

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

**Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever and ever.**

— Revelation 1:18a

SEEING IS BELIEVING



Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus

doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY "Jesus I Trust in You" EXTRAORDINARY GRACES

What graces are available and how do we receive them? In her Diary, St. Faustina records a special promise given to her by Jesus. He told her to communicate it to the whole world:

In three places in her Diary, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300).

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

● To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

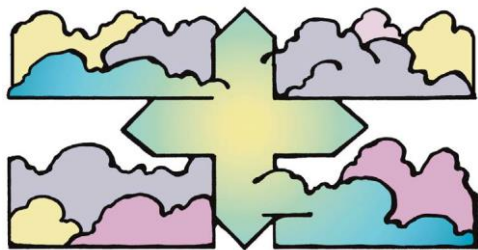
● **CONFESSION - Fr. Josh will be available for confession at Immaculate Heart, from 12 noon-6pm; with Adoration during that time as well.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;
Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1-4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 3 – Guadalupanas May 10 – Jamaica Committee



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Saturday, April 26th -

5:00PM-IHM – +Maria Morales & Carlos C. Guerrero & Rodolfo Morales; + Ruben Gutierrez; In thanksgiving for Victor, Jr. and Stephanie Rubio’s birthdays

Sunday, April 27th

8:30AM – Por la gente de Nolan County

11:00AM – +Vicky Soto, Si & Gloria Acuña; In thanksgiving for Nellie Fontaine and Cassie Saenz’s birthdays

Tuesday, April 29th 9:00AM - HF

Communion Service

Wednesday, April 30th 6:00PM-IHM

Communion Service

Thursday, May 1st 9:00AM - HF

Communion Service

Friday, May 2nd 9:00AM - HF

Communion Service

Saturday, May 3rd -

5:00PM-IHM – Guadalupanas living and deceased; +Manuela Solano; +Noah Alcalá

7:00PM – Roscoe - Por la gente de Nolan County

Sunday, May 4th

8:30AM – An acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Mary Grace Lopez, Maria Auxilio Beltran, Julia y Emilie Acevedo, Judit y Justin Cerveny, Natalia y Miguelito Rangel; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo

11:00AM –+Martina Herrera; +Antero Rostro In thanksgiving for the birthday of Rotimi Falana

April 19/20, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$3863.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1679.78
BUILDING FUND.....	1062.00
RICE BOWL.....	193.00
GOOD FRIDAY (Holy Land).....	949.65
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$7747.43

Thank you for your generosity

NOTE: MASS CHANGES –

- Beginning Sunday, June 22, 2025, the 8:30AM Spanish Mass will be moved up to 8:00AM
- Mass will be celebrated @ Holy Family at 9:30AM beginning June 22nd and every 3rd Sunday of the month thereafter.
- No Sunday morning confessions on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Same schedule for the other weekend Masses.

GRADUATES’ MASS - High School and College Graduates’ Mass is Sunday, May 4th, at 11:00AM.

To be included in the Mass, reception, & gift please call the office or sign-up at the church entrance this weekend.

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR CRS RICE BOWLS

WEDNESDAY – Communion Service @6:00pm, followed by Adoration until 7:30pm @IHM.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE – The Guadalupana members will be selling Raffle tickets after the weekend Masses. Proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. Scholarship applications are due Friday, May 2nd.

YOU’RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE -The Ordination to the Diaconate of Mr. Francisco J. Camacho, Saturday, May 24, 2025, 10:30am, Our Lady of Guadalupe 1401 Garden Ln, Midland, TX. **First Homily** All Masses May 24th 5pm (Spanish); May 25th 8am, 2pm (Spanish) 10am, 12pm (English)

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

CCD - CLASSES RESUME this Sunday, April 27th

ULTREYA– meets Monday, April 28th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend.

Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of April to donate to the Women’s Pregnancy Crisis Center.

► **BABY DONATIONS to include:**

- Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,
- New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,
- Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de abril para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

► **DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**

- Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,
- Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada,
- preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,
- Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

ATENCIÓN! ¿Quiere aprender más sobre la fe? Entonces, está invitado a participar en las clases de catecismo para adultos en español. El curso comenzará a finales de abril y se prolongará durante todo el verano hasta que se hayan impartido todas las clases. La primera clase será miercoles 30 de abril, 2025, a las 7:00p.m. en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón en 507 W. Alabama Ave. El catequista será Victor Rubio Jr. Note mas informacion en la entrada de la iglesia.

Pope Francis

1936 – 2025



Pope Francis passed away at 7:35 a.m. local time on Easter Monday, April 21, at his residence in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta, as confirmed by the Holy See Press Office. The 88-year-old pontiff led the Catholic Church for a little more than 12 years.

Pope Francis' funeral Mass will take place Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Square, the Vatican announced Tuesday.

The Mass will be presided over by Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, dean of the College of Cardinals.

Pope Francis will be buried at St. Mary Major Basilica following Saturday funeral.

The first Latin American and the first member of the Society of Jesus to be elected pope, his legacy will be shaped by his efforts to bring the Gospel to the peripheries of the world and the margins of society.



By CNA Staff