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Divine Mercy Sunday*

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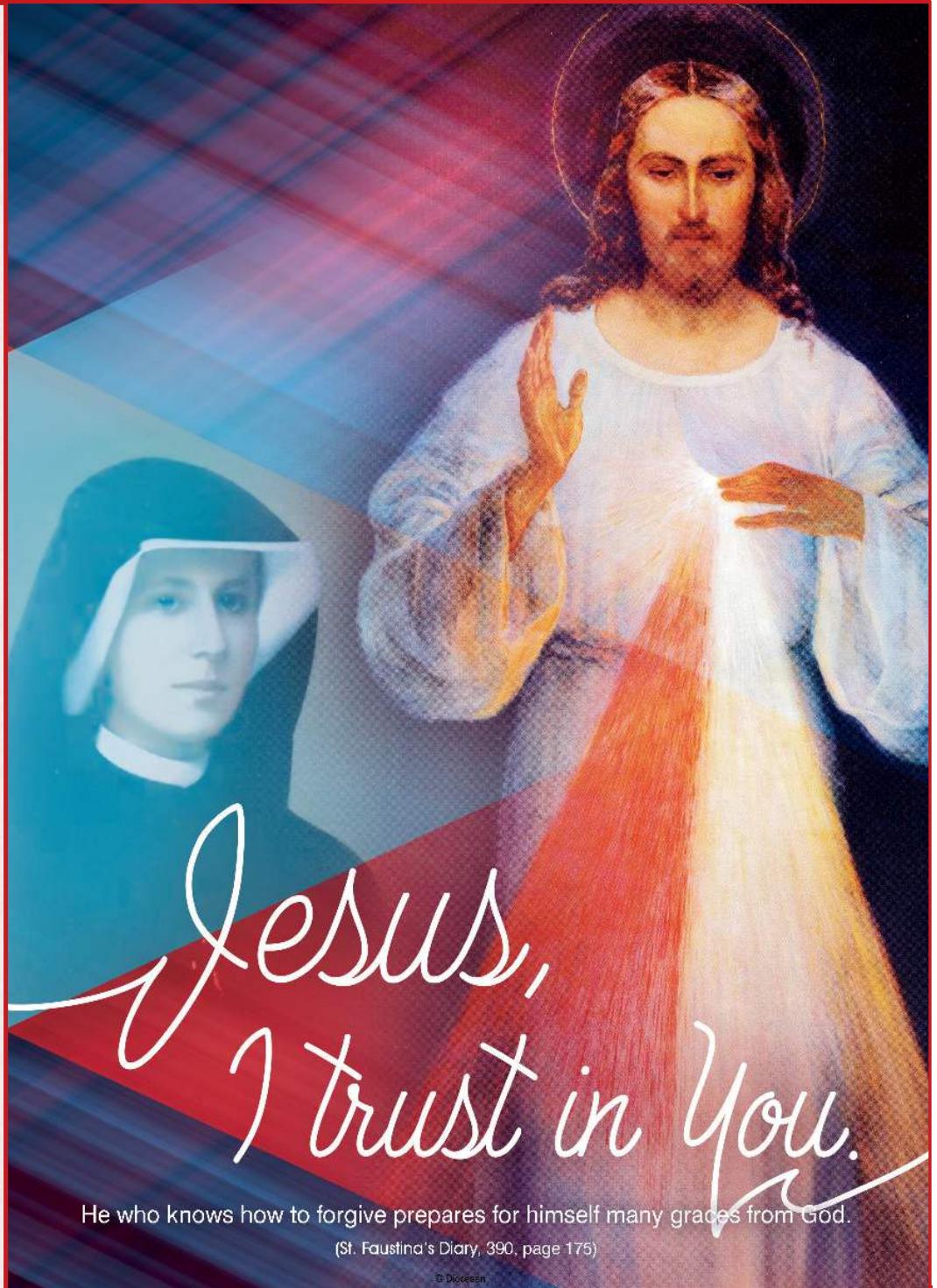
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*Jesus,  
I trust in You.*

He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God.

(St. Faustina's Diary, 390, page 175)

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*April 12, 2026*

**Mass Intentions for the week of April 12th to April 19th**

<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
7:30 AM Tinh-Pham (Teresa) by the family	7:00 AM Robert & Ann Marie Porta † by Mickey	7:00 AM Special Intentions of Jay Tulley (Happy Birthday) by mom & dad	7:00 AM Special Intentions of Frances Ann Ellison by Jerry Stanga & Ann Miner
9:30 AM Philip & Grace Oyen † by the Harnage family	8:30 AM Special Intentions of Jean Eriksen from Margaret Gould	8:30 AM Special Intentions for Lynn Kay	8:30 AM Special Intentions for Marg Hatina
11:30 AM Eric Bazile & Louis N Bazile † by the family	<i>“My Lord and my God”</i>		

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Third Sunday of Easter  
Thinking about the Readings**

1. Have I ever encountered Christ and only later realized it? What brought me to recognize His presence?
2. What music, prayers and events can make my heart burn within me?
3. What suffering is part of my life? What helps me deal with it?
4. What blessings have I received over the last few months?

**Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2025**

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-23

*It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

*We were saved with the precious Blood of Christ*

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

*They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.*

**DEVOTIONS**

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.)  
 Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel.  
 Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.  
 Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm  
 Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction.  
 Holy Days – Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am)  
 Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm  
 Fatima Sundays—Every 3rd Sunday of the Month from May through October, 3-4:30pm.  
 Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

**For Reflection:**

During this holiest of weeks, let's thank Jesus for his passion and death. Let's lay down our lives like palms at his feet, in humble obedience. Let's adore him with songs of praise for his mercy.



**Today's good news**

The Holy Gospel that the Liturgy presents to us on this second Sunday of Easter, is one of the most well known, discussed, and appreciated—the meeting of the Risen Lord with St Thomas. The Fathers of the Church have given us numerous insights into this Gospel text. Likewise, it has proven the inspiration to the numerous artists who have physically represented the events of this Gospel in order to give us a clear idea of what happened, ‘eight days after’ the first apparition of the Risen One, to the disciples congregated in the cenacle.

Jesus’ response to Thomas, after he recognized Him as ‘My Lord and my God’, has a mysterious fascination that must relate not so much to the disciples—those who ‘have seen’—but rather to those, like us, who were added to their number afterwards. ‘You have come to believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.’ That which we ‘have not seen’ is therefore the glorious Body of the Risen One. However, today we have the ability to ‘listen’ to the Word of God and the Magisterium of the Church and so we can ‘see’ the real Body of Christ which is the Eucharist. We can ‘see’ His Mystical Body which is the Church. We can ‘see’ Him in our lives and in the lives of our many brothers who, after meeting the Lord in a real but mysterious way, are united to Him in His Spirit!

Like Thomas, Christ calls us to fill the holes left by the instruments of the passion in His Body with our own hands so that our lives and the verbal witness that we give proclaim His Resurrection. Our senses could betray us, but we know that we have met the Risen One and we have recognized Him!

The certain hope that Peter, who betrayed the Lord three times for fear of death, proclaims to us with the words, ‘rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy’ (1 Peter 1:8), become fully comprehensible because blessed are they that ‘have not seen’ the Risen Lord, but seeing the joy of His disciples ‘have believed’ in Him!

# Divine Mercy Sunday

## Mass Intentions for the week of April 12th to April 19th

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Charles & Elizabet Bennett † by the family	7:00 AM For the people of the parish	8:30 AM Special Intentions for Vicki Shoemaker	7:30 AM Hugh & Paula Matthews † by their daughter
8:30 AM Special Intentions for Bob & Bonnie	8:30 AM For our recent Elect / Catechumens received into the church on Easter	5:00 PM Wendy Marie Lussier † by her parents	9:30 AM Rose Porricelli † by Vita Sclafani & Annamarie Amato
<i>For our recent Elect /Catechumens received into the church on Easter</i>			11:30 AM Johnny Guida † by his sister, Joni

## STEWARDSHIP

**Stewardship Thought:** Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks owords of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's needs

**Parish Sacrificial Giving** (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave (will be noted next week) for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Who feels fearful and full of doubt?

### Fatima Sunday Dates 2026

**May 17th, June 14th, July 12th, August 16th, September 13th, October 11th** are the dates to plan ahead for Fatima Sunday services.

Please join us at **3Pm** for an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing of the sick, recitation of the rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a special blessing and Benediction.

### Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration **April 16th from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm.**

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (c)

## SCHOOL NEWS



### Brevard County 4H Speech Contest

This school year, our fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are once again participating in the Brevard County 4H Speech Contest. After a classroom contest, our finalists will participate in a semi-final round where students will be selected to represent St. Teresa in the county contest.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as judges for the semi-final round being held on **Tuesday, April 21st at 1pm.**

If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to Mary McCrory at 321-267-1643 or email at [info@stteresa-titusville.org](mailto:info@stteresa-titusville.org). Thank you for your interest.

*St Teresa Fun Run & Color Run kicks off soon!*

We're attempting to raise \$20,000 for schoolwide improvements and we need your help. Save the date and stay tuned for more details on how you can support our cause.

Donate TODAY: <https://give.mybooster.com/st-teresa-catholic-school-2>

Fundraiser Kickoff in school – **03/23/2026**



In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus.

With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church.

The Church continues Jesus ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.



# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

April 12, 2026

## FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)  
Religious Education Classes (CCD) this  
Wednesday in the school at 6:15 pm.



OCIA  
No meeting, our next meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### "O"ur Catholic Nugget

A Quote from Henry Knox Sherrill "The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, and sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice."

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Winter Bible study has completed. Watch the bulletin for our next classes.

If you have any questions contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at [faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org](mailto:faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org).

### Breakfast Buffet

Save the date, Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> for our Final Breakfast Buffet for this year. Buffet will be after each Mass in the Parish Center. Omelets made to order, pancakes, as well as Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits and Gravy! Suggested donation: Adults: \$12, Children 5-12 \$6. Proceeds will be used to reduce the cost of the Youth Travelers on our Italy Youth Pilgrimage 2026.

### Youth Group Summer Camps

Camp Veritas. June 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Lake Placid, Florida  
Ava Maria Youth Conference 2026 July 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>; Ave Maria University

If you are interested in attending either or both of these summer events, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Cell: (321) 349-5445 (voice or text) Email: [faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org](mailto:faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org)

### Baptism

To schedule a Baptism or a Preparation Class contact the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at [faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org](mailto:faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org). The Preparation class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.



### Moms of Tiny Saints

A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints. Join us at one of our upcoming events.



Contact Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any questions.

Apr. 18 10AM Tom Statham Park Family Picnic Potluck

May 7 10AM Cross Bridge Church Playground Meet Up

May 20 7pm Text Kasey for address Just-for-Moms Night

### Bereavement /Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating.

You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate.

Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM.**

All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441



### Blue Army Rosary

#### Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets

The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly:**

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6pm**

There will be a Pot Luck dinner



### Choir Rehearsal

Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.

Traditional choir rehearses every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church



### Food Pantry Cor Jesu

Food store Gift cards are always welcome. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop. So good for meat or perishable items.

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome for perishables.

Thank you for your weekly generosity.



Congratulations and blessing to the  
Elect / Catechumens Received  
into the Church this Easter

Jennifer Mugg  
Stephen Wallace  
Dustin Philip Mugg  
Nichole Carr  
Rochelle Rego Kennedy  
Scarlett Loreto-Moussauel

Harlow Loreto-Moussauel  
Linda Joseph  
Tiffanie Kolte  
Patricia Marshall  
Joseph Jordan  
Grace Barraza



# Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday April 12th

Please join us at **3PM** for Divine Mercy Services and Blessing



When Pope John Paul canonized Sr. Faustina (making her St. Faustina), he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (the feast day associated with the message) as a feast day for the entire Church. The feast day falls on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. On that day, Pope John Paul II declared, "This is the happiest day of my life."

In 2002, the Pope entrusted the whole world to Divine Mercy when he consecrated the International Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, a suburb of Krakow in Poland. This is where St. Faustina's mortal remains are entombed. The saint lived in a convent nearby. The Pope himself remembers as a young man working in the Solvay Quarry, just a few meters from the present-day Shrine. He also says that he had been thinking about Sr. Faustina for a long time when he wrote his encyclical on Divine Mercy. Further, the Holy Father has frequently quoted from the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and has prayed The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy at the saint's tomb.

Given all these connections to Divine Mercy and St. Faustina, is it any wonder that Pope John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday (the evening before the feast day), which fell that year on April 3. It is also no surprise that the Great Mercy Pope left us a message for Divine Mercy Sunday, which was read on the feast day by a Vatican official to the faithful in St. Peter's after a Mass that had been celebrated for the repose of the soul of the Pope.

Repeatedly Pope John Paul II has written and spoken about the need for us to turn to the mercy of God as the answer to the specific problems of our times. He has placed a strong and significant focus on the Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout his pontificate that will carry the Church long after his death.

There is nothing man needs more than Divine Mercy—that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness, to the infinite heights to the holiness of God!



Pope John Paul II

*I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the **third hour**, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul.*

*In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world - mercy triumphed over justice."*

Then I heard the words, 'I am glad you behaved like My true daughter. Be always merciful as I am merciful. Love everyone out of love for Me, even your greatest enemies, so that My mercy may be fully reflected in your heart.'

St. Faustina



**Pope Leo XIV** celebrated his first **Easter** Mass as pontiff with a call Sunday to exercise hope against "the violence of war that kills and destroys," saying "we need this song of hope today" as conflicts spread around the world. Earlier, Leo addressed some 50,000 faithful from an open-air altar in St. Peter's Square flanked with white roses, while the steps leading down to the piazza where the faithful gathered were filled with spring perennials, symbolically resonating with the pope's words.

Speaking from the loggia, the pope announced a prayer vigil for peace **April 11** in the basilica.

The **Blue Army** will **not** be hosting any more Meatball Dinners this season but will have their **3rd Annual Divine Mercy Sunday Potluck Dinner** in Avila Hall following the **3:00pm** prayer service **April 12, 2026**.

All parishioners are welcome to join us. We will provide turkey, drinks and tableware and ask that attendees bring a side dish or dessert.



Second Sunday in Easter Gospel

The Second Sunday of Easter is the eighth day after Easter using the mode of inclusive counting, according to which Easter itself is the first day of the eight. Christian traditions which commemorate this day recall the Biblical account recorded to have happened on the same eighth day after the original **Resurrection**.

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and **Thomas** was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."



Jesus,  
I trust in You.

Second Sunday of Easter

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

Testing Faith

Faith is not fact. Our belief in the resurrection of Jesus comes from our trust in the promises of God and the faith of those we love. We call it faith and not fact because it is an assurance that comes from deep within our souls. Faith comes with a confidence that the God who made us in goodness has destined us for eternal goodness.

But there are times when our faith is tested. We undergo trials that make us question the goodness of the world and the Creator who made it. We want to believe in Jesus, and yet we do not have the advantage of the first disciples who saw him, heard him, and touched him. Our belief is different from theirs, and it faces challenges they did not know.

The First Letter of Peter says, “You may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith ... may prove to be for praise.” Gold is precious, but it is perishable when tested by fire. Faith is more precious than gold. When tested by fire it only grows stronger.

Our faith may feel weak at times, but those are times for testing. God is present to us, arms filled with promises, ready to steady our vision and shore up our hope. Faith is not fact. It is faith. It struggles deep within the soul, and it survives. It is tested only that it might grow stronger.

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# Divine Mercy Sunday

Thanks to all for a solemn and penitent Lenten & Easter season. From the Stations each week followed by Father Chris' Mission talks, the Soup Suppers, the Passion Play from the STS school students, then the Last Supper Play all leading up to Easter Sunday, each added to the penitence and joy of the season.



*Blessed and  
Happy Easter  
Season*



*He is risen!  
He has risen indeed!*



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