

**CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:**



(While we are not able to gather in church as a faith community to receive Jesus present in the Eucharist, Fr. Paul does continue to offer the sacrifice of the Mass each day for our intentions as listed below. At minimum for the Sunday obligation, We can participate in Mass through many forms: Online live streaming with Bishop Doherty from the Cathedral (or many other churches offer live streaming of the Mass), on our website with Bishop Barron, EWTN, Catholic Radio of Indy (89.1 or 90.9) our Word Among Us books have daily Mass readings, or the following:

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**April 19, 2020**

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**Monday, April 20**

No Mass

**Tuesday, April 21**

Molly Jo May

**Wednesday, April 22**

George & Karleen Reidy

**Thursday, April 23**

Ron Watson

**Friday, April 24**

Bill & Pat Schantz

**Saturday, April 25**

Joe Smith

**Palm Sunday, April 26**

Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS**

**FOR APRIL:**

**Freedom from Addiction**

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

**Weekly Prayer Corner:**

**NOURISH US, LORD**

Divine Savior, we come to your holy table to nourish ourselves, not with bread but with yourself, true bread of eternal life. Help us daily to make a good and perfect meal of this divine food.  
--St. Francis de Sales

**CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS**

If at all possible, please continue to keep your contributions up-to-date and mail them to the office both for St. Mary's or St. John's to:

**St. John's Church**

**213 S. Spring St.**

**Hartford City, IN 47348**

Diana will be able to distinguish which parish they belong to and appropriately post & deposit to that account. Thank you for your efforts to continue your financial support to the church.

**BRING LENT TO LIFE**

A life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice bowl.

**THANK YOU:**

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your rice bowl money by counting your box and mailing a check or contacting the office to meet Diana at back door to drop off box.

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Let us pray the rosary for all who are sick and for all who have died as a result of the Coronavirus, as well as for the safety of healthcare workers, the consolation of those who cannot leave their homes, and for the encouragement of all who feel anxiety, fear or doubt during this health crisis. Pray the rosary daily at 4pm live on [facebook.com/AscensionPress/](https://facebook.com/AscensionPress/)

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**St. Mary's**

Sunday Collection: \$660.00

CRS: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

**St. John's**

Sunday Collection: \$2080.00

Food Pantry: \$95.00

Building Fund: \$125.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

**Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words 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 need?**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Apr. 20: Acts 4: 23-31; Jn 3: 1-8

Apr. 21: [St. Anselm, bishop & doctor of the Church]

Acts 4: 32-37; Jn 3: 7b-15

Apr. 22: Acts 5: 17-26; Jn 3: 16-21

Apr. 23: [St. George, martyr; St. Adalbert, bishop & martyr] Acts 5: 27-33; Jn 3: 31-36

Apr. 24: [St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr] Acts 5: 34-42; Jn 6: 1-15

Apr. 25: [St. Mary, Evangelist] 1 Pt 5: 5b-14; Mk 16: 15-20

Apr. 26: [Third Sunday of Easter] Acts 2: 14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1: 17-21; Lk 24: 13-35

**Don't forget to check in with your neighbor and help those in need of food, meds, or just old-fashioned communication...and prayer!**

**Sunday 4/19/2020 Divine Mercy Sunday**

- Live Stream of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM

- Live Stream Mass at 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

On Our website and YouTube Channel (Saint Mary Cathedral, Lafayette, Indiana)

When we are tempted to give in to doubts to the faith for whatever the reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.  
--Matthew Kelly, Dynamic Catholic

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:**

[ACTS 2:42-47; PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 PT 1:3-9; JN 20:19-31](#)

The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision" rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection.

Today's readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step-by-step, to heaven.

Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crisis, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas, who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus' first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed "seen the Lord" as they claimed.

Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas' statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so, He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds. What amazing grace.

***If you wish to put someone on the prayer chain, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521.***







Vatican News...On Divine Mercy Sunday Pope Francis will offer Mass in a church containing the relics of both St. Faustina Kowalska and St. John Paul II.

This Sunday will mark the 20th liturgical anniversary of St. Faustina's canonization and the official institution of the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday by St. John Paul II.

The Mass in Rome's Santo Spirito in Sassia, a church transformed by St. John Paul II into a center for Divine Mercy spirituality, will be broadcast on television and via livestream at 11 a.m. Vatican time.

Other options can be found around the internet. 3pm local time is the preferred time to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### THIS WEEK'S STAY-AT-HOME PRAYER

As good stewards of God's grace during this Easter season, let us be united in prayer and hope during these stressful times.

- ❖ We pray for all those who have been affected by COVID-19 (Coronavirus), for their healing and comfort, and for strength and peace for their families.
- ❖ We pray for those who have passed away because of the virus and those who mourn for them.
- ❖ We pray for health care workers, first responders, all who are and will offer compassionate service and healing in the days and weeks to come.
- ❖ We pray for those who are working to contain the spread of the virus.
- ❖ We pray for our local and national health care and government officials as we continue to rely on their prudence and good judgement.
- ❖ We pray for those who face economic adversity due to the virus, especially those who may lose much needed pay or even lose a job.
- ❖ And, we pray for those who suffer anxiety, fear and loneliness. May they feel God's embrace!

### CAN YOU BE AN "ALLELUIA PEOPLE"

I've seen a number of people comment that, with Lent marked by the anxiety, disruptions, and isolation of the COVID-19 crisis, Easter felt like a goal or deadline to make. And now that we've entered into the blessed season of Christ's resurrection they don't know what to do!

This is something I'm sure many of us are wrestling with -- how can we be an "Alleluia people" at this time?

One suggestion is to look for ways to help. Check in on neighbors and fellow parishioners. Donate to a local food relief organization (our family has committed to giving 5% of our stimulus check to food relief efforts). Pray for our healthcare workers, first responders, and essential workers. Learn to sew facemasks to donate.

Second, keep Easter alive in your prayer life. Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Set an alarm on your phone and pray the Regina Caeli at noon throughout the Easter Season. Use Magnificat or Give Us This Day to read the daily scriptures and prayers from the Liturgy of the Hours.

Finally, take time to enjoy the good things around you. Take a walk in the fresh air. Play a board game with your kids. Learn a new skill or enjoy a favorite hobby. And in all things, give praise and thanksgiving to God for the wondrous love he has shown us through his Son!

You don't have to do all of these things. Just one or two will be enough to life our hearts and minds in the Easter season so that, with the angels and saints, we can sing our Alleluia!

Jonathan F. Sullivan  
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### SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

## The Clustered Parishes Of

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