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## What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

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*Divine Mercy Sunday is a name for the second Sunday in the Easter season.*

For many centuries, the Second Sunday of Easter was nicknamed **Low Sunday**, in contrast to the **High Sunday of Easter**. Additionally, the newly baptized would wear their baptismal gowns during the eight

days of the Easter Octave. According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, the Second Sunday of Easter “was consequently known as *dominica in albis* (*deponendis*), the **Sunday of the (laying aside of the) white garments.**”

However, in recent years this same Sunday has been given another celebration: **Divine Mercy Sunday.**

### Renamed in the year 2000

In 2000, St. John Paul II canonized the Polish religious mystic *Faustina Kowalska*, and during his homily **officially designated the Second Sunday of Easter “Divine Mercy Sunday.”**

John Paul II did this to endorse Faustina’s private revelations as well as to put more emphasis on Divine Mercy in the 21st century. He explained during his homily, “Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: ‘My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified,’ Jesus will ask Sr. Faustina (*Diary*, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love’s ‘second name’ (cf. *Dives in misericordia*, n. 7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness? Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time ... Jesus told Sr Faustina: ‘*Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy*’ (*Diary*, p. 132).”

The Polish pope then went on to proclaim, “**It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’**”

### Jesus requested this "name change"

Jesus requested that this Second Sunday of Easter be named "Divine Mercy Sunday" in a vision to Saint Faustina that she wrote down in her *Diary*.

On one occasion, I heard these words: 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

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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. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. **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.** (Diary 699)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)

Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have affirmed this new tradition and the new feast has become an official part of the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 11, Vigil for Divine Mercy

4:00 p.m. The Comeau and LaRosa Families (dec)

### Sunday, April 12, Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 a.m. Yeimy Quintana and Family (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. David Blaszyński (liv)

### Monday, April 13, Monday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Ines Gomez (liv)

### Tuesday, April 14, Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Leonardo Molina (liv)

### Wednesday, April 15, Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### Thursday, April 16, Thursday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Diana Molina (liv)

### Friday, April 17, Friday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Paula Molina (liv)

### Saturday, April 18, Vigil for the Third Sunday of Easter

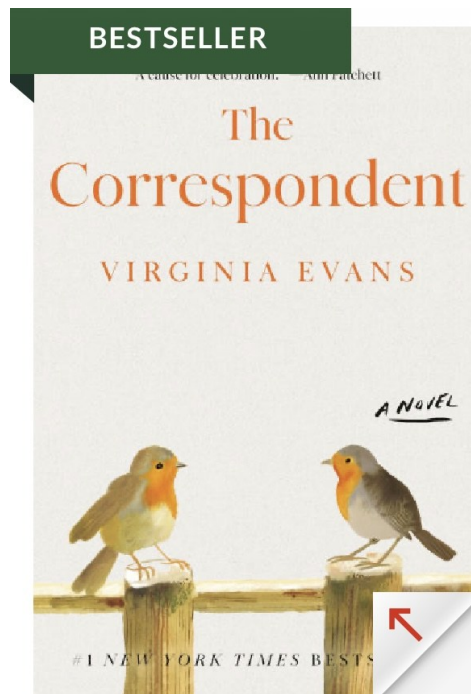
4:00 p.m. Maryori Villa (dec)

### Sunday, April 19, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Christina Cano (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marion Falcigno (dec)



## Book Club

The Blessed Trinity Social Group Book Club will be discussing "The Correspondent" on Thursday, April 16 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm in the Faith Formation Room.

All are welcome!



April 12, 2026

## Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Jn 20:19-31

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Can you imagine being Thomas and finding out that while you were gone from the Upper Room, the resurrected Jesus appeared to the other disciples? And then, according to the evangelist John, it was a full week later when Jesus returns to that room. If I were Thomas, I would probably be consumed with thoughts about how unfair the situation was – that I was being asked to believe without seeing while the other disciples were able to see the glorified Christ. And, of course, we don't know how Thomas reacted, except that he demanded to see and touch the wounds of Christ. We do know that when Christ returns he does not admonish Thomas, but offers his hands and his side to his disciple to touch. Christ responded to Thomas with mercy – inviting him into an encounter in a way that will draw him into deeper faith. And Christ also comes to us again and again and again, mercifully inviting us into relationship with him regardless of what we demand or how often we fall away.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

We do not have a right to God's mercy. Humanity willingly and intentionally turned away from God in the Garden of Eden, and we continue to do so today when we choose to sin and turn away from God. But God extends mercy to us as an undeserved gift, and he calls us to be merciful to others. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that the first Christians devoted themselves to the love of God and others, and they forged an avenue for mercy to be made present as they cared for one another by dividing their material goods "according to each one's need." We, too, are called to be merciful. We are called to look beyond what someone should be able to do on their own and be open to responding to their need in love. And as we show mercy to others, we remind one another of our dignity and worth. As with Thomas, Jesus does not focus on what we lack, but instead generously offers what is needed to draw us into relationship.

### **RECEIVE**

It can be just as hard to receive mercy as it is to extend it. In receiving mercy, we must admit that we are not capable of healing ourselves of all that keeps us from full communion with Christ. This week, pray for the grace to fully receive the mercy that God so lovingly offers, trusting that he desires to meet us where we are and draw us closer to himself.



## Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following 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 Genereux, 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 to schedule an appointment.

*The Blessed Trinity Social  
Group invites you*

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US**

*For a coffee meeting on Friday, April 24th after  
the 8:00 am mass at Paradeco Coffee  
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6800 Sunshine Skyway Ln. S.*

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## Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,  
May your mercy flow over us,  
filling our gaps and healing our wounds.  
Open our hearts more deeply  
with knowledge of your love for us,  
understanding of the depth of your passion,  
and trust in your never-ending mercy.  
Amen.

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## Everyday Stewardship

Due to the constant unchecked flow of data and information through the Internet, it can be hard to know when a story is real news or rubbish. It never ceases to amaze me when someone I know has bought into some crazy fake news story. Sometimes the story is just so unbelievable: celebrities who gained two hundred pounds in a month, women having babies who were never pregnant, or people actually being seen who are dead! Like Elvis!

The apostle Thomas found the news that Jesus was alive just too far-fetched to believe. But he didn't first hear the news on the Internet or read it standing in the grocery store checkout line. His friends told him. His fellow apostles told him they had actually seen the Lord with their own eyes. Their testimony was not enough. He needed proof.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples. We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us. This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel. More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives. The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life. Pretty unbelievable, right?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Weekly Offering

### Weekly Giving 03/29/26

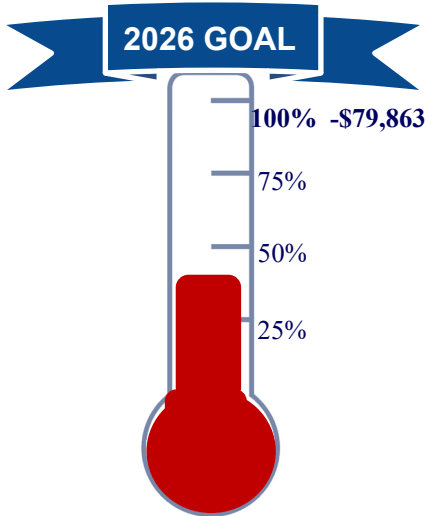
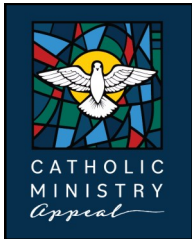
Offertory	\$12,632
Other Donations	\$ 75
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 85
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 300
Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$ 1,000
National Collections	\$ 11

### Weekly Giving 04/05/26 Easter

Offertory	\$25,987
Other Donations	\$ 2,040
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 375
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 525

Thank you for your generosity!

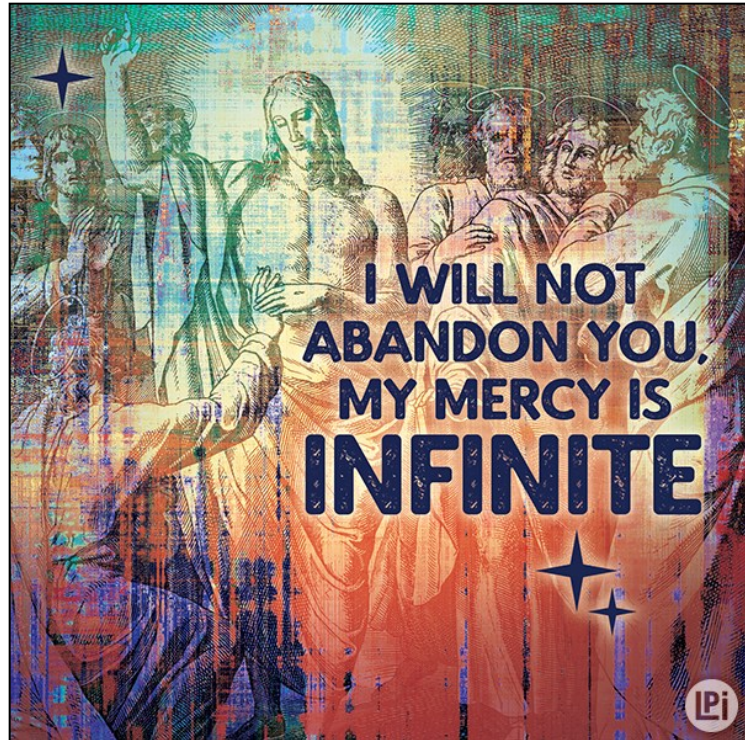
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**\$41,641 Paid as of  
March 24, 2026**

**81% of our Goal has been pledged**

**Thank you for your generosity!  
Keep up the good work!**



## Give Yourself Completely

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, April 11

2:30 Confessions CR  
7:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena Chaplet CH

### Sunday, April 12

Coffee and Donuts IS BACK CYH  
After the 8:00 am and 9:30 Masses  
\*New Location- Courtyard Hall (by the fountain)

### Monday, April 13

6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" CYH

### Tuesday, April 14

10:00 am Scripture Class CYH

### Wednesday, April 15

Adoration  
5:30 pm Rosary CH  
6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Holy Hour

### Thursday, April 16

10:00 am BT Social Group's "Book Club" FF  
4:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting FF  
6:30 pm Choir Practice MR

### Saturday, April 18

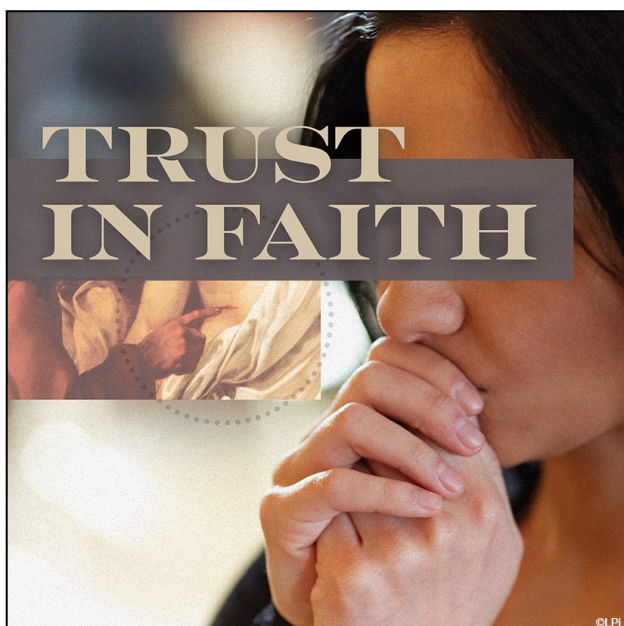
2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions CR

### Sunday, April 19

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses CYH

### Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CR=Cry Room  
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room  
PL= Parking Lot



### Pastor

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### Clergy Assistance

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Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM  
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Fr. Victor Bartolotta  
Fr. Eric Peters

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

#### Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

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### Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

### Parish Office

Monday—Friday  
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### Anointing of the Sick



To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

### Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office. Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed. For more information call 867-3663.

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