

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
Saturday 8:45 AM

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The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, April 12, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"My Lord and my God!"

John 20:28



April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 10 am-5pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
call the rectory to schedule a visit

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms

Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate time to participate in preparation programs for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 10:00am in the Rectory Basement.

Music Ministries

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Sunday at 11:00 in the Rectory Basement

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Fr. Chuck Romano



Please Pray for Our Sick

Tristan Hollenstein

Julianne Grennen

Baby Faith Madison

Anthony Campanile

Linda Dagostino

Baby Cooper Graham

Jodi Neckles

Maureen Condiss

Jim Marasco

Timothy Murphy

Christine I.

Lauren Greco

Jeanne Swanson

Eileen Roberts

Rosemarie Lombardo

Betty McHale

Elaine & Eddie

Dianna Viglieta

Corrado

Sally Perry

Nick S.

Caroline Saporito

Rosemarie Salabini

Michael Conconan

Connie Montesino

Nicolas Sarnelli

(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless
the rectory is notified otherwise)



Cpl. Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



Greetings and God's Easter blessings be yours on the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunda! We now read the **"resurrection appearances of Jesus"** along with descriptions on how the early Church was growing and forming itself. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the apostles spent time teaching, praying and forming communal life among the newly baptized. It all centered on the **"breaking of the bread"** as Jesus had commanded them to do in his memory. **"Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes."** In the second reading from 1 Peter, the centerpiece of his preaching is all about the resurrection of Jesus and what this means to all believers. **"Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead....."** And finally, our gospel today from John is about the first resurrection appearance of Jesus to the apostles. The only one missing was Thomas who said upon hearing of this appearance that he had to see and feel Jesus for himself to believe. There is so much richness in this gospel passage. Jesus first says, **"Peace be with you."** Saying this he cuts off any possibility of anger or disappointment in the apostles. He commissions them to forgive sins by breathing into them the power of the Holy Spirit and then a week later confronts Thomas who drops to his knees proclaiming, **"My Lord and my God."** The response of Jesus calls out how all of us are blessed who believe yet have not seen the resurrected Jesus.

We just heard a very familiar story, the Thomas story, one that touches on all sorts of things, primarily things surrounding the idea of **"belief."** What does it mean to believe? Why is it hard to believe? What does it take to believe? What are the obstacles to belief? And maybe the most important one...How do we come to believe? Well in one sense the answer is simple. God made us with the ability to believe, and he has revealed himself to us so that we will believe. The very fact that we can believe is a gift from God. It is an opening of a window into the very heart, the very essence of God. That's pretty big stuff.

But we have to be open to receiving the gift of belief, the gift of faith, always searching and questioning and wondering and desiring to know and experience what God wants. This means trusting in someone we can't see clearly and embracing something we can't grasp entirely and being okay with that. I guess most of us are in that place. And there is a responsibility that comes with belief. It is to live by our belief, or faith by the choices we make or don't make. It's useless to tell others to believe in God if we go through life showing cynicism and pessimism and judgment and a lack of hope. And especially it is pointless to ask others to believe in a loving God if we show over and over again that we're not really interested in loving the way God loves us. Don't just believe but respond!

I hope that all of you enjoyed a joyous Easter Sunday with family and friends. The crowds at Mass were very inspiring and hopefully will continue to be a positive trend for more people each week. Thanks to everyone for your generosity in the Easter collection for the parish and also in the special second collection for Parish Social Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul. Your help goes a long way in our ability to help those in need. Let's all keep celebrating this Easter season which continues until Pentecost Sunday. Keep looking for ways to respond to God's resurrection grace.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and information with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the **Come and See Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Second Week of Easter. **Smile, share, act on your faith and remember: Be patient with yourself. Nothing in nature blooms all year.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

APRIL 12, 2026—SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.

Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,
[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

APRIL 12, 2026—SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." 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." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



ALLELUIA

John 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry
The Ryan House
"The Heart of the Parish"
12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook
NY 11563 516-887-9197



FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF
OPERATION MONDAY THROUGH
WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

During the month of March, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 120 households with food, personal care and household items. We also provided these clients with other services they needed through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and Saint Vincent DePaul.

Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including senior citizens who depend on their Social Security benefits as their only source of income.

Pantry items needed this week: Small Cooking Oil, Coffee, Laundry Detergent (small size), Dish Detergent, Shampoo, Conditioner, Snacks, Chef Boyardee Pasta, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce and Pinto and White Beans.

Food donations can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Thank you all for your continued support and you are always in our prayers!



PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS



At this time I am accepting requests for the Sacrament of Confirmation from any adult Catholics of college age and older. The appropriate date each year for the conferring of Confirmation to adults is at a Pentecost Mass which signals the end of the Easter season.

I will be celebrating Confirmation for all those adults wishing to receive their Confirmation on Sunday, May 24, 2026 - Pentecost Mass.

There will be a period of preparation before this date that is required of all candidates. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000 by Monday, May 4th and ask to be placed on the Adult Confirmation list. I will then get in touch with you. So if you meet the requirements and have not yet been Confirmed, here's your chance. Hope to hear from you.

-Father Chuck

ASK Jesus what He wants from you and be BRAVE.

-Pope Francis I



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FAITH FORMATION**

Lucy Ostermann, Director



**CLASSES WILL RESUME AND THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY 4/13/2026.
THE LAST DAY OF RELIGION CLASSES IS WEDNESDAY 4/22/2026.**

ATTENTION 1ST GRADE PARENTS

Next Sunday 4/19/2026 is our last meeting for parents and students before our 'graduation' breakfast.

All students and parents are asked to come to the auditorium at 10:30am.

After class, all will go to the 12Noon Mass where Fr. Chuck will continue the lesson.

Please plan on attending the 1st grade Graduation Breakfast on Sunday 5/3/2026. Everyone will attend the 9am Mass. After Mass, we will go to the cafeteria for breakfast (provided and prepared by our Knights of Columbus). The children will then present their completed book and be given a certificate of completion. The office staff will review each book. For any incomplete pages, parents will be asked to pick up the book for completion. The book will be due back to us no later than June 1st. Failure to return a completed book on that date will result in a conversation as to whether or not the child is prepared enough to go onto 2nd grade.



ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS & STUDENTS

Confirmation interviews will be conducted on Monday 4/20/2026 and Tuesday 4/21/2026 during class time. Gown measurements will be taken at that time as well.

We ask for Kellenberg parents to call the office with their child's measurements.





Celebrating the Easter Triduum





EASTER FLOWERS

Ms. Diane Anderson
Barbara & Richy Lanzoni

Dr. M. Anderson
Anita & William
Anderson

Margaret & George Wells

The Barone Family
Filippo Barone

Luigi Domenico Cuscino
Gaetano, Caterine Ignazio
Frank Abate

M/M M. Battista
Dominick Monaco
Cristiani/Battista Family
Monaco/DeJoseph Family

M/M M. Berardi
Alicja Platek
Stanislaus Platek
Andrzej Stafinski
Maria Stafinski

Ms. A. Behrman
Anne & Frank Behrman

M/M M. Bock
Ross & Tom Ciraulo
Dorothy & William Huhn

Mary & Don Murphy
Barbara & Abbey
Gladstone
Barbara Padula
Helene & Patrick Kearns

Deirdre E. Boller
Maureen E. Boller
Anthony J. Boller, Jr.

Mrs. F. Bonfa
Tony Bonfa
M/M F. Bonfa

M/M A. Maisano

M/M J. Bruzzo
Stella & John Dina
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Lorraine Bornschein

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Helen Helmstadt
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Therese Andriane
Elinor Burke

M/M M. Caputo

Tony Ferrara
Carolann Ferrara
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Rose Calistro

Mrs. E. Carey
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VonUrff Family

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Mary Carre
Charles Carre

Rosario Amoruso
Felecia Aquilone
Constantine Aquilone

M/M J. Ciprian
Frank & Ada James
Julius & Debbie Ciprian

M/M R. Cipriano
Joseph Mehrmann
Dorothea Mehrmann
Octavio Cipriano
Santa Cipriano

Ms. Maura Christ
Kathleen Christ
Caroline Christ
Philip Christ

Mary Ann Cullen
Claire Swanik

M/M P. Dixon
Deceased Members of
The Dixon, Lee & Kivlan
Families

M/M K. Dombrowski
Deceased Members of the
Dobrowski & Krewski
Families

The Donald Family

M/M Cerra
Loretta Cerra
M/M A. Parinello
The Cerra Family
Vita Parinello
Carol Donald

M/M R. Ferraro

Gilda Raia
Salvatore Raia
Gail Larson

Lucille Foley
Mary Stella
John Stella

M/M John Gallo
Helen Gallo
Stella Mentel

Gilhooly Family
John & Jane Gilhooly

Gottlieb Family
Patricia Gottlieb

The Gutman Family
Monica Collins
Jaret Family
Pindzak Family

Jaret Family
Pindzak Family

Keegan Family
Kelly Ann Keegan &
Family

Guarnieri Family
Cuite Family

Amy & Tom Kelly
Deceased Members of the

Miller Family
Witthohn Family
Kelly Family
Hoffman Family

Linda & Mark Klang
Viola & Phil Klang
Mildred & Fred Weber

Joan Sendrowski
John & Antoinette
Schaver

M/M J. Lamot
Hector Pagan
Judy Lauria
Nancy Chas

Louis Arleo
Ms. J. Leonardo
Frank Leonardo

Eugene Gardell
Lombardi,
Leonardo & Gardell
Families

Barbara Lindgren

Robert Lindgren
Irene & Walter Plen
Georgetta Longo

Bartholomew Longo
Celia Longo
Donna Marie Beloluvich

Rosemarie Zaine
Anna Marie Longo
Mary Ann Lynch

Nora M. Lynch
Bernard D. Lynch
M/M S. Lynch

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Nora M. Lynch
Jerry Roppa
Peter Jacobelli

Dcn. T. Malone, Jr.
Deceased Members of the

Malone, Neglia,
DeSimone & Padalino
Families

M/M S. Marrantino
Marrantino & Mullin
Families

Mrs. Janet Matthews

John Matthews, Sr.
John Matthews, Jr.

Mrs. T. Meehan
James Meehan
Daniel O'Brien
Helen Kelly
Edwin Kelly

Mrs. D. Minutello
Patrick Minutello
Minutello Family

Forte Family
Moscatelli Family

Mrs. R. Murray
Murray & Brett
Families

McCully Family
Neslin Family
Cussen Family

Mrs. G. Papatomas
Zoe Papatomas
Jack Herbert

EASTER FLOWERS

M/M D. Ostermann

John Gaeta
 Jennie Gaeta
 Frank Ostermann
 Veronica Ostermann



M/M L. Papini

John Walz
 Steve Papini
 Dolores & John Ryan

M/M M. Parente

Taylor Parente
 Al Gomez
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 Michael Parente

Mrs. D. Pignataro

Frank & Daniel
 Pignataro
 Gertrude, Charles, Joan
 Kleinkaus
 Mary & Donato
 Pignataro



Michael & Mark Brennan

M/M T. Prete

Eddie & Sheila O'Shea
 Ernie & Mary Prete

Profitlich Family

Colleen Blanchard
 John T. Profitlich



M/M M. Racanelli

Mary Racanelli
 Pietro Racanelli
 Fannie Lamontanaro
 Thomas Lamontanaro

Mrs. W. Ruggiero

William Ruggiero
 Nina & Angelo Gelfano
 Ruggiero Family
 Parrinello Family

M/M L. Randazzo

M/M S. Rochford

John & Ann Connolly
 William & Patricia
 Rochford



Colleen McNamara

**John & Dawn
 Schmidt**

Henry & Frances
 Schmidt

Russo Family

Louis Russo
 Arnold Mescoli, Sr.
 Joseph Mescoli
 Catherine Mescoli

M/M R. Sellitti

Robert Ligarzewski
 Barbara Ligarzewski
 Arleen Ligarzewski
 Richie Ligarzewski, Jr.

Noreen Sheehy

Anne & Michael Sheehy
 Thomas Sheehy
 Noreen C. Sheehy
 Chris Connolly
 Mrs. A. Simone

Angelo Simone

Deceased
 Simone & Richetti Families

M/M A. Tarricone

Stanislaw Patek

Mrs. P. Tauckus

The Taukus Family
 The Mahoney Family

M/M G. Ventuleth

Mary Babbitt

Mrs. V. Weis

Ed Weis
 Stephanie Schafer
 Anna & Bob Donoghue

Ms. M. Xuereb

Angelo Rancick

Mrs. Dorota Zois

Paul Zois
 Stefan Wilk
 Stefania Wilk

Wilk & Lois Family



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

For years Planned Parenthood has stated that abortion was a small part of the services it provided for women. Since the defunding of abortions by the federal government, Planned Parenthood has closed many of its facilities and is now claiming that the defunding is hurting women and stirring up fear by saying women will not be able to get health care. "If PP was really concerned about medical care, they could keep its facilities open and just stop committing abortions...Life Issues Institute stated that PP 'was married to abortion. If they believe their own claim, then by closing their facilities they are stranding helpless women, leaving them without medical care. If abortion is 'only a fraction of the services they offer', then closing facilities due to defunding of abortion doesn't make sense, but we all know that abortion is their main business". For your information: the pregnancy care centers outnumber abortion facilities 4:1 and in 2024 served more than 1 million new clients and provided over \$452 million in total medical care, support, education & material goods to women & families. Over 80% offer free or low-cost medical services staffed by over 10,000 medical professionals. 77% offer post abortion support. In addition, there are almost 1,500 Federally Funded Health Center Org. serving almost 34 million patients. They provide care regardless of a patient's ability to pay & offer primary, dental, behavioral & vision care. (LifeNews, April 2026)



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
GUIDE FOR PERSONAL
PRAYER DURING THE
EASTER SEASON**



Come & See

**Until you do, you will
never know**



**SUMMARY OF
THE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK**

In Gospel from John 20:19–31 for the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), the risen Christ appears to His disciples, offering peace and instituting the gift of mercy through the forgiveness of sins, even as Thomas struggles to believe. Jesus proclaims, **“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed”** (John 20:29), inviting us to trust in His Divine Mercy and to live with faith that overcomes doubt.

Monday of this week is the Optional Memorial of Saint Martin I (martyr, pope), who courageously defended the truth of Christ’s two wills against heresy while suffering exile and death for his fidelity. Wednesday is the Optional Memorial of



Saint Bernadette Soubirous (religious), known for receiving the eighteen Marian apparitions at Lourdes in France between February 11th and July 16th in 1858 and her humble fidelity to God’s call. The Blessed Mother called for penance, prayer for the conversion of sinners, and requested that a chapel be built at the grotto where she appeared. During the 16th apparition, the Blessed Mother identified herself as the “Immaculate Conception.”

The First Readings for Monday through Saturday are taken from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:23–31; 4:32–37; 5:17–26; 5:27–33; 5:34–42; 6:1–7). These passages recount the bold witness of the early Church, the unity of believers, the apostles’ persecution and steadfast obedience to God, and the growth of the community through service, illustrating

how the Resurrection empowers courageous proclamation and communal charity.

For Monday and Tuesday, the Gospels are taken from John 3:1–8 and John 3:7b–15. On Monday, Jesus teaches Nicodemus about spiritual rebirth, declaring, **“Unless one is born from above, he cannot see the Kingdom of God”** (John 3:3), while Tuesday continues, **“The Son of Man must be lifted up”** (John 3:14), pointing to salvation through His sacrifice and the necessity of faith.

For Wednesday and Thursday, the Gospels are taken from John 3:16–21 and John 3:31–36. On Wednesday, the heart of the Gospel is proclaimed, **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son”** (John 3:16), revealing divine love and the call to believe, while Thursday affirms Christ’s authority, stating, **“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life”** (John 3:36), urging a response of faith and obedience.

For Friday and Saturday, the Gospels are taken from John 6:1–15 and John 6:16–21. On Friday, Jesus feeds the multitude, proclaiming through action that He is the source of true nourishment, as the people recognize Him as **“the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world”** (John 6:14), while Saturday recounts His walking on the sea, where He reassures the disciples, **“It is I. Do not be afraid”** (John 6:20), revealing His divine presence and power; together, these days emphasize trust in Christ who sustains and guides us.

The Gospel from Luke 24:13–35 for the Third Sunday of Easter, recounts the journey to Emmaus, where the disciples recognize the risen Lord in the breaking of the bread, as their hearts burn within them along the way. **“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way?”** (Luke 24:32) reveals how Christ is made known through Scripture and the Eucharist.





*“O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You”
Sister Faustina Diary 187*



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Each Thursday - Eucharistic
Exposition from 1-4:00pm
Each First Friday
Nocturnal Adoration 7:30pm-8:30pm

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

The key theme for the Gospels this week is trust in the risen Christ who brings new life, mercy, and strength. Through faith, love, and courage, I am called to recognize His presence in every moment and to live as a witness to His Resurrection in my family and work.

SUNDAY – DIVINE MERCY

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). In my family and work life, I am called to trust in Christ’s mercy even when I cannot see the full path ahead, allowing faith to guide my decisions and relationships.



My Prayer: Jesus, deepen my trust in Your mercy so I may live with confident faith each day.

MONDAY – NEW BIRTH

“Unless one is born from above, he cannot see the Kingdom of God” (John 3:3). Jesus invites me to continual spiritual renewal, especially amid routine and responsibilities, so that I approach each moment with a fresh and grace-filled perspective.

My Prayer: Lord, renew my heart so I may live each day as Your new creation.

TUESDAY – FAITH IN SACRIFICE

“Mary!” (John 20:16). “The Son of Man must be lifted up” (John 3:14). In challenges at work and in family life, I am reminded that sacrifice united to Christ leads to life and transformation.

My Prayer: Jesus, help me to embrace sacrifice with faith, trusting in Your saving plan.

WEDNESDAY – GOD’S LOVE

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (John 3:16). This profound love calls me to reflect God’s generosity in my interactions, making love the foundation of all I do.



My Prayer: Lord, let Your love shape my words and actions each day.

THURSDAY – BELIEF AND LIFE

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life” (John 3:36). Amid competing priorities, I am called to center my life on Christ, trusting that faith in Him gives meaning to all I do.

My Prayer: Jesus, strengthen my belief so I may remain rooted in You.

FRIDAY – TRUST IN PROVISION

“This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world” (John 6:14). When I feel stretched by responsibilities, Jesus reminds me that He provides abundantly for my needs and those entrusted to my care.

My Prayer: Lord, help me trust in Your providence in every situation.

SATURDAY – COURAGE IN FEAR



“It is I. Do not be afraid” (John 6:20). In moments of uncertainty, I am invited to recognize Christ’s presence and to move forward with courage and peace.

My Prayer: Jesus, calm my fears and strengthen my confidence in Your presence.



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If you feel called to be part of this tender and vital work, please call our parish office or contact a minister of consolation. Training and guidance are provided - what matters most is a compassionate heart and willingness to listen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2026

The Divine Mercy Message

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others.

Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and the whole world.

Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Plenary Indulgence prayers at all Masses

2:00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:10pm: Speaker - Father Joseph Rwamwenge

3:00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:20pm: Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

3:50pm: Benediction

Speaker Fr. Joseph will give reflection

Nine-Day Novena

Jesus requested that St. Faustina make a special novena before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Nine-Day Novena begins on Good Friday, April 3rd after the 9am morning prayer and continues through Saturday, April 11th

“On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment”
– Diary of St. Faustina, 699





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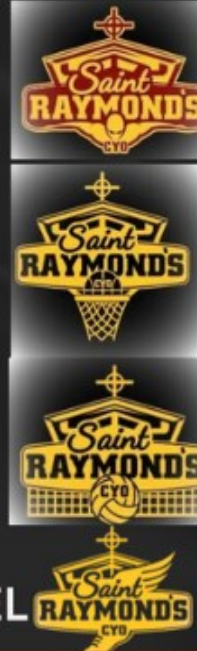
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Monday, April 13th

7:15am Frankie Coppola

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Tuesday, April 14th

7:15am Francis & Anne Gallagher

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Wednesday, April 15th

7:15am Maria DePalma

8:45am Evelyn Erdmann

Thursday, April 16th

7:15am Diane Minucci (L)

8:45am Florence McHale

Friday, April 17th

7:15am Karen Pagnotta

8:45am Florence Vitelli

Saturday, April 18th

8:45am Pamela Ziolo

Alberta Georgeanna Brown Gaillard

5:00pm Kathleen Venis

Sunday, April 19th

7:30am Florence Costello

9:00am Thomas J. Scanlon

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm John McCarthy

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4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Acts 4:23-31/John 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37/John 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26/John 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33/John 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42/John 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7/John 6:16-21

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Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

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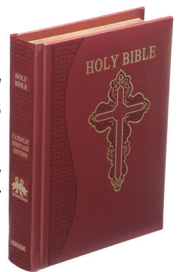
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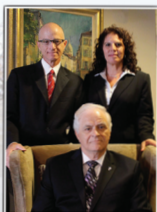
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