

# PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday  
of Easter  
Divine Mercy

April 24, 2022

Jesus, I trust in You!

Saturday, April 23	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, April 24	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, April 25	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, April 26	..... 10:00 a.m.	<b>Funeral Mass - Jeffery Auwae (+)</b>
	..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>Finance Council Meeting (Virtual)</b>
Wednesday, April 27	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 28	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 5:30-6:30 p.m.	<b>Drive thru Feeding</b>
Friday, April 29	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, April 30	..... 10:00-12 pm	<b>Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.</b>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

## NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Acts:5:27-32, 40b-41:** *The high priest interrogated the apostles and ordered them not to speak again about Jesus.*

**Rev:5:11-14:** *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain. . . to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might.*

**John:21:1-19:** *Jesus appeared to Peter and the disciples, telling them to cast their nets again, and immediately the nets were filled with fish.*

**(Masks are optional but encouraged)**

**We continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr\\_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/)**

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Most of us find ourselves remembering a mixture of both good times and bad times. We are able to call up the blessings, those times when we lie back on the grass, hands behind our head, gazing at clouds and dreaming of how they shape themselves into silhouettes of what we've known and where we've been, a scrapbook of images dear to us. We hang on to such times.

But other memories come along as well, clouds drearier if not also stormier. Adolescence, maybe—it can still taste like a copper penny. Or the growing-up relationship we once had with a parent—some still limp from it, a bruised or broken spirit that never healed the way it should have. Or the feeling that comes from never having made the team—not the basketball team or love's team or even life's team. It's as if we got on the wrong bus when everyone left for the game, and ever after we gaze through the window at all the other buses filled with could've-been friends who never wave back.

Mercifully life moves on. And if we're blessed, it moves on into goodnesses of other sorts. Yet not without the scars, those ways our flesh has of remembering. In some ways they become the buoys that point out the deep-water channel in the river of life, markers for safe sailing as well as for rocky beds that rip us open.

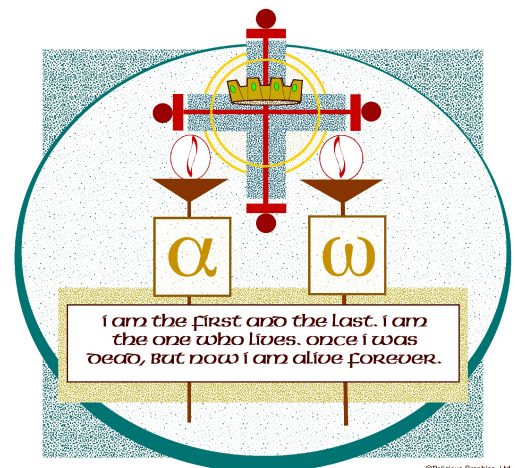
So we remember the wounds, which is what Thomas did. They marked the pain for him, but they also marked the real Jesus. He knew that if the wounds into which he would put his hands were real, so would Jesus be, and so also the demise of death. For Thomas it was the wounds that proved resurrection and so moved him into faith.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU!** Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say **THANK YOU!** Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at [www.crsricebowl.org/give](http://www.crsricebowl.org/give)

**WORD OF LIFE:** "If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Apr 24 Sun: Second Sunday Easter (Divine Mercy)**

Act:5:12-16; Ps:118: Rev:1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn:20 :19-31

**Apr 25 Mon: Saint Mark, Evangelist**

1 Pt:5:5b-14; Ps:89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk:16:15-20

**Apr 26 Tue: Easter Weekday**

Acts:4:32-37; Ps:93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn:3:7b-15

**Apr 27 Wed: Easter Weekday**

Acts:5:17-26; Ps:34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn:3:16-21

**Apr 28 Thur: Easter Weekday**

Acts:5:27-33; Ps:34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn:3:31-36

**Apr 29 Fri: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Acts 5:34-42; Ps:27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn:6:1-15

**Apr 30 Sat: Easter Weekday**

Acts:6:1-7; Ps:33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn:6:16-21

## SUNDAY VISION

Easter puts behind us the hardships of Lent. Many of us accepted those challenges freely — we endured six weeks of penance in a spirit of contrition and with a desire for renewal. But some people do not ask for the difficulties they receive — hardships that are much more than any Lent ever induced.

For example, few people have to endure the kind of persecution that plagued the early church. Throughout the Easter season this year, the church invites us to hear several passages from the Book of Revelation, a book composed during a time of religious persecution. It inspired its readers to keep their faith strong and to press on to a brighter day.

At the beginning of the book, John says he shares the distress his readers endure. He found himself on an island — perhaps in exile — because he "proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus."

His vision took place on the Lord's day — Sunday. Although he was filled with fear, one "like a son of man" appeared to him and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever."

Whatever the troubles we face, our celebration on the Lord's day should grant us a vision that we have nothing to fear. The one who died now lives, and he will guide us through the days ahead.

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## NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear it proclaimed that many "signs and wonders" were performed in public by Christ's followers, a demonstration that produced two results. First, the people of Jerusalem outside the Christian community were awed by what the disciples were performing. And in the midst of all this amazement, many were being converted. Good stewards know of the evangelizing power emanating from their daily acts of love, compassion, kindness and generosity. They believe that if they stay focused on Christ each day, every act has the power to transform a broken world. What "signs and wonders" will we perform today? (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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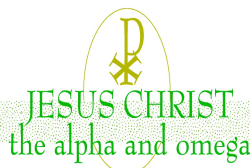
## CHRIST OFFER'S A LIFE AND HEALING

If you kept a good Lent this year, you have experienced death and rebirth in your spiritual life. If you celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter this year, you have acknowledged your sin and experienced forgiveness. You have been healed. One of the first signs of the Resurrection was healing. After Jesus rose from the dead, his apostles inherited many of his gifts. They preached powerful sermons. They forgave sins. They healed the sick. People placed the sick on the streets so that Peter's shadow would fall on them as he walked by. Faith was strong. God's Spirit was stronger. Now that this year's Easter has come, the healing power of God's Holy Spirit will be at work within you. At the Easter Vigil you renewed your baptismal promises. You recommitted yourself to Christ. Now in the Easter season, Christ will recommit himself to you. You bask for fifty days in the glow of glory.

Perhaps you have experienced doubt. Perhaps you wondered if the old you can become a new you. On Ash Wednesday you admitted the sickness of your sin and sought the medicine of Lent. Perhaps now you wonder if the new you will stick. Or will it relapse?

The full grace of this season is yours to receive. The Risen Christ stands in glory above the tomb. He offers new life and healing.

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



## The Gift of Faith

Merciful God,  
in this Easter season  
you call us to see through eyes of faith.  
Soften the hardness of our hearts  
that keeps us from seeing you in  
one another.  
Give us the gift of your peace  
and strengthen our belief in your presence;

especially when our vision is clouded by  
fear and doubt.  
We thank you for the gift of faith so  
freely given  
and for the courage to embrace that faith  
and give witness to it  
for the good of all people.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 24, 2022  
All Things Are Possible



*Today's readings: Acts 5:12–16; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19; John 20:19–31.*  
At times, it may seem farfetched to place belief in a person or a possibility. Having been sure at some time of an impossibility, we may identify with the apostle Thomas. He might have felt that Jesus could not have risen from the dead.

So sure was Thomas in his absence of belief that he told his friends, “Unless I see the marks of nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks . . . I will not believe.” Once Jesus entered the locked room, Thomas’ heart changes and he declared, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus accepted this change with mercy.

When tempted to lock ourselves away for fear of hurt or disappointment, it is good to be mindful that Jesus Christ can still be present to us. “Peace be with you,” he said to the disciples and he says to us in our tribulations. The gift of faith that he offers can provide the courage to step out of the locked room where we hide our emotions, our gifts, and our hopes. For our generation and so many others, Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have seen and have believed.” Where in your life are you unsure and need to change your heart? Spend time asking Christ to enter that place and bring you peace.





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, April 25 Gospel Boldness

What does it mean today to speak the Word of God with boldness? To embrace a life that is based on Gospel values? Living out Gospel values can bring a beacon of hope to others. In the face of anger and hatred, such a way of living means to choose to love; in the face of weariness and sickness, it means to be a healing presence. Whenever we choose to hope, to love, and to heal, our faith is lived out loud. Such a faith alerts others to the presence of God. *Today's readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 16–17; Mark 16:15–20.*

### Tuesday, April 26 Creating a Community of Love

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind,” we hear in the reading from Acts. Imagine the Church acting with “one heart and mind.” The possibilities are limitless. The poor among us would be cared for, those in need of comfort and healing would find a place to rest, there would be no one marginalized because everyone would be welcomed. Pay attention to those who enter your life and how you welcome them. Your welcome reveals God’s love. *Today's readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.*

### Wednesday, April 27 God So Loved the World

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son” has been heralded on posters, billboards, and T-shirts. As today’s Gospel states, it is up to believers to live out the truth of God’s love. Keep in mind that you reflect God’s light and love in how you greet others, show compassion, and offer encouragement. *Today's readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.*

### Thursday, April 28 Open to the Spirit

In the first reading, the apostles tell the Sanhedrin of the witness of the Holy Spirit; in the Gospel, Jesus says that the gift of the Spirit is not rationed. This Holy Spirit surrounds us in every moment, energizing us to offer to our world mercy and compassion. Pray to the Spirit for courage to live the Gospel in word and action. *Today's readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.*

### Friday, April 29 Grace in Abundance

Many people worry about scarcity. They are concerned that they do not have enough and even that they do not love enough. God’s grace, though, is available in abundance. In today’s Gospel, we hear of the apostles’ concern that there was not enough food for the crowd. Jesus, however, provides more than enough for all to have their fill. He takes precious little food and transforms it into a feast that yielded twelve baskets of food when all had eaten. Imagine what God can do with our lives when we are open to transformation. *Today's readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.*

### Saturday, April 30 A Simple Prayer

Any parent or guardian stays constantly alert to the well-being of their children. Why is it so hard to imagine that God does the same with us? As God’s children, we are not unlike the disciples in the boat: sometimes we get tossed about by life and feel anxious. As the disciples discovered, Jesus was not far away. Just as Jesus calls out and reassures the disciples, he does so with us. When you are facing a moment of fear, pray, “Jesus, I trust in you!” *Today's readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19; John 6:16–21.*

