



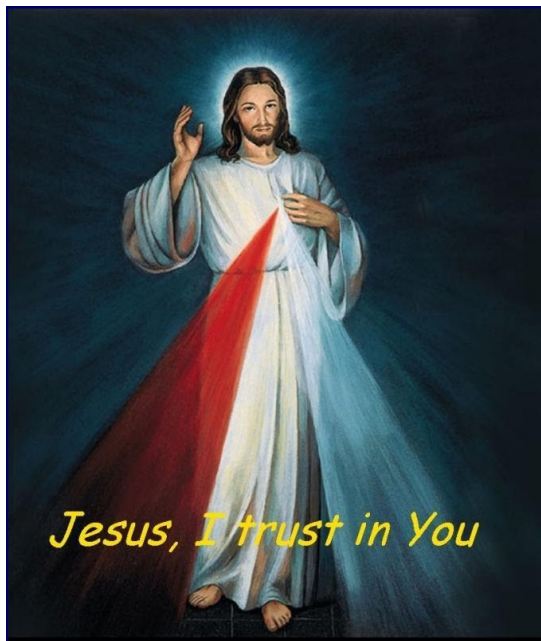
# Blessed Trinity

## Weekend Magazine

60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

April 11, 2021 • Divine Mercy Sunday

### *Let us be engulfed in Jesus' mercy, says pope in letter on Divine Mercy anniversary*



*Let us feel His closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love ...*

I would like to recall the words of the Lord Jesus recorded by the saint in her Diary: “**Humanity will not know peace** until it turns to the source of my mercy.”

Pope Francis offered this reflection in a letter to the bishop of the diocese of Płock, Poland, Piotr Libera, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the apparition of Jesus to Saint Faustina Kowalska on February 22, 1931, in Płock.

The message of Divine Mercy was passed on to the world by Jesus through St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), known as the secretary of Divine Mercy. Sister

Faustina described Jesus' revelations in the Diary at the request of her confessor. The first revelation concerned the painting of the Merciful Jesus.

### **Turn to Him**

In his letter, the Holy Father Francis recalls the words that St. Faustina then heard: “Paint an image according to the drawing you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I want this image to be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world” (Diary, No. 47).

Pope Francis affirms his spiritual connection with the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the first apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina “I unite myself in prayer with those taking part in the solemn celebration at the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and participating in it through the media,” wrote the Holy Father, who expressed his joy that “this special event is already known in the world and remains alive in the hearts of the faithful.”

“So I encourage you to turn to this Source. **Let us ask Christ for the gift of mercy.** Let it engulf us and penetrate us. Let us have the courage to come back to Jesus to meet His love and mercy in the sacraments. Let us feel His closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our  
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mercy, patience, forgiveness and love,” wrote Pope Francis.

He emphasizes that St. John Paul II, the Apostle of Mercy, wanted the message of God’s merciful love to reach all inhabitants of the earth. The Polish pope encouraged: “This fire of mercy needs to be passed on to the world. In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!” (Krakow – Łagiewniki, August 17, 2002).

## **Open our hearts**

In addition to this letter, Pope Francis mentioned the anniversary on February 21 after praying the Angelus Prayer: “Today my thoughts go to the Shrine of Płock in Poland, where ninety years ago the Lord Jesus manifested Himself to Saint Faustina Kowalska, entrusting a special message of divine mercy to her. Through Saint John Paul II this message reached the entire world, and it is none other than the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again, and who gives us His Father’s mercy. Let us open our heart, saying with faith, “Jesus, I trust in You.”

Sister Faustina Kowalska described the first apparition of Jesus in her diary as follows: “In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus dressed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing and the other was touching the garment at the breast. Two great rays emerged from the opening of the robe on the chest: one was red and the other pale / .../. After a while, Jesus said to me: paint an image according to the drawing you see with the signature: “Jesus, I trust in You.” I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world.”

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## **Blessed Trinity Catholic Church**

**April 11, Divine Mercy Sunday**

Mass Schedule: 8:00 a.m.

(9:30 a.m. Special Mass),

and 11:30 a.m.



*Thank you to all of the following, donating for our beautiful flowers this Easter season.*

*Ms. Gloria Layton  
Elaine Connor*



### ***Roe v Wade Movie***

From Friday, April 9 to Monday, April 26, you are invited to a Virtual Movie Premiere Event of “the real story you’ve never been told” about the Roe v Wade Supreme Court abortion decision. Individuals can sign up to stream the film for a discounted price of \$12.99 plus \$1.25 transaction fee at [www.watchroevwade.com/florida](http://www.watchroevwade.com/florida). Consider inviting your family and friends to view this intriguing drama with you in your home.

NOTE: This is for home showing only, not for use in churches, businesses or public sites. You can see the trailer, fact checks, and details at [www.roevwademovie.com](http://www.roevwademovie.com). Questions? Contact Sabrina Burton Schultz at [sab@dosp.org](mailto:sab@dosp.org) or 727-344-1611 \*5325.



### **Prayer to Saint Joseph**

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.



## Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

### Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

### Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

### Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4  
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

### Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: [btsp.org](http://btsp.org) and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 10

4:00 p.m.

Jim Lawler (Dec)  
Patricia Sullivan (Dec)  
Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 p.m.

### Sunday, April 11, Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 a.m.

For Parishioners

9:30 a.m.

Margaret Leonard (Dec)

Mary Lynch (Dec)

Edward Crader, Jr.

11:30 a.m.

### Monday, April 12

8:00 a.m.

Boyzell Hosey (Liv)

### Tuesday, April 13

8:00 a.m.

Harriett Huff (Dec)

### Wednesday, April 14

8:00 a.m.

For Vocations

### Thursday, April 15

8:00 a.m.

Michael S. Dilger (Dec)

### Friday, April 16

8:00 a.m.

Athena Shaw (Liv) and  
Jaden Birchfield (Liv)

### Saturday, April 17

8:00 a.m.

John and Madeline Young (Dec)

4:00 p.m.

Joan and John Franzini (Dec)

### Sunday, April 18, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m.

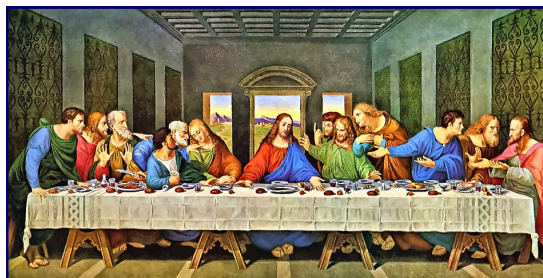
Ed Gratz (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

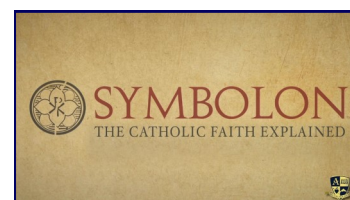
Bill Maslar (Dec)



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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in your everyday moments.

#### Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at [www.btsp.or](http://www.btsp.or) and click on the big green box on the home page that says:

Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at 727-867-3663.

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## Weekly Giving

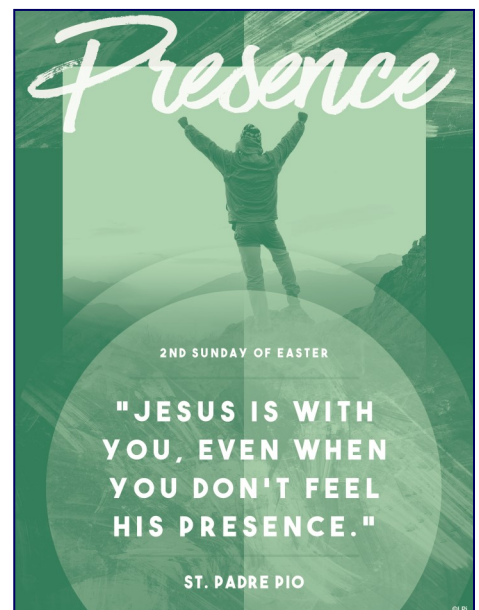
### Online Giving March 29-April 4

Offertory	\$ 3,085
Building Fund	\$ 40
SVDP	\$ 125
Easter	\$ 760

### April 4, 2021

Easter	\$19,260
Funeral	\$ 365
Gift Shop	\$ 169
Easter Flowers	\$ 30
Special Donations	\$ 5,000
Building Fund	\$ 130
SVDP	\$ 1,120
Other	\$ 245

**Thank you for your generosity!**



Virgin of Guadalupe,  
Patroness of unborn children,  
we implore your intercession for every  
child at risk of abortion.  
Help expectant parents to welcome from  
God the priceless gift of their child's  
life.

Console parents who have lost that gift  
through abortion,  
and lead them to forgiveness and heal-  
ing through the Divine Mercy of your  
Son.

Teach us to cherish  
and to care for family and friends  
until God calls them home.  
Help us to never see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials  
to defend each and every human life through just laws.  
Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life,  
to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen

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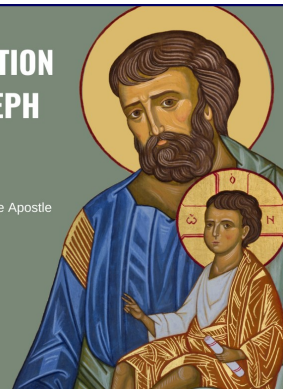
May 1, 2021

12 noon

Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

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## Bishop Parkes will Consecrate the Diocese of St. Petersburg to St. Joseph on May 1

Bishop Gregory Parkes will consecrate parishes, schools, ministries and the people of the Diocese of St. Petersburg to St. Joseph on Saturday, May 1, the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle at 12:00pm. Catholics are encouraged to participate either in person or virtually. "When you consecrate yourself to St. Joseph, you entrust yourself to his fatherly care, and you ask him to help you live the holy virtues that strengthen families, churches and communities," said Bishop Parkes.

To learn more, visit  
[www.dosp.org/joseph](http://www.dosp.org/joseph).

## Marian Congress



**Mary Welcomes You  
with Open Arms**

**3rd Annual Marian Congress**  
Saturday, May 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Virtual

[www.FloridaMarianCongress.org](http://www.FloridaMarianCongress.org)

Registration for the 2021 Marian Congress on May 8 is now open!

This year's Marian Congress will be a virtual gathering on Saturday, May 8. The theme is, "Mary Welcomes You With Open Arms." The keynote speaker is Father Chris Alar, MIC, National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.

There is no cost to participate. At 11:30am, Bishop Gregory Parkes will celebrate Mass and lead participants in a renewal of conse-

cration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All Catholics are encouraged to participate virtually. To learn more, visit [www.FloridaMarianCongress.org](http://www.FloridaMarianCongress.org)

## Magazine Articles

If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to Anne at: [bulletinbt@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinbt@gmail.com).



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