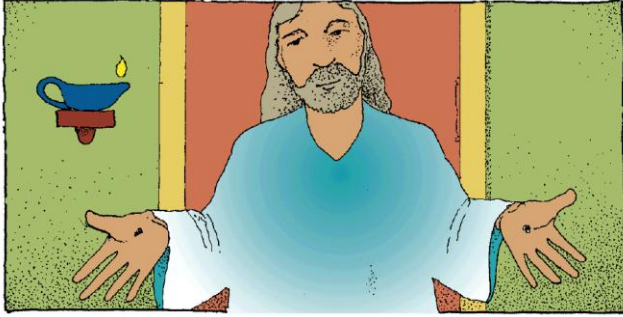


**Second Sunday of Easter    April 12, 2026**  
**Sunday of Divine Mercy**



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**“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”**  
— *John 20:29b*

**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.

**POST-EASTER FAITH**

It's hard not to be skeptical these days. We're bombarded with advertisers spending mega-bucks to tell us things that are not absolutely true. The newspaper is filled with stories of people deceiving others. Even some of our political and religious leaders are involved in dubious dealings. How are we to sort it all out? Sometimes, like Thomas, we have to see things for ourselves. We have to try the product to see if it really does what the advertiser claims. We have to talk with and check out references for

people who will have an impact on our lives. We have security systems, answering machines and caller ID to protect ourselves from strangers. It's easy to criticize Thomas, but how open are we to the incredible?

**COMMENT**

After Easter, the apostles went out courageously and told the story of Jesus, his resurrection, and the Good News he brought. Many people believed the words, signs, and wonders of Jesus' followers. Together they broke bread, prayed, shared stories, and helped one another. Many sold their possessions and used the proceeds to help the less fortunate. The conversion described in Acts is joyful and dramatic.

As we look closely at Peter's letter and John's Gospel, we see less joy and drama. Peter warns new Christians that it is not always easy to be a follower, but the bottom line is that our souls will be saved. We haven't realized yet what that means exactly. Its full impact will not be realized until we join Christ in heaven.

John breaks into the story slowly. He begins by telling us that the apostles had gathered, frightened, in an upper room with locked doors. Jesus appears in the room and gently offers them peace. There's certainly excitement, relief, joy, tears of understanding as the miracle continues to unfold, but even this joy is quieted by Thomas' reluctance to believe what had transpired while he was gone. Still, the same conditions exist for the apostles and for us today as the early Christians found after Easter. We break bread, pray, share stories, and help one another.

**REFLECTION**

All the characteristics of the new church still hold true for us today. In the spirit of the peace Jesus offered the disciples and continues to offer us, we share the victory of the Cross. In the breaking of the bread, prayer, sharing stories, and serving one another, Jesus sends us out, clothed with the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the Good News. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; 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: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
Jn 6:16-21  
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY –**

Today, Fr. Josh will be available for confession at Immaculate Heart, from 12 noon until 3:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow.



**Saturday, April 11th -**

**5:00-IHM** – For our seminarians Cameron Moore and Martin Luna; +Sarah Gomez, Ysidro & Elvira Navarrette; Eulalio & Sarita Olvera; +David Garcia

**Sunday, April 12th –**

**8:00AM – IHM** +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Lupe “Lulu” Martinez; En acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Juan Francisco Solis, Adam, Cynthia y Charlie Galvan

**11:00AM – IHM** For the People of Nolan County

**Tuesday, April 14th 9:00AM-HF**

In thanksgiving for Cassie Saenz’s birthday

**Wednesday, April 15th 6:00PM - IHM**

+Ray T. Reyes

**Thursday, April 16th 9:00AM-HF**

+Barbara Rivera

**Friday, April 17th 9:00AM HF**

+Leticia, Adan y Nellys Acopa Montejo; Humberto Diaz, Noah Hernandez & Martin Luna

**Saturday, April 18th -**

**5:00-IHM** – +Belinda Gomez, Tomas y Guadalupe Morales; +Daniel Grimaldo; +Ysidro y Susie Ramirez

**Sunday, April 19th –**

**8:00AM – IHM** Por Grupo Misionero que Dios los bendiga y aumente su fe; en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de José Aguayo, Luz Cano, Aurora Ruiz, Erick y Omar Rico; Victor Rubio, Jr.; +Rodrigo DeLoera

**9:30AM – HF** – For the People of Nolan County

**11:00AM – IHM** +Martina Herrera; +Joe & Ynes Gonzales; Alejandra & Anselmo Gamez; In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Jocelyn Madrigal, Sandra, Carmen, Raquel y Roberto Acevedo; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo

• **SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE** – The Guadalupanas are selling Raffle tickets after the weekend Masses. Proceeds will go to the Guadalupana Scholarship Fund. Applications are available in the parish office. Deadline is April 30, 2026, @3:00p.m.

• **MANUEL & REFUJIA HEREDIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** –You must be a 2026 Graduating High School Senior and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Sweetwater, Texas to apply. Applications are available in the parish office. Deadline is May 8, 2026.

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS** to all our April celebrants.

**RELIGION CLASSES ---**

Sunday Classes 9:30 - 10:40A.M.

Wednesday Classes 7:00 - 8:30P.M

**OCIA** –Thursdays, 6pm at HF Hall, 507 Crane St.

**WEDNESDAY** – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:30pm @IHM.

**WHY AM I CATHOLIC?**- Deacon Bill’s sharing session every Tuesday at his home, @6:00pm.

**GRUPO MISIONERO** - Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall.

**ULTREYA MEETINGS**

Sunday, April 12th - 6:00pm (*English*)

Monday, April 13th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)

Both at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit

<http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

**PARISH MOVIE GROUP** meets Sunday, April 12th, 4:00pm at Holy Family Hall.

**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR CRS RICE BOWLS**

**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.

April 4/5, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$4,962.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	2,139.86
CCD.....	1,105.87
GOOD FRIDAY.....	1,014.46
RICE BOWLS.....	<u>557.12</u>
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$9,779.31

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE**

April 18 – Finance    April 25 – Grupo Misionero

# *Divine Mercy*



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## Jesus I Trust in You

On April 10, 1991, Pope John Paul II, (*St. Pope John Paul II*) at his general audience, spoke about Sister Faustina, showing his great respect for her, relating her to his encyclical, *Rich in Mercy*, and emphasizing her role in bringing the message of mercy to the world:

“The words of the encyclical on divine mercy (*Dives in Misericordia*) are particularly close to us. They recall the figure of the Servant of God, Sister Faustina Kowalska. This simple woman religious particularly brought the Easter message of the merciful Christ closer to Poland and the whole world ...”