



# Sunday of DIVINE MERCY

12 April 2026 | Sunday



My Lord and my God

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. ↗

*As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .*

## **Monday, April 13**

*St. Martin*

*(8:25 a.m. rosary)*

9:00 a.m. †Giuditta Mignelli

## **Tuesday, April 14**

*(8:25 a.m. rosary)*

9:00 a.m. †Alberto Perri

## **Wednesday, April 15**

*(8:25 a.m. rosary)*

9:00 a.m. †Frank Girhing

## **Thursday, April 16**

*(8:25 a.m. rosary)*

9:00 a.m. †Valeriano Ayroso

## **Friday, April 17**

*(8:25 a.m. rosary)*

9:00 a.m. †Felice & Giuseppina Tomeo

## **Saturday, April 18**

4:30 p.m. †Giuseppe & Piera Zappitelli,  
Benjamin Sangil

## **Sunday, April 19**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. †Charalene Kelly

5:00 p.m. †Sr. Muriel & Harold Nelson

Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.



### ***Prayer Intention for the Month of March:***

*For disarmament and peace*

*Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to those who celebrated their initiation and reception into full Catholic communion along with Confirmation and first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil! May they find the presence of the Risen Jesus in our midst and continue to walk with the Lord in the Church...  
**Braeden Kacho, Aaron Chan, Yan Chen, Stephen Wilks, Carmen Battagli, Christopher Battagli, Gaabrielle Botial, Regina Botial, Amy Flores, Avery Beaulieu, Alex Ens, Olivia Carolino, Matthew Samson James Chen and Noah Chen**



**INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Baptism preparation session held on third Thursday of the month **April 16**. from 6:00 to 7:00p.m. Anyone planning to attend must have already been in contact with the parish office.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

We welcome candidates for their First Holy Communion they will celebrate this special sacrament,  
**LORETTO**, Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 am  
**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**, Saturday, April 18 at 11:00 am  
 Kindly make our candidates and their guests to feel welcome! We pray that God will bless them richly.



**CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Gerard Bergie will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to eligible candidates  
**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**, Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 am  
**LORETTO**, Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 pm  
 Please pray for our young candidates the Spirit will fill them with His gifts and make them credible witnesses of Christ in the world



**MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!**

Easter Flower	\$1,600
Good Friday	\$4,060
Easter	\$12,696



**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY-APRIL 12**

Live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy In preparation for the feast, The Divine Mercy Chaplet is to be prayed during Easter Week. Our parish's Divine Mercy celebration is Sunday, at 2:30 p.m., with time for individual Reconciliation, during holy hour from 2:30 to 3:30p.m.,including the Stations of Light ("Way of Joy"), and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and concluding with Benediction.

**COFFEE SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP** 

This Sunday after all Masses St Vincent di Paul will hosts a family coffee social in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #1652**



Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday April 16 Time: 4:00 pm to 7:00pm

Place: Columbus Hall 6990 Stanley Ave

Take out also available. Tickets can be purchased from Knights of Columbus #1652 members or at the door.

All proceeds go to charity



**CATHOLIC WOMEN LEGUE GENERAL**

Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m., beginning with the Rosary. All ladies of the parish are welcome.



**BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!**

Please come out and support St. Thomas More Bingo May 20. Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd.

Your support is greatly appreciated!  
**THANK YOU!**



**A WORD OF GRATITUDE!**

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make our Easter 2026 celebration so joyful and meaningful! We are especially grateful to our dedicated volunteers, liturgical ministers, proclaimers of the Word, communion ministers, ushers, servers, children's liturgy team, and our talented music ministers. Your gifts of time, talent, and spirit uplifted our entire parish community throughout Holy Week and Easter.

We also extend a sincere thank you to our parish staff for all their behind-the-scenes work and careful preparation—your efforts did not go unnoticed!

*blessed grateful*

*Thankful*