños se acercaron a este importante sacramento de la Eucaristía por primera vez.