

# Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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## Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026

### From the Desk of the Pastor:

St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April, 2000, at 10:00 AM on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina Kowalska. Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy." "The Lord of Divine Mercy," a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina Kowalska, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the [Blood of Jesus](#), which is the life of souls and white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God.

The first reading (Acts 2:42-47) tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy -- sharing, sacrificial *agape* love -- practiced by the early Christians. In the second reading (1 Pt 1:3-9), St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting His Son Jesus Resurrection from the dead and a glorious Ascension into Heaven, thus giving us the assurance of our own resurrection. Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "*Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained*" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "*My Lord and my God,*" the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith for everyone.

**Life messages:** 1) We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice the Mercy we have received in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment. 2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with *agape* love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each other our loving service. The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living, dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and communal prayer. c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

Fr. Luke



## Mass Schedule

### Sunday Liturgies

Saturday  
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.  
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

### Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.  
Mass at 10:00 a.m.  
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon  
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

### Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet  
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.  
By appointment other times

### Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English  
7:30 p.m. Spanish

### Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

### Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

### Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.  
Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.

### Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

## *Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....*

### Pray for:

Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Rich Legler, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

## *Mass Intentions*

Sat	Apr 11	5:00 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Sun	Apr 12	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Apr 12	12:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Tue	Apr 14	12:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Thu	Apr 16	5:00 p.m.	James Plumb, Jr.+
Fri	Apr 17	12:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Sat	Apr 18	5:00 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+

## *Parish Giving*

### April 5, 2026

1st Collection	\$5,591.66
2nd Collection	\$ 705.00
3rd Collection	\$ 406.00
Children's Collection	\$ 96.00

2nd Collection	Apr 12	Emergency Fund
2nd Collection	Apr 19	Helpers
3rd Collection	Apr 19	Lawn Care/Maintenance

### Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 97  
10:00 a.m. 272 and 12:30 p.m. 168

### Pastoral Team

**Pastor:** Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.  
**Deacons:** Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock  
**Acolytes:** Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;  
Alberto Robledo  
**Bookkeeper:** Noelia Gonzalez  
**Office Assistant:** Linda Rossler

### Committee Chairs

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Theresa Cheatham  
**Finance Council Chair:** Lou Napolitano  
**Maintenance Committee Chair:** Rick Downey

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## Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



**Persevere in overcoming yourself in the little everyday frustrations that bother you. Let your best efforts be directed there.**

*St. Francis de Sales*

## News and Notes

### **Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12**

Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Confessions from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

We are given the opportunity this month to come together to protect our children and ensure that each child has a safe and nurturing environment to grow and thrive. In the U.S. nearly 1 in 7 children experience some form of abuse or neglect each year. How can you help? There are many ways, including prayer, attending Mass, praying the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Also, educate yourself and others to recognize the signs of abuse, share it with others, and offer kindness and assistance to parents and caregivers who may need encouragement. (from USCCB)

### **Easter Lilies**

For those who donated money for the purchase of Easter lilies, you may take an Easter lily home with you after Mass this weekend, April 11/12. On April 18/19, lilies on the table in church foyer will be available to anyone who wants them.

### **Easter House Blessings**

A sign-up sheet with Fr. Luke's available dates and times for Easter House Blessings is on the table in the church foyer. It is a special blessing with the water blessed at Easter Vigil. Those who wish to have their house blessed please sign up, selecting an available slot as early as possible.

### **Lay Ministers**

Lay Ministers are needed for all Masses. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Training will be provided.

### **Recipes for Altar Society Cookbook**

We are missing some important recipes and they are yours. Please, please add to our cookbook; it won't be the same without you. The box is in the foyer for paper copies, or you can take a photo and send your recipe(s) to Carolyn at 254 931-0780 by text.

### **Knights of Columbus - Donations for Newborn Babies**

The Knights of Columbus are asking for donations of diapers in April and baby wipes in May. Your donations will be given to the Gabriel Project for distribution to mothers and babies in need. Boxes for donation items are in the church foyer and inside the north entrance to the Church. All donations are very much appreciated.

### **Spring Fest 2026 - May 2**

#### **Volunteers are Needed**

Contact Paul Bibeau at [bibeau3636@yahoo.com](mailto:bibeau3636@yahoo.com) or use the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

#### **Silent Auction Items are Needed**

Our Spring Festival will include a Silent Auction in the Parish Hall from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Needed are donations of any special items or treasures that will help make the Silent Auction a successful event. Bring your items to the church office or the Parish Hall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday-Friday until Wednesday, April 15. There will be a sheet there for your name, the item you are donating, and your telephone number. Please pick up a Silent Auction flyer located in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions, contact Mimi Plumb 903-316-3744.

#### **Raffle Tickets are on Sale**

Purchase a raffle ticket and you may win a \$1000 gift card, a hand-made quilt, or other items. Tickets may be purchased after the Mass - \$5 per ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets. The drawing will be at 1:30 pm on May 2. You do not have to be present to win.

### **Safe Environment**

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or [txabusehotline.org](http://txabusehotline.org). The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or [vac@dioceseoftyler.org](mailto:vac@dioceseoftyler.org).



The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

**Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner**

**Answers for March 29**

**Kids:** a. 32200  
b. Eliazar

Answered by Victoria Gutierrez, David Gutierrez, Emily, Ismael, Amy Briones, Steven Rocha, Natalia Gutierrez, and Elijah Rivera.

**Adults:** a. Levites  
b. Because they offered profane fire before the Lord in the desert of Sinai.

Answered by Bacilia Velazquez, Omar and Fatima Gutierrez, Carolyn Barrett, Andrea Gustafson, Glenda Means, Neri Gutierrez, Jason Reed, Linda Rossler, Leo Rossler, and Mimi Plumb.

**Congratulations for the 5 weeks' answers to Emily Briones, Bacilia Velazquez, Neri Gutierrez, Mimi Plumb, Leo Rossler, Andrea Gustafson, and Glenda Means.**


**Questions for April 12 (Numbers 11-15)**

**Kids:** a. What was the punishment given to the man who was found gathering wood on the Sabbath day while the Israelites were in the desert?  
b. What was the name of the place where the fire of the Lord burned among the Israelites?

**Adults:** a. What was the meat God provided to the Israelites when they complained for it?  
b. The men whom Moses had sent to reconnoiter the land, on returning, set the whole community grumbling against him by spreading discouraging reports about the land. So all of them except two were struck down by the Lord. Who were those two who survived?

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