



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
 SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

How was your celebration of Easter? Of course, I do not ask about the food you ate, or the place you went, or the ones you gathered with, or the party you attended on Easter. I meant: did you truly rejoice *spiritually* in the Lord's Resurrection? You may have gone to Church, eaten lots of food, laughed very loud, met a lot of people and friends, but your soul is still "buried" in the tomb! That might be the tomb of lust, fornication, adultery, resentment, un-forgiveness, jealousy, or other addictions.

If you insist on staying there, that is your choice. No one can force you out. You must make your own decision and accept getting help from God, actually the Mercy of God!

The second Sunday of Easter is called: The Divine Mercy Sunday. This change was made by Saint, Pope John Paul II, who was canonized along with Pope John XXIII on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014. The Church gained two new great Saints that day!

Absolutely, our world needs God's mercy, the Church needs God's mercy, our country needs God's mercy, our local Church here at Saint Francis of Assisi needs God's mercy, each and every one of us needs God's mercy every day. The question, however, is: Do we realize that we need God's mercy, or do we think we can "deal" with God's justice?

Un-believing in God does not make God disappear; un-believing in God does not stop God's mercy on His children; the sins we commit do not prevent God's mercy toward us; no sin is bigger than God's mercy; the number of sins or the times we have committed sins does not "scare" God's mercy away. We must receive God's mercy while we are still on earth, when we still have time, when we are still allowed to call on His mercy.

It is better to receive God's mercy than to "deal" with God's justice. Who can stand firm before God's justice?

Let us always remember God's mercy and receive that mercy in the Sacrament of Penance, but first through **our humility**, acknowledging that we have sinned, **our repentance**, sorrow for the sins we have committed and determination to avoid them in the future, and **our courage**, confessing and asking for forgiveness and mercy.

Let us not be afraid to ask for God's mercy. Let us not delay receiving God's mercy. Let us pray for sinners in our Church, in our own home and within our family, and of course, for ourselves as well.

Let us not be deceived by Satan and his followers: "You still have time!" Then when you realize the truth, there is no time! How many souls were trapped in this and, fell "freely" into Hell (and of course, they cannot get out, and there is no way to get out from it!) That is scary for eternity!

The MERCY of GOD is waiting for you and me. Let our souls be overshadowed by the radiance from the SACRED HEART of Jesus - His DIVINE MERCY!

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In God's Divine Mercy,
 Fr. Tien





The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of

Sylvan H. Swanson
by Charlene Swanson Galbrecht.

Catholic Adult Education on Monday night, April 13th, at 7:00 p.m. is *These will be the weeks of Mystagogy-Post Easter mysteries of the Church. What is Mystagogy?* Come



join us and find out. Faith begins and ends in mystery. Mystagogy comes from the Greek word meaning, "to lead through the mysteries." The Catechism describes mystagogy as a "liturgical catechesis that aims to initiate people into the mystery of Christ" (CCC 1075). Mystagogy is the form of catechesis that helps us unpack and explore the spiritual treasures contained in the sacraments by continuously reflecting on their meaning and significance in our personal lives of faith. Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided. Deacon David and the Education team



There is a second collection this weekend for the Seminarian Education.

Pray for healing: Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Daniel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jiglau, Sandra

Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard



Please pray for our parishioners and

all men and women in the armed forces:

Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards,
Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth Scoon



Rosary is prayed 1/2 hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation 1/2 hour before Vigil Mass & Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, April 11

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

5:00 P.M. † Holy Souls, † Neil Popper by Doris Kelly
Joyce Mielnik

Sunday, April 12

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

9:00 A.M. † Greg Brown by Steve & Debbie Keener
All Priests, living and deceased
Denise Burkart by Dorothy Halpin
11:30 A.M. † Alfonso Trujillo, † Guillermina Nunez
† Felicitas Soriano, † Celso Rios, Misericordia Group

Monday, April 13

Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

9:00 A.M. Addison Josie DiCosola by Beth & Ray Peters
† Peter Wolfe & † Kyle Speakman by the Food Pantry

Tuesday, April 14

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 15

5:30 P.M. † Ralph Laux

Thursday, April 16

9:00 A.M. Joyce Mielnik, † Edward Andrews and
† Mary Jane Andrews by Becky Peeling

Friday, April 17

9:00 A.M. † Sylvan H. Swanson by Charlene

Saturday, April 18

5:00 P.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia
† Neil Popper by Doris Kelly

Sunday, April 19

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. † Gonzola Barriga
11:30 A.M. † Alfonso Trujillo, † Guillermina Nunez

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