



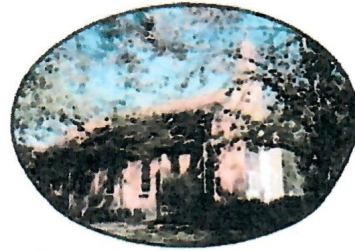
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**Mass Schedule**

**St. John**

**Saturday** 4:00p  
**Sunday** 11:15a English  
1:00p en español  
**Wednesday** 11:00a

**St. Stephen**

**Sunday** 9:00a  
**Communion Service**  
Tuesday, 12:15p  
**Holy Days** 7:00p

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday** 3:00 - 3:45p

**By appointment**

**Welcome, New Parishioners!**

We are a Stewardship community, who share our time, talent, and treasure in life-giving ways.  
We invite you to register with us by going to our website and completing the form on the Home page.

**Sacrament Preparation**

Call S. Janis, (336) 835-4542

**Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)**

A way of exploring and seeking Christ through the Catholic faith.

**Sacrament of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick**

If you, or someone you know is desirous of God's healing, contact S. Janis

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 27, 2025**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

## *Fasting and Feasting - Celebrating the 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost*

**Ash Wednesday**  
Fast from negativity  
Feast on a positive heart.

*Be intentional when you pray, fast, and give alms.*

**Thursday**  
Fast from selfishness.  
Feast on generosity.

**Friday**  
Fast from compulsions.  
Attend Stations of the Cross.

**Saturday**  
Fast from hard-headedness.  
Feast on cooperation.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Fast from control.  
Feast on collaboration.

**Monday**  
Fast from self-indulgence.  
Feast on abstinence.

**Tuesday**  
Fast from resentment.  
Feast on letting go.

**Wednesday**  
Fast from resentment.  
Feast on gratitude.

**Thursday**  
Fast from stubbornness.  
Feast on flexibility.

**Friday**  
Fast from resentment.  
Pray Stations of the Cross.

**Saturday**  
Fast from abusing others.  
Feast on appreciating others.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Fast from rigidity.  
Feast on flexibility.

**Monday**  
Fast from wasting time.  
Feast on good planning.

**Tuesday**  
Fast from judging.  
Feast on affirming.

**Wednesday**  
Fast from compulsions.  
Feast on praying.

**Thursday**  
Fast from shaming.  
Feast on honoring.

**Friday**  
Fast from wasting time.  
Pray Stations of the Cross.

**Saturday**  
Fast from sarcasm.  
Feast on graciousness.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Fast from stressing differences.  
Feast on appreciating them.

**Monday**  
Fast from arrogant pride.  
Feast on humility.

**Tuesday**  
Fast from road rage.  
Feast on road compassion.

**Wednesday**  
Fast from fear.  
Feast on risks for faith.

**Thursday**  
Fast from a blind heart.  
Feast on seeing with love.

**Friday**  
Fast from being divisive.  
Pray Stations of the Cross.

**Saturday**  
Fast from hypocrisy  
Feast on integrity.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Fast from belittling.  
Feast on praising.

**Monday**  
Fast from useless stress.  
Feast on being intentional.

**Tuesday**  
Fast from arrogance.  
Feast on humility.

**Wednesday**  
Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent

**Thursday**  
Fast from contempt.  
Feast on admiration.

**Praying**  
**Fasting**  
**Almsgiving**

**Friday**  
Fast from confrontation.  
Pray Stations of the Cross.

**Saturday**  
Fast from willfulness.  
Feast on 20 minutes in prayer with God.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Fast from insecurity.  
Feast on confidence in God.

**Monday**  
Fast from discouragement.  
Feast on hope.

**Tuesday**  
Fast from religious rigidity.  
Feast on openness to God.

**Wednesday**  
Fast from rebelling.  
Feast on supporting.

**Thursday**  
Fast from caustic glares.  
Feast on loving glances.

**Friday**  
Fast from judging.  
Pray Stations of the Cross.

**Saturday**  
Fast from being disorderly.  
Feast on good planning.

Celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation with your family

**Passion Sunday**  
Fast from sadness.  
Feast on honoring your grief.

**Monday of Holy Week**  
Fast from craving approval.  
Feast on who you are in God.

**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
Fast from betrayals.  
Feast on loyalty.

**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
Fast from anger.  
Feast on forgiveness.

### *The Triduum*

**Holy Thursday**  
Fast from laziness.  
Feast on generous service.

**Good Friday**  
Fast from fear.  
Feast on sacrificing with joy.

Attend *Women of Jerusalem*.

**Holy Saturday**  
Fast from anxiety and fear.  
Feast on waiting in joyful hope.

### *Easter Sunday*



Feast on the promise of Everlasting Life.

**Easter Monday**  
Feast on Christ's light.

**Easter Tuesday**  
Feast on Christ's recompense.

**Easter Wednesday**  
Feast on Christ's presence.

**Easter Thursday**  
Feast on Christ's courage.

**Easter Friday**  
Feast on Christ's resolve.

**Easter Saturday**  
Feast on Christ's mercy.

**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
Feast on healed wounds.

**Monday**  
Feast on gratitude.

**Tuesday**  
Feast on thoughtfulness.

**Wednesday**  
Feast on creation.

**Thursday**  
Feast on joy.

**Friday**  
Feast on patience.

**Saturday**  
Feast on your Baptism.

**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
Feast on waiting.

**Monday**  
Feast on  
being loved by God.

**Tuesday**  
Feast on  
being created by God.

**Wednesday**  
Feast on  
being chosen by God.

**Thursday**  
Feast on  
being anointed by God.

**Friday**  
Feast on  
being sent by God.

**Saturday**  
Feast on  
being God's prophet.

**4th Sunday of Easter**  
Feast on  
being lead by God.

**Monday**  
Feast on  
thirsty for God.

**Tuesday**  
Feast on praising God.

**Wednesday**  
Feast on God's faith in you.

**Thursday**  
Feast on God's goodness.

**Friday**  
Feast on worshipping God.

**Saturday**  
Feast on  
the faith of our ancestors.

**5th Sunday of Easter**  
Feast on compassion.

**Monday**  
Feast on a childlike wonder.

**Tuesday**  
Feast on God's glory.

**Wednesday**  
Feast on your faith journey.

**Thursday**  
Feast on God's fabulous  
deeds.

**Friday**  
Feast on God's peace.

**Saturday**  
Feast on God's respect of  
you.

**6th Sunday of Easter**  
Feast on being God's Child.

**Monday**  
Feast on Christ's victory  
over death.

**Tuesday**  
Feast on blessings.

**Wednesday**  
Feast on achievements.

**Thursday**  
Feast on being Church.

**Friday**  
Feast on inclusiveness.

**Saturday**  
Feast on a variety of music.

**Feast of the Ascension**  
Feast on Christ's  
prayer for us:  
"That all may be one."

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**Monday**  
Feast on Christ's words:  
"Ask and you shall receive."

**Tuesday**  
Feast on Christ's  
prayer for us:  
"I entrust them to You."

**Wednesday**  
Feast on Christ's  
prayer for us:  
"I guarded them  
with your name."

**Thursday**  
Feast on Christ's prayer  
for all of us:  
"I have revealed  
your Name to them,  
and I will continue  
to reveal it  
so that your love  
for me may live in them."

**Friday**  
Feast on  
Christ's words to you:  
"Do you love me?"  
"Feed my lambs...."  
"Feed my sheep."

**Saturday**  
Feast on  
Christ's words to you:  
"Follow me."

## Pentecost Sunday



Feast on the gift of the  
Spirit sent by Jesus,  
the love of God  
always with you.

**Monday**  
Feast on the Spirit's gift  
given in Confirmation:  
**Wisdom.**

**Tuesday**  
Feast on the Spirit's gift  
given in Confirmation:  
**Knowledge.**

**Wednesday**  
Feast on the Spirit's gift  
given in Confirmation:  
**Fortitude.**

**Thursday**  
Feast on the Spirit's gift  
given in Confirmation:  
**Understanding.**

**Friday**  
Feast on the Spirit's gift  
given in Confirmation:  
**Piety / Spirituality.**

**Saturday**  
Feast on the Spirit's gift  
given in Confirmation:  
**Wonder and Awe  
in God's Presence.**

<b>Tri-C Almsgiving</b> <i>Thank you so much !!</i>	
<b>APR</b>	Canned fruit
<b>MAY</b>	Toilet tissue
<b>JUN</b>	Toothpaste



*Continue to hold  
Pope Francis  
in your prayers.*



**PRAY the ROSARY DAILY**

for the people of Ukraine & Russia;

for Presidents Zelenskyy, Putin & Trump; for a peaceful and just end to this war, and all wars...

*Hail Mary, full of grace...*



**Remember in prayer,  
the Florida State University Community  
and their families,  
as well as the shooter and his family.**



*2025 Jubilee Year of Hope*



Pilgrim,  
what is your **deepest hope**  
for yourself, your family,  
St. Stephen, your Church,  
Creation this Easter?

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

Peregrino,  
¿cuál es tu esperanza más profunda?  
para ti, tu familia, San Esteban,  
¿tu Iglesia, tu Creación en esta Pascua?

Cristo murió.  
Cristo resucitó.  
Cristo volverá.



*¡Buenos días, Iglesia!*

En un comentario del P. Paul Holmes (NJ), te invita a ponerte en el lugar de Tomás, quien se une a sus compañeros en medio de la histeria colectiva, afirmando que alguien que llevaba tres días muerto y enterrado está muy vivo. Tengo el presentimiento de que sentirías lo que él sintió y dirías lo que dijo.

No recuerdes las dudas. Recuerda que Tomás quería ver las Llagas. Jesús necesitaba que alguien viera sus heridas.

Esto es importante: aunque su sufrimiento y muerte son cosa del pasado, su futuro contenía las heridas que sufrió. Jesús era Dios. Vivió en la tierra durante tres décadas antes de ascender al cielo. Quería que supiéramos que, incluso en el cielo, aún conserva esas heridas.

Marissa Papula dijo que incluso hoy, Dios carga con las heridas de la Crucifixión: las historias desgarradoras de refugiados y migrantes; los recortes de fondos; las visas revocadas y las voces silenciadas; los derechos y el derecho al voto negados; el caos constante sembrado. En todas estas imágenes y más, la Imagen del Crucificado anuncia su Presencia.

Gracias a esas heridas, Dios nunca olvidará lo que hizo por nosotros. Nunca. Sucedió y sigue sucediendo en las innumerables guerras y la profanación de nuestra ciudadanía y nuestro planeta. Sus heridas son un recordatorio eterno de cuánto nos ama Dios.

Además, las heridas de Cristo son un signo de la misericordia de Dios. Jesús necesitó a Tomás, su valentía e insistencia para ver sus heridas y su misericordia.

Nuestro amado Papa Francisco, nacido para la vida eterna esta semana, escribió un libro titulado "El Nombre de Dios es Misericordia". Creía que la misericordia tiene la capacidad tanto de soportar el sufrimiento como la alegría, el trauma y la esperanza. La misericordia ofrece refugio para nuestras complejas vidas.

"Nuestra humanidad hermosa,  
cruel y compartida, con matices,  
cínica, nunca es todo o nada.

Somos seres luminosos y rotos que luchamos  
por bailar a través de nuestro camino de fe,  
Albergando el dolor y la esperanza,  
mientras invitamos a la Misericordia  
a unirse a nosotros cuando  
elegimos encontrarnos  
con compasión, escucha atenta y amor".

- M. Papula

En ComUNIDAD,

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🕯️ **TRABAJO del CORAZÓN**

*Reflexionando sobre la Palabra*

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¿Cómo tus palabras y acciones “resucitan”  
los espíritus de quienes te rodean?

Sé Tomás.

¿Qué le dirías al Cristo herido y resucitado?



Morning, Church!

In a commentary by Fr. Paul Holmes (NJ), he invites you to put yourself in Thomas' place, who joins his companions while they are in the grips of mass hysteria, claiming that someone who had been dead and buried for three days is very much alive. I have a strong hunch that you'd feel what he felt, and say what he said.

Don't remember the doubting.

Remember Thomas wanted to see *The Wounds* and Jesus *needed* someone to see his wounds.

This is important: even though his suffering and death are in the past, his future contained the wounds he suffered. Jesus was God. He lived on earth for three decades before ascending to heaven. He wanted us to know, that even in heaven, he still has those wounds.

Marissa Papula said that even today, God bears the wounds of the Crucifixion: the scarred stories of refugees and migrants; funding slashed; visas revoked and voices silenced; rights and voting rights denied; constant chaos sown. In all of these images and more the Image of the Crucified announces his Presence.

Because of those wounds, God will never forget what he did for us. Never. It happened and continues to happen in the countless wars and desecration of our citizenry and planet. His wounds are an eternal reminder of how much God loves us.

Also, Christ's wounds are a sign of God's mercy. Jesus *needed* Thomas and his demanding courage and insistence to see his wounds and mercy.

Our beloved Pope Francis, born to eternal life this week, wrote a book called, *The Name of God Is Mercy*. He believed mercy has the capacity for both suffering and joy, for trauma and hope. **Mercy** is a refuge in our complex lives.

*“Our gorgeous, vicious, shared humanity that is nuanced, cynical, never all or nothing.*

*We are luminous, broken beings striving to dance through our faithjourney, holding hurt and hope, while inviting **Mercy** to join us when we choose to meet one another with compassion, intentional listening and love.”*  
- M. Papula


In CommUNITY,

 **HEARTwork ~ Reflecting on the Word**

*How do your words and action “resurrect” the spirits of those around you?*

*Be Thomas.  
What would you say  
to the wounded, Risen Christ?*




<i>April</i>	
 27	2nd Sun Easter    FFF: Family Faith Formation Divine Mercy Sunday
  29	AFF The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service 12:15p Adult 1 Sacrament prep, 6:30p
 30	Adult 1 Sacrament prep, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
<i>May</i>	
 04	3rd Sun Easter    Baptism: Yahir Barrientos Vow Renewal Eileen & Leo Ouellette FFF, 10:15-11:30a
  06	AFF The Chosen, 10a; Communion Service, 12:15p Adult 1 Sacrament prep, 6:30p
 07	Adult 2 Sacrament prep, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
11	4th Sun Easter <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
12	Ladies Guild, 5:00p
 13	AFF The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p
 14	Adult 2 Sacrament prep, 6:30p; Choir, 7p  
15	Wise Ones, TBA 1p 
17	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a 
18	5th Sun Easter
19	Give blood Elkin Rescue Center, 1:30-6p 
  20	AFF The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p Adult 1 Sacrament prep, 6:30p
 21	Adult 2 Sacrament prep, 6:30p; Choir, 7p 
25	6th Sun Easter SSJ Brunch, 12N
  27	AFF The Chosen, 10a Communion Service, 12:15p Adult 1 Sacrament prep, 6:30p
 28	Adult 2 Sacrament prep, 6:30p Choir, 7p 



*Blessed Carlo Acutis  
Canonized Postponed*

**Canonization of Carlo Acutis is postponed due to Pope Francis' death.**  
 In the **Jubilee of Teenagers** in Rome, he is the first millennial saint. This will bring many young people to Rome for the **Catholic Church's Jubilee of Hope**. Carlo Acutis, who died of leukemia in 2006 at the **age of 15**, was known for his devotion to the Eucharist and Marian apparitions, which he catalogued on a website he designed. His beatification, or declaration as "Blessed," occurred in October 2020. The recognition of two miracles attributed to his intercession, including the healing of a young Costa Rican woman, paved the way for his canonization. Acutis is also considered a "patron saint of the Internet" due to his interest in computers and his miracles website.

 Mass Intentions	
27	Greg Belcher r/b Barb & Bob DeJohn
04	+Lorraine Benfanti r/b Jane & Rob Worley Yahir Barrientos Eileen & Leo Ouellette
11	All Mothers, living and deceased
18	The Keller, Gore, and Ford Families Kevin McQuade

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



27 Dianne Crawford                      30 Liza Go-Harris  
 27 Luis Rodriguez                        30 Vanessa Lopez  
 29 Julie & Patrick Colglazier

### *Pope Francis Walking the Word*

The Risen Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions. He patiently soothed their troubled hearts. Risen himself, he now brings about "the resurrection of the disciple". He raises their spirit and their lives are changed.

Earlier, his words and his example had failed to change them. Now, at Easter, something new happens, and it happens in the light of **Mercy**.

Jesus raise them up with **Mercy**. Having received his **Mercy**, they become merciful in turn.

It is hard to be merciful without the experience of having first received **Mercy**.

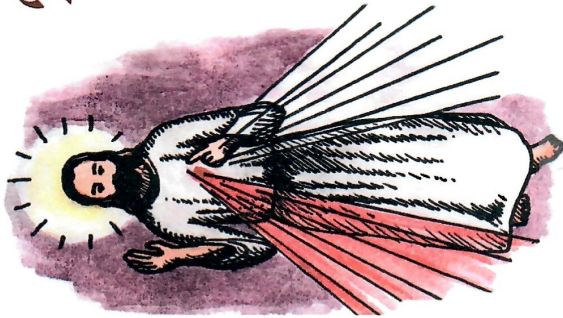
***Blessed are the merciful,  
mercy shall be theirs.***



<i>Easter Flowers</i>	
<i>S. Janis</i>	<i>Living and deceased members of the Sisters of St. Joseph and family</i>

# Divine Mercy

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession- now a priest could take God's place to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.



Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine God's Divine Mercy.

Mercy means treating others with love and forgiveness.

God is Mercy. God is Love.  
God is Compassion.

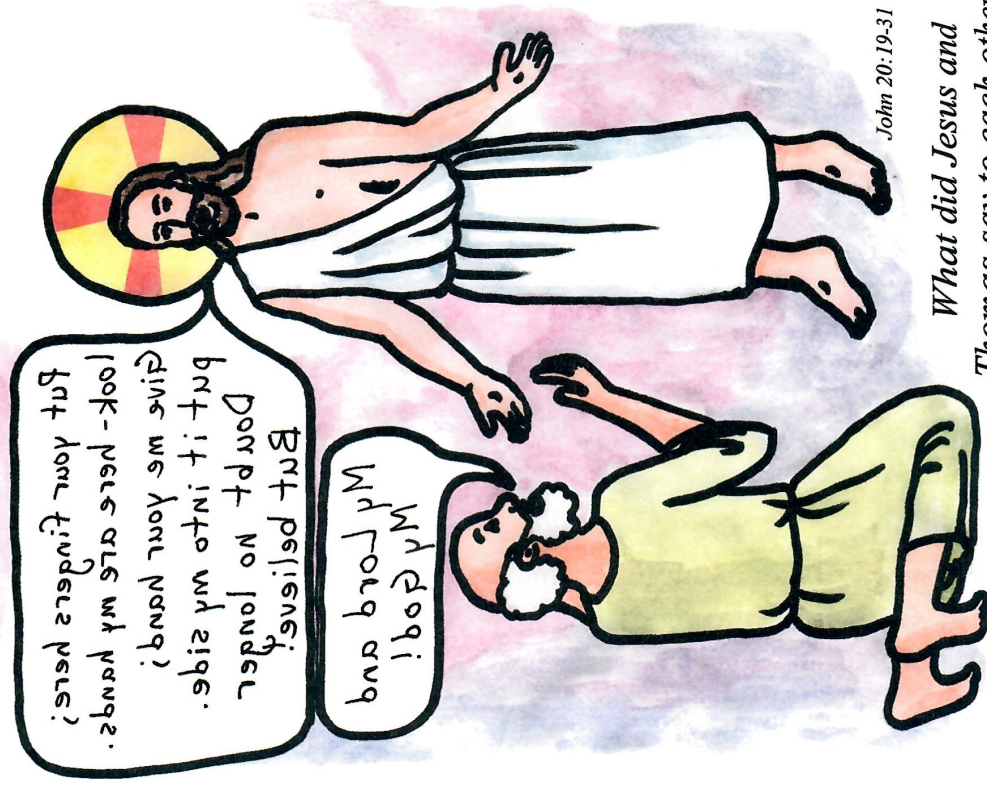
We, who follow Jesus, are called to be merciful,, loving, and compassionate.

## Jesus, I Trust in You!

Answers to True or False:  
1.true 2.false 3.false 4.true 5.true 6.false 7.true

# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 27th, 2025



John 20:19-31

What did Jesus and Thomas say to each other?  
Look in the mirror to find out!



## The 90 Days: Ash Wednesday to Pentecost

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of Easter

Feast on  
healed wounds.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter

Feast on  
thoughtfulness.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter

Feast on  
Creation.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter

Feast on  
joy.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter

Feast on  
Christ's courage.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter

Feast on  
Christ's determination.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter

Feast on  
Christ's mercy.

## True or False: When Jesus Came to the Apostles

1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?

2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?

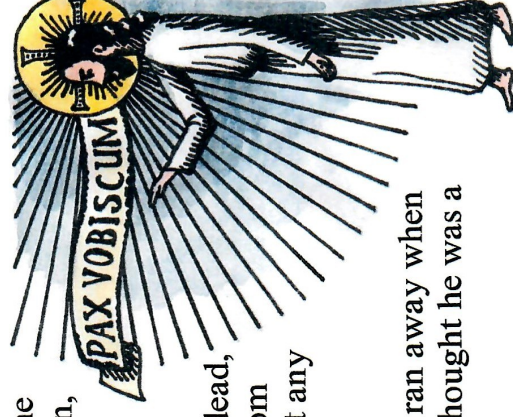
3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?

4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?

5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?

6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?

7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?



REMEMBER:

BE AN EASTER PERSON.

Live your life in gratitude and joy!

