OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

The Mother Church of Queens County

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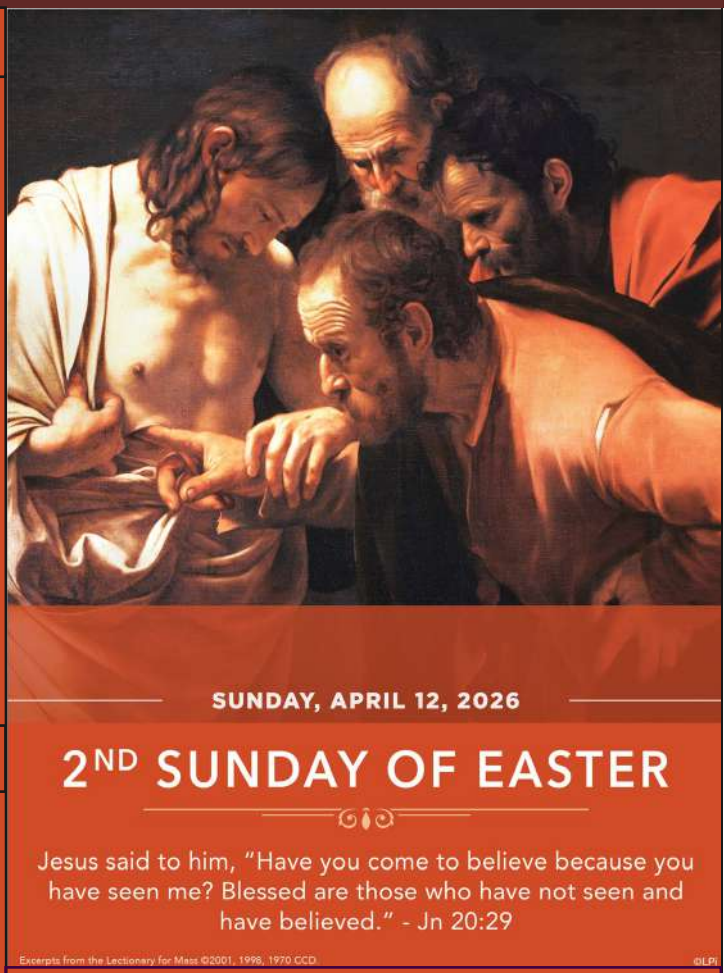

Mass Times

Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM *(English)*, 9:00AM *(Italian- Every 2nd & 4th Sunday in the Chapel)*, 9:30AM *(Bilingual)*, 10:30AM *(Czech-Slovak in the Chapel)*, 11:00AM *(English)*, 12:30PM *(Spanish)*, 3:00 PM *(Vietnamese)*

Weekday: 8:00AM & 12:00PM, Saturday 8:00AM

First Fridays: 7:30 PM *(Spanish)*
Holy Days: 8:00AM & 12:00PM, 7:30PM *(Bilingual)*
Holidays: 9:00AM

Office Hours

Weekday: 9:00am—8:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am—5:00pm

Infant Baptisms & Adult Sacraments: Contact Deacon Jacob Rodriguez for registration.

Confessions: Every Saturday in the Chapel from 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment during the week.

Weddings: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with a priest.

Sweet Sixteen: Celebrated for parish members who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Anointing of the Sick: Available upon need. Hospital patients may ask to see the priest chaplain.

Bautismos Infantiles y Sacramentos para Adultos: Hable con el Diacono Rodríguez para registraciones.

Confesiones: Cada sábado en la capilla de 3:30pm-4:30pm o por cita durante la semana.

Bodas: Arreglos deben hacerse 6 meses en avance con un sacerdote.

Quinceaños: Solamente para miembros de la parroquia que han recibido la Confirmación.

Unción de los Enfermos: Disponible por necesidad. Pacientes de hospital pueden pedir ver el capellán.

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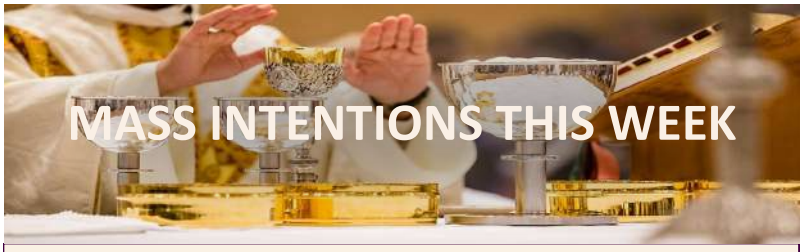

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
5:00pm Angelo Ciccotelli, Joseph Sumberac, Kevin Kelly Sr., Mario Silva, Andrew Rueda, Leda Miches

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 12
8:00am Maureen Avery *(Living—For Health)*
9:00am Divina Misericordia/ Beata Madre Zangara
9:30am John Thu Pham, Anibal Javier, Faustino Flores Donald Sanchez, Genevieve Gallagher, Soledad Gutierrez Bueno
11:00am Our Parish's Jornada Group
12:30pm Luis Lavayen Vasques, Wilfredo Ponce, Constantina & Pedro Rojas, Irene Luna de la Rosa, Feliciano Verdejo, Miguel Tenecela, Edisson Nivicela, Maria Cornelia Ocampo *(5º Aniversario)*, Jason Osorio *(1ʳ Aniversario)*, En Honor al Señor de la Divina Misericordia
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 13 (Saint Martin I)
8:00am Augusto Santos, In Thanksgiving *(Living—Birthday)*
12:00pm Natale Forzano *(Death Anniversary)*

TUESDAY, APRIL 14
8:00am Raffaele & Rosario DelGreco
12:00pm Mildred Ciangiola

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
8:00am Giuseppe & Bernarda DiLorenzo
12:00pm Timothy Rojas

THURSDAY, APRIL 16
8:00am Gaspare Barretta
12:00pm Mercedes Beck

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
8:00am Chun Ju Lee *(Death Anniversary)*
12:00pm Jorge Guisao

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
8:00am Joseph Paul Immordino
5:00pm Angela Rearden, Angelo Ciccotelli, Zenaida Santos, In Thanksgiving *(Living—Birthday)*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 19
8:00am Danica & Silvester Grlic
9:30am Amado Tula *(3ʳ Aniversario)*, Ramon Bencosme, Los miembros difuntos de la familia Rosas Polanco
11:00am Aniela Wladyslaw Polkosnik
12:30pm Constantina & Pedro Rojas, Vicente Morales, Feliciano Verdejo en su tercer Aniversario de muerte, Lucrecia & Enriqueta Artieda, Norma Romero, Nury Villaviceno, Por todos los sacerdotes y diaconos, En celebración por los 18 años de Michelle Macias
3:00pm For the People of the Parish

VOTIVE OFFERINGS AND MEMORIALS

Purgatorial & Mass Intentions:	$20
Weekly Altar Flowers:	$75

Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Candles are $35

The Tree of Life: (Please visit the parish office)
Gift categories include:

Silver Leaf:	$ 500.00
Gold Leaf:	$1,000.00
Gold Rock at Base of Tree:	$2,500.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

We will have second collections taken after communion on the following dates.

April 5— For our Retired Priests
April 12—Our Parish Maintenance
April 26— Catholic Home Missions: *Nearly 40% of dioceses in the USA are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs.*

SEGUNDA COLECTA

Tendremos una segunda colecta después de la comunión en las siguientes fechas.

5 de abril— Por nuestros Sacerdotes Jubilados
12 de abril— Nuestro Mantenimiento Parroquial
26 de abril— Misiones Catolicas Domesticas: *Casi 40% de las diócesis de los EE.UU. No tienen los fondos para el trabajo pastoral esencial en comunidades en necesidad. Su apoyo es para proporcionar formación en la fe y los sacramentos.*

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have now begun the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider making a donation. As of March 30, 2026 we have 52 donors who have pledged $20,610, from which $13,065 have been received.

CAMPAÑA CATOLICA ANUAL 2025

Hemos comenzado la Campaña Católica Anual del 2026. Les pedimos a todos, por favor considerar hacer una promesa este año. A partir del 30 de marzo, tenemos a 52 donantes, quienes han prometido $20,610 de cuales $13,065 han sido recibidos.

GROUP AND SOCIETY MEETINGS

Sunday, April 12

8:00am—11:30am	Italian Community	*Lourdes A/B*
9:00am—9:00pm	Divine Mercy Celebration	*Gym*
9:30am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad #5	*Assumption*
10:00am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad #9	*Ascension*
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish OCIA	*Fatima & Upper Room*
10:00am—12:30pm	Cursillo	*Guadalupe A*
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Mass	*Guadalupe B*
2:00pm—3:00pm	Grupo de Amistad #14	*Fatima*

Monday, April 13

7:00am—5:00pm	TYLWS	*Gym*
5:00pm—9:00pm	CYO	*Gym*
7:00pm—9:00pm	English OCIA	*Guadalupe A/B*
7:00pm—9:00pm	Coro Guadalupano	*Lourdes A/B*

Tuesday, April 14

7:00am—4:00pm	TYLWS	*Gym*
5:00pm—9:00pm	CYO	*Gym*
5:30pm—7:00pm	Mariachi Practice	*Balcony Room*
6:00pm—9:00pm	Marriage Encounter	*Guadalupe A/B +Fatima*
7:00pm—9:00pm	Practica de Coro #1	*Nazareth*

Wednesday, April 15

7:00am—4:00pm	TYWLS	*Gym*
4:00pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
7:30pm—10:00pm	CYO	*Gym*
8:00pm—10:00pm	Knights of Columbus	*Guadalupe B*

Thursday, April 16

7:00am—5:00pm	TYLWS	*Gym*
10:00am—11:30am	Legion of Mary	*Guadalupe A/B*
5:30pm—7:30pm	Religious Education	*All Room*
7:30pm—9:30pm	OLMC Jornada Group	*Guadalupe A*

Friday, April 17

7:00am—4:00pm	TYLWS	*Gym*
5:00pm—10:00pm	CYO	*Gym*
6:30pm—9:00pm	OLMC Youth Group	Guadalupe *A/B*
6:30pm—9:00pm	Practica de Niños	*Lourdes A/B*

Saturday, April 18

9:00am—9:00pm	CYO	*Gym*
9:00am—1:00pm	AA Meeting	*Guadalupe A/B*
9:00am—11:00am	Reunion de Amistad #15	*Fatima*
10:00am—12:00pm	Coro de Niños	*Assumption*
10:00am—1:00pm	Lessons in Faith	*Lourdes A/B*
1:00pm—3:00pm	Leaders Reflection	*Guadalupe A/B*
5:00pm—7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	*Fatima*
5:00pm—7:00pm	Bilingual Choir Practice	*Nazareth*

Sunday, April 19

9:30am—10:30am	Grupo de Amistad #14	*Nazareth*
9:30am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad #5	*Assumption*
10:00am—11:00am	Grupo de Amistad #9	*Ascension*
10:00am—12:00pm	Spanish OCIA	*Fatima & Upper Room*
10:00am—12:30pm	Cursillo	*Guadalupe A/B*
10:00am—1:00pm	Czech Mass	*Lourdes A/B*
6:00pm—8:00pm	Sagrado Corazon	*Guadalupe A/B*

PARISH REGISTRATION

We encourage all who worship with us to consider registering to our parish. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the parish office. Your participation will strengthen your sense of belonging in God's family.

Name(s): _____

Address:_____ **Apt**_____

City _____ **ZIP** _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

PLEASE MARK ONE:

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INFANT BAPTISM/ BAUTISMOS

Preparation Meeting Tuesday-6:00pm-Institute	**Baptism Ceremony 12:00pm-Main Church**
April 21, 2026	April 25, 2026
May 19, 2026	May 23, 2026
June 23, 2026	June 27, 2026
July 21, 2026	July 25, 2026
August 18, 2026	August 22, 2026
September 22, 2026	September 26, 2026
October 20	October 24
November 24	November 28

NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

Reunion de Preparacion Martes-6:00pm-Instituto	**Ceremonia de Bautismo 12:00pm-Iglesia**
5 de mayo 2026	9 de mayo 2026
9 d junio 2026	13 de junio 2026
7 de julio 2026	11 de julio 2026
4 de agosto 2026	8 de agosto 2026
8 de septiembre	12 de septiembre
6 de octubre	10 de octubre
10 de noviembre	14 de noviembre
8 de diciembre	12 de diciembre

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The next Rosary Society meeting will be held on **May 3, 2026** after the 9:30am bilingual Mass, in the Lourdes room. All ladies over 15 years old are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend!

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

April 12, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

ALLELUIA! Today we gather to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter—a sacred moment when the Church continues to rejoice in the joy of the Resurrection. This day reminds us that the Paschal Mystery, culminating in Christ's victory over sin and death, is so immense that it cannot be contained within a single day. Rather, it draws us into a deeper, sustained contemplation of its saving power throughout this entire week.

Instituted by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000, Divine Mercy Sunday flows from the revelations entrusted to Saint Faustina Kowalska, a humble Polish nun of the 1930s, chosen by Christ to proclaim His message of mercy to the world. This message—so central to today's celebration—remains a radiant beacon of hope for all humanity.

In her visions, St. Faustina beheld two rays streaming from the Sacred Heart of Jesus—one red and one pale—symbolizing blood and water. These sacred signs point us to the life-giving gifts of the Eucharist and Baptism, revealing the continual outpouring of Divine Mercy that cleanses, heals, and renews every generation. From these encounters with the Lord comes the invitation to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet—a devotion that is not merely recited, but lived, as we entrust ourselves more deeply to God's mercy.

In today's Gospel (John 20:19–31), the Risen Lord enters into the fear of His disciples and greets them with the gift of peace, breathing upon them the Holy Spirit. In this moment, we see our own calling: to become vessels of His mercy in the world. Jesus' gentle and patient response to Thomas' doubt reveals that mercy has the power to transform hesitation into faith, and fear into trust.

As Pope Francis beautifully reminds us in *Evangelii Gaudium*, *"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel"* (n. 114). These words are not simply an ideal—they are a mission entrusted to each of us.

In this spirit, I wish to commend the Divine Mercy Prayer Group in our parish. Gathering each week to pray the Chaplet in Spanish before beautifully adorned images of the Divine Mercy, they offer a powerful witness of faith. Their devotion extends beyond prayer into action—visiting the sick, serving those in need, and engaging in works of charity. They remind us that mercy is not only something we receive, but something we are called to give. I warmly encourage all to consider joining or supporting this group.

On a more personal note, this day always brings to mind the powerful example of my own parents. I can still see them, united in prayer, faithfully reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day at 3:00 PM in the quiet of our home. That simple yet steadfast witness left a lasting imprint on my heart and has profoundly shaped my own journey of faith.

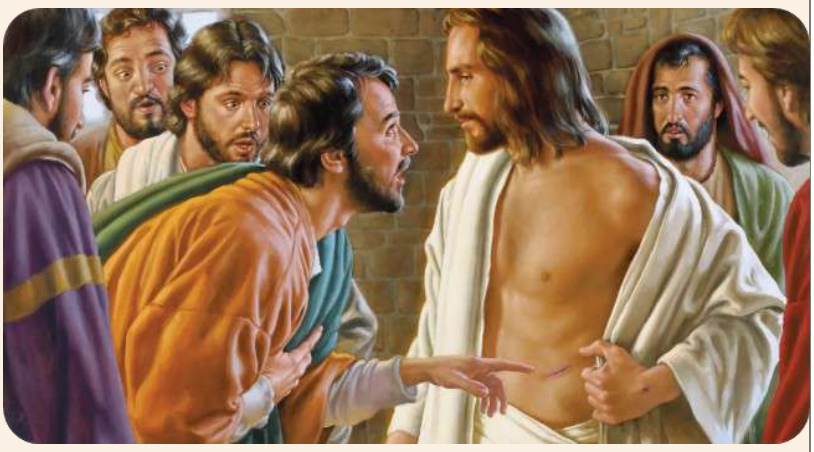
As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, may the words *"Jesus, I trust in You!"* take root within us—not merely as a phrase we repeat, but as a conviction we live. May we carry His mercy into our families, our workplaces, and our communities, becoming signs of hope and instruments of His unfailing love.

In Christ's merciful love,

Msgr. "John" Cuong M. Pham

DEL CORAZON DEL PASTOR

12 de abril, 2026



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Aleluya! Hoy nos reunimos para celebrar el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, la Octava de Pascua. La Iglesia continúa llena de alegría por la Resurrección del Señor. Y es que esta alegría es tan grande, tan profunda, que no cabe en un solo día… por eso la Iglesia nos regala toda una semana para contemplarla, para saborearla, para dejar que transforme nuestra vida.

Este día fue instituido por San Juan Pablo II en el año 2000, inspirado en las revelaciones de Santa Faustina Kowalska. A través de esta humilde religiosa, Jesús quiso recordarle al mundo una verdad que nunca debemos olvidar: **Dios es rico en misericordia… y nunca se cansa de perdonarnos**. En las visiones de Santa Faustina aparecen dos rayos que brotan del Corazón de Jesús: uno rojo y otro pálido. Estos rayos representan la sangre y el agua, signos de los sacramentos, especialmente la Eucaristía y el Bautismo. Son signos de ese amor que no se agota, que nos limpia, que nos sana y que nos da una vida nueva cada vez que volvemos a Él.

Por eso, Jesús mismo nos invita a rezar la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia. No es solo una devoción más… es una oración profunda que nos ayuda a confiar, a abandonarnos en Dios, a poner en sus manos nuestras heridas, nuestros pecados y también nuestras esperanzas.

Al escuchar el Evangelio de hoy (Juan 20, 19-31), vemos a los discípulos encerrados, llenos de miedo, paralizados por la incertidumbre. Y en medio de ese miedo, Jesús se hace presente y les dice: *"La paz esté con ustedes."* Así actúa la misericordia de Dios: no viene a condenar, sino a levantar; no viene a señalar, sino a sanar; no viene a rechazar, sino a abrazar. Y cuando Tomás duda, Jesús no lo reprende… Jesús se acerca a él con paciencia y ternura. Esa es la misericordia: un amor que comprende nuestra debilidad y nos lleva poco a poco hacia la fe.

El Papa Francisco nos recuerda en *Evangelii Gaudium* que la Iglesia debe ser un lugar donde todos puedan sentirse acogidos, amados y perdonados (cfr. N. 114). Hermanos, eso no es solo una idea bonita… es una misión concreta para cada uno de nosotros.

Por eso quiero destacar hoy, con mucha gratitud, al grupo de la Divina Misericordia de nuestra parroquia. Ellos se reúnen cada semana para rezar la Coronilla en español, ante hermosas imágenes de Jesús Misericordioso. Pero no solo rezan… también viven lo que rezan: visitan a los enfermos, ayudan a los necesitados, sirven con generosidad. Ellos nos recuerdan que la misericordia no se queda en palabras, sino que se convierte en obras.

Y en lo personal, este día siempre toca mi corazón de una manera muy especial. Vuelvo a ver en mi memoria a mis padres, juntos, en silencio, cada día a las 3 de la tarde, rezando fielmente la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia en nuestro hogar. Ese testimonio sencillo, pero constante, dejó una huella profunda en mi vida y en mi fe.

Queridos hermanos, hoy Jesús nos repite a cada uno de nosotros: *"Jesús, en Ti confío."* No es solo una frase bonita. Es una decisión. Confiar cuando todo va bien… pero también confiar cuando hay dolor. Confiar cuando sentimos paz… pero también cuando sentimos dudas, como Tomás.

Hoy el Señor nos invita a abrirle el corazón, a dejarnos alcanzar por su misericordia, y también a ser instrumentos de esa misericordia para los demás. Que en nuestras familias sepamos perdonar. Que en nuestro trabajo sepamos comprender. Que en nuestra comunidad sepamos amar como Cristo nos ama. Y que nuestra vida entera se convierta en un reflejo de ese amor que nunca falla.

En el amor misericordioso de Cristo,

Mons. "Juan" Cuong M. Pham

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus have established a council in our parish. They are looking for men to join the Order. You must be a man, at least eighteen years old and be in union with the Catholic Church. If you are interested go to KofC.org/JoinUs or contact Peter Perroni at peterperroni040@gmail.com. The Knights meet in the parish institute at 8:00pm every second Wednesday of the month.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as "the Mass held in contemplation." Devotion to the Eucharist will take place on **Friday, May 1, 2026**.

Exposition and Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am Mass and will conclude with Solemn Benediction before the start of the 12 Noon Mass.

FROM THE VOCATION DIRECTOR

If you are discerning your vocation and have questions or need to talk through your discernment, contact Fr. Chris Bethge, Vocation Director at 718-827-2454 or email at cbethge@cathedralprep.org

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

Registrarse permite que nuestra parroquia les pueda servir sus necesidades espirituales. Por favor devuelva este formulario en la colecta o déjelo en la oficina parroquial. Su participación fortalecerá su fe y su sentido de pertenencia en la familia de Dios.

Nombre(s): _____

Dirección:_____ Apt_____

Ciudad:_____ Código Postal_____

Teléfono: _____

E-mail: _____

POR FAVOR MARCAR:

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PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have. It's a way for us to communicate with God and obtain His divine intervention. It can help sick people get well again and also gives us the strength in our own weakness and suffering. To add names to our Prayer List, please contact the parish office. There is no cost for enrolling people onto this list. We are currently praying for: **William "Billy" Rumstick, Jair Messias Bolsonaro & Maria Aparecida L. Berretta.**

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

We remember our deceased loved ones by having them prayed for at Mass on every first Friday of the month (the day traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus) as a meaningful way to express our love. Enrollment is $20 per name. Those enrolled the Purgatorial Society will be remembered for a whole year. We have currently enrolled: **Margaret E. Curran, Frances McGowan, Andrew Ippolito, Hirotaka Mori, Antonia Hernandez, Lucia Puente, Fabio Salcedo, Menelio Palencia, Irene Luna de**

WITHIN THY WOUNDS

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase "anima Christi, sanctifica me" ("soul of Christ, sanctify me") and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord's crucified flesh: "Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ's side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me."

Then comes my favorite part: "within thy wounds hide me."

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of liminal places, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It's overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: "Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me."

There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, "Peace be with you." It was not just a means of identifying himself it was a catechism lesson. Here, he was saying. Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

OLMC WELCOMES YOU TO

REGISTER FOR CCD BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026

LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

1 child - $75

2 children (same parents)- $120

3 more children (same Parents) - $160

During The Month of May there is a discount!

1 child-$65, 2 children $100 and 3 or more siblings $140

First-time registrants must bring a copy of their birth certificates and prior sacramental certificates.

No Registrations will be taken without full payment!

SUPPORT OUR JORNADA RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

$1.00

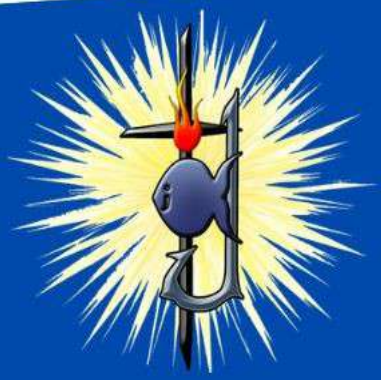
EACH TICKET

BUY AS MANY AS YOU WANT!

VISIT THE PARISH OFFICE

$1,000 CASH PRIZE

DRAWING: 6/20/26
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT



YOUR SUPPORT ALLOWS THE JORNADA MOVEMENT TO KEEP CREATING SPACES AND MOMENTS OF FAITH BUILDING AND EMPOWERING YOUTH TO LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH BOLDLY, LIKE IN OUR CAMINATA EVENT ————————>>>>

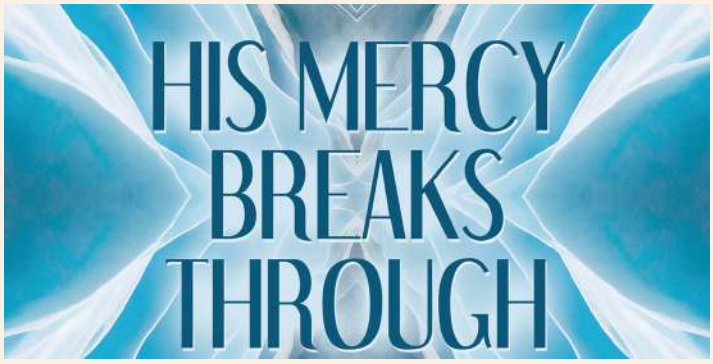
CAMINATA 2026

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage, I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.



So I can relate to the scoffing and transformation of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

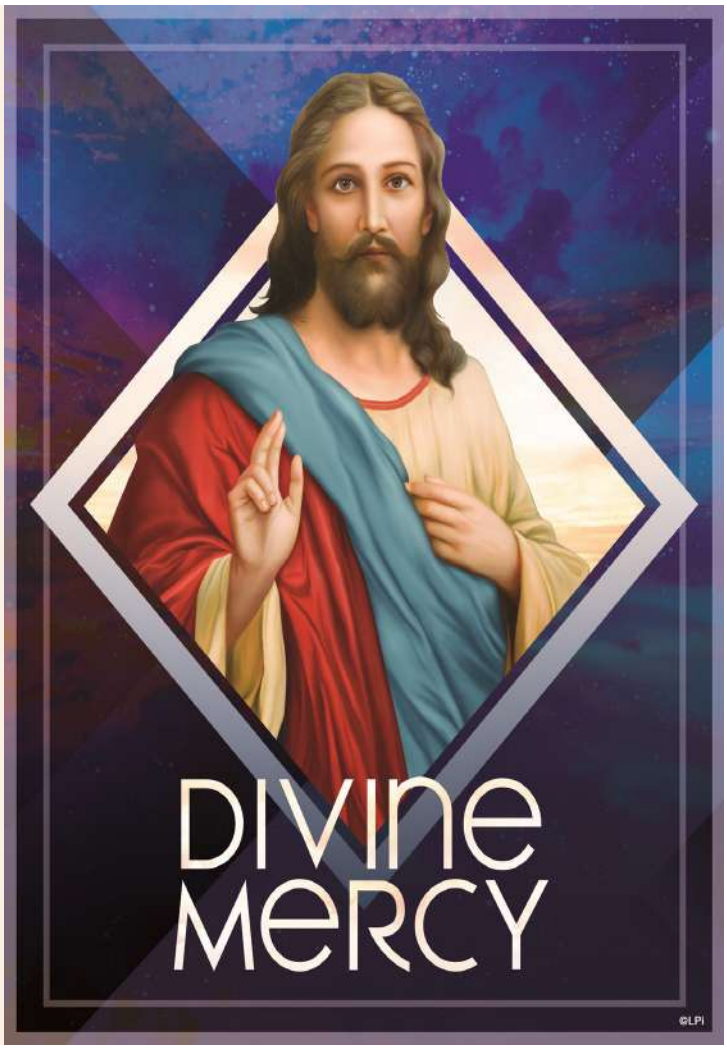
Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

- Father John Muir

WHERE DID THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY COME FROM?

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the Feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers - the Divine Mercy Chaplet - and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."



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