

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
AND THE THIRD SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

**April 13 - 19, 2026**

**Monday, 4/13 † Easter weekday, Saint Martin, I  
Pope & Martyr**  
6pm: SS. C & M – Gary & Annette

**Tuesday, 4/14 † Easter Weekday**  
9am: A. S. – Chester Potempa by Kozak Family

**Wednesday, 4/15 † Easter Weekday**  
6pm: SS. C & M – Alicia

**Thursday, 4/16 † Easter Weekday**  
9am; A.S. -Eloise

**Friday, 4/17 † Easter Weekday**  
9am; A.S. Colette

**Saturday, 4/18 † Easter Weekday**  
8:30am: Carlos (Birthday) by Great Grandma

**Saturday, 4/18 † Vigil: Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
4:30pm - †† Frank Kida, Jr. by Donna Kida

**Sunday, 4/19 † Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
9am: A. S. †† Mary Potempa by The Potempa  
Family  
11am: Nate

**†† R. I. P. ††**  
*Mary Smolek*

**This week at SS. C & M & All Saints**

Mon., Apr. 13 – 3:30pm – SVDP, Parlor  
Tues., Apr. 14 – 6pm - Christian Ladies Mtng./Bella  
Vita Baby Shower, Parlor  
Thurs., Apr. 16 – 2\_15pm – Legion of Mary  
Thurs., Apr. 16 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Sun., Apr. 19 – 9:30am – Religious Education  
Sun., Apr. 19 – 12N – Finance Comm., Rectory

Please keep St. Vincent de Paul in mind when you are doing any around-the-house clean up. We are always looking for useable, clean items. Any items donated help us to help others in our community

Thank You!

CSA UPDATE: Now that we are into this joyous Easter season, we can turn our attention to inching our way toward our CSA goal of \$11,707. As you know, if we surpass our goal we will get a rebate, but if we fall short, we must pay the difference. If we all pull together, we will reach or surpass our goal. Many parishioners have already sent in their pledges and we thank them. If you have not yet done so, please send your pledge using the envelope you received in the mail or by using one of the envelopes in the back of the church. Many hands make light work!

*A Heartfelt Thank You to the Liturgy & Worship Commissions at both churches, for all the Holy Week set-ups & take downs, the Beautiful Choir and all who participated in all of the Holy Week Liturgies, and last but far from least, a big shout out to Carol & John Miscik for hand-picking all of the beautiful flowers that adorned our beautiful SS. Cyril & Methodius Church.*  
*Thank all of you & God Bless You.*

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?

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says:  
“Peace be with you!”

During Mass we turn to each other and say, “Peace be with you!” As you put your gift into St. Vincent de Paul, you say, “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

## Dear Padre

April 19, 2026

### **Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?**

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●

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## Good News!

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 22–33 / 1 Peter 1:17–21 / Luke 24:13–35

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**The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles** from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●



**JESUS, I TRUST IN THEE!**

## DEVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY

From 1931 to 1938 Our Lord revealed the secrets of His great mercy also to Sr. Faustina. He designated the first Sunday after Easter as the Feast of the Mercy of God. In preparation of this Feast, He asked that a Novena, which asks for prayers each of the nine days for a different group of souls in order to immerse them in the sea of God's Mercy! Confession is required on the day before this Feast and Communion required on the day of the Feast. Our Lord promised to the souls who follow these requests a complete remission of sin and punishment! "I desire that the Feast be a refuge and a shelter

for all souls." He told her, "especially for poor sinners. The very depths of My Mercy will be opened on that day. I will pour out a sea of graces upon those souls that will approach the font of My Mercy. Tell ailing mankind to draw close to My Merciful Heart and I will fill it with peace...mankind will not find peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy."

### NOVENA TO THE MERCY OF GOD (Begin on Good Friday)

#### FIRST DAY

*Let us pray for God's Mercy to all mankind, especially to sinners.*

Most Merciful Jesus, \*for whom it is proper to be merciful to us and to forgive us, \*look not upon our sins, \*but upon the trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. \*Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart \* and do not permit any one to depart therefrom for all eternity. \*We beseech You for this through the love which unites You with the Father and the Holy Spirit \*in the unity of the Most Holy and incomprehensible Trinity.

*...Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory be..*  
Eternal Father, look down with Mercy upon all mankind, \*and especially upon poor sinners, \*whose only hope is the Most Merciful Heart of our Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ. \*Through His sorrowful Passion show Your Mercy to us \*that we may glorify your omnipotence for all eternity. \*Amen

#### SECOND DAY

*Let us pray for the clergy and all religious through whom the Mercy of God descends upon all mankind.*

Most Merciful Jesus, \*from whom all good proceeds, \*increase Your graces in the souls of priests and religious \*that they may worthily and fruitfully fulfill their tasks in Your Vineyard, \*arousing all by word and example \* to a proper devotion to the Mercy of God for all eternity.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory Be..*

Eternal Father, look down with Mercy upon the multitude of laborers in Your Vineyard \*on the souls of priests, brothers and nuns, \*who are the object of the special love of Your Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ. \*Grace them with the power of Your blessing\* \*and grant them light \* that they may duly lead the faithful on the way of salvation, \* drawing down on them Your Mercy. \* Amen.

#### THIRD DAY

*Let us pray for all faithful Christians.*

Most Merciful Jesus, who abundantly do bestow upon all \*Your graces from the treasure of God's Mercy, \*receive all faithful Christians into the abode of Your Merciful Heart \*and do not let us depart from It for all eternity. \*We beseech You for this through the love \*which unites You with the Father and the Holy Spirit \*in the unity of the Most Holy and incomprehensible Trinity.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory be..*  
Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \*upon the souls of the faithful as upon the beloved heritage of Your Son, \* and through His sorrowful Passion grant them Your blessings \* and surround them with Your unceasing care. \*Grant that they many never lose the love and riches of the holy Faith, \*but that they may glorify Your boundless Mercy \* with the multitude of angels and saints for all eternity. \* Amen.

#### FOURTH DAY

*Let us pray for pagans and infidels who are still ignorant of the Mercy of God.*

Most Merciful Jesus, light of the world, \*receive into the abode of Your Merciful Heart \* the souls of pagans and infidels who as yet do not know YOU. \* Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them \* that they together with us may praise \* the wonders of Your Mercy for all eternity.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory Be..*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7th -- NOVENA PRAYERS: BEGIN MARCH 29th**

Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \* upon the souls of pagans and infidels, \*who still do not know the Most Merciful Heart of Your Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ. \* Draw them near to the light of the Gospel \* that they may recognize-how great a happiness it is to love You \* and to glorify Your Mercy for all eternity. \* Amen.

#### FIFTH DAY

*Let us pray for the erring in Faith.*

Most Merciful Jesus, Who are goodness itself \* and Who do not refuse light to those who humbly seek, \* receive into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart \*the souls of those erring in the Faith. \*Draw them with Your Light into unity with the Church \* that together with us they may praise \*the generosity of Your Mercy for all eternity.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory be..*  
Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \*upon the souls of those erring in Faith, \*and when, abusing Your grace by stubbornly persisting in their errors, \*they have squandered this treasure, \*look not upon their malice, \*but—mindful of the love and the bitter Passion of Your Son, \*who before His Passion so ardently begged of You: "That they all may be one"— \*grant that these souls may return to that blessed unity as quickly as possible and together with us may praise Your Mercy for all eternity. Amen.

#### SIXTH DAY

*Let us pray for little children and childlike souls.*

Most Merciful Jesus \*Who did say: "Learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart," \*receive into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart \* the souls of little children and those \* who, like them, have become meek and humble, \* thereby enchanting heaven as if by a fragrant crown \* laid before the throne of Your Heavenly Father. \* Grant that they may constantly dwell within Your Sacred Heart, \* therein continually praising the Mercy of God.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory be.*  
Eternal Father, look down with

Mercy upon little children and upon all meek and humble souls, \*who have become most like unto Your Most Beloved Son, \*and who by the fragrance of their virtues ascend to the foot of Your throne. \*Father of Mercy, we beseech You through Your love for these souls \*and the delight which You find in them, \*bless us and the entire world \*that we all may render unceasing praise to Your Mercy. \* Amen.

#### SEVENTH DAY

*Let us pray for all who honor the Mercy of God and foster trust in it, thereby becoming as it were a living image of the Most Merciful Heart of Jesus.*

Most Merciful Jesus, Whose Most Merciful Heart is love itself, \*receive into the abode of this Heart \*those souls especially dedicated to honoring the Mercy of God. \*Praising His greatness, these souls, \*whose true and mighty strength comes from God Himself, \*desire to share and on their shoulders carry with You, \*through torments and adversities, \*the burden of suffering for all mankind. \*Deign to enfold them with Your ever increasing Mercy \* and strengthen them always with the grace of fortitude. \*patience and perseverance.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory be..*  
Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \*upon those souls who with a special tenderness praise and venerate Your Mercy, \*whose lips are filled with hymns of praise \* and hands with merciful deeds. \*We beseech You, deign to show them Your ever increasing Mercy \* according to the hope which they place in You \* and according to the promise that You will protect them as our own glory always \* and especially in the hour of death. Amen.

#### EIGHTH DAY

*Let us pray for the souls in Purgatory, who are satisfying the Justice of God that the Merciful stream of Christ's Blood may diminish and shorten their suffering.,*

Most Merciful Jesus, \*Who has said: "Be merciful, as Your Heavenly Father is merciful", receive, we beseech You, into the abode of

Your Most Merciful Heart \*the souls suffering in Purgatory, satisfying their debt to God's Justice. \*May the streams of blood and water \*which gushed forth from Your divine Heart \*quench the flames of Purgatory that there too \*the infinite power of Your Mercy may be glorified.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory be..*  
Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \* upon the suffering souls in Purgatory \*and through the sorrowful Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ \*and the bitterness which overflowed His Most Sacred Heart in that hour, \*show pity on those who already now are subject to Your Justice. \*We beseech You that You deign look at them \* only through the wounds of Your Most Beloved Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ, \*whose Mercy surpasses His Justice. \*Amen

#### NINTH DAY

*Let us pray for lukewarm souls, who were the cause of Our Lord's terrible sufferings in Gethsemani.*

Most Merciful Jesus, Who are goodness itself, \*lead into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart all lukewarm souls, \*who like decaying corpses filled You with aversion and loathing in the Garden of Olives. \*Plunge them into the fire of Your most pure love \*and melt their icy coldness \*that they henceforth may become fired with ever increasing flames of zeal \* and may ever praise Your boundless Mercy.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory be..*  
Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \*upon lukewarm souls, \*who once in the Garden of Olives \*wrested from Your Most Merciful Son the sorrowful complaint: \* "Let this cup pass away from me," \*We beseech You through the bitter Passion of the same Most beloved Son \* and Our Lord Jesus Christ \* and through His three-hour agony on the Cross, \*inflame these souls with a new zeal for Your glory \*and pour a true love into their hearts, \*that thus quickened they may perform here on earth merciful deeds \*and glorify the Mercy of God for all eternity. \* Amen. \*##