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*Divine Mercy*  
SUNDAY



*Second Sunday of Easter*

April 11, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday

**Mass Schedule**

Tuesday	7:30 am
Wednesday	7:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	7:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am (Spanish) 12:00 pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 - 4:45 pm

**San Damiano Chapel**

Eucharistic Adoration open  
to scheduled adorers only.



**Our Mission**

*The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.*

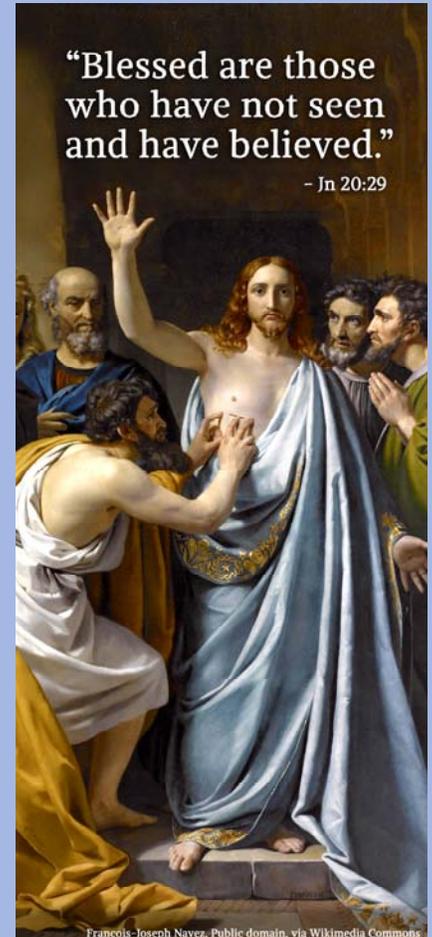
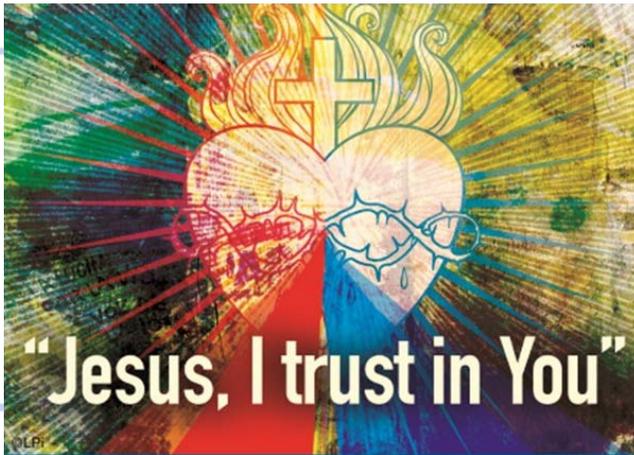
# From the Pastor's Desk

## Jezu Ufam Tobie

For those who might not be familiar with those Polish words please allow me to offer a translation, “Jésus j’ai confiance en Toi.” For those who might not recognize the French please let me put it into words that might be a bit more recognizable, “Jēzu, es uzticos Tev.” If Latvian does not come so easily to you perhaps this might hit closer to home, “Yesu nakuamini.” Admittedly not everyone speaks Swahili so maybe a language that is a bit more common would be helpful, “Jesus nagtiwala ako Sayo.” My apologies if Tagalog is not your native tongue. What if I would say, “Jesús en Ti confio?” Though about one third of our parishioners speak Spanish I think the vast majority would understand the words in English as, “Jesus, I trust in You.”



Joy with Christ,  
Fr. James



## This Week's Readings and Observances

**Sunday, April 11, 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**  
Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

**Monday, April 12**  
Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday, April 13, St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr**  
Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday, April 14**  
Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday, April 15**  
Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday, April 16**  
Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

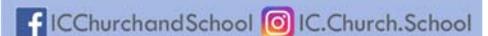
**Saturday, April 17**  
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday, April 18, 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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## Discipleship

### Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

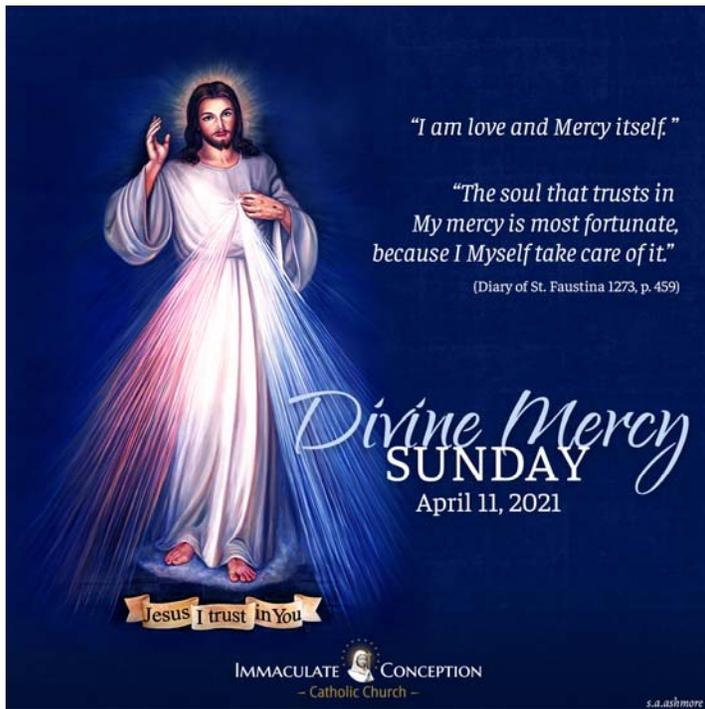
Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS / ©LPi



### Divine Mercy

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

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### Celebration of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Join us this Sunday, the Sunday of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm for a special observance in honor of the Feast of Divine Mercy—a celebration of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction. Confession will be available.

Please come and join in prayer to ask for God's mercy on us and on the whole world. We need His Mercy now more than ever.

*"Jesus said, I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls; especially for poor sinners."*

(Diary 699, Divine Mercy in My Soul)



### The Queen of May is Almost Here!

This spring the Queen of May benefit will be a virtual event! We always make it special, so this year you can bid on items for 5 full days and view the video of the program throughout the week of May 2-7.

We are collecting auction items from the school families and are going to have some great things! We are also reaching out to parishioners to see if they would consider donating an item, basket or gift card to the auction. Your generosity with all of our fundraisers is truly appreciated! If you are able to donate, please drop off an item at the Parish Office between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Watch for the event link on the ICS Facebook page and our website as it gets closer to the event.

Questions? Contact Jami Bridgeman at 763-788-9065.



## Pastoral Ministry

### Growing Through Loss

*Growing Through Loss* provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Our second session is on Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 6:45 pm. Speaker Adaire Lassonde, SSND will speak on *Understanding Grief and Loss*. Each session is complete in itself so please consider joining us for one or more sessions. We will be meeting at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Drive Mounds View, 55112. Childcare will not be provided for safety reasons. You are required to wear a face mask. Brochures are available in the church narthex.

### Anointing of the Sick

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request — call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

### In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call 763-788-9062. For private prayer (eight individuals offer confidential prayer for requested needs) call Larene at 763-789-4246.

### Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially and all who have died from Covid-19 and all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

### Pray for All the Sick—Especially:

<i>Bea Alain</i>	<i>Judy Mattson</i>	<i>Greg Sery</i>
<i>Paul Bona</i>	<i>Janet Mihalik</i>	<i>Martha Stwora</i>
<i>Robin Crisp</i>	<i>Teddy Miller</i>	<i>Elaine Thunstrom</i>
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<i>Jeff LaFontaine</i>	<i>Katie Oftedahl</i>	<i>and all those on</i>
<i>Steven Lauinger</i>	<i>Diane Redmann</i>	<i>our prayer chain</i>

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

### Dear Visitor

Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki 763-788-9062 x 212.



## Faith Formation

### Heggies Pizza Sale

The Heggies Pizza Sale has begun! Visit the parish website at [parish.iccsonline.org/heggies-pizza-sale](http://parish.iccsonline.org/heggies-pizza-sale) or visit the parish office Monday through Friday during office hours to order your pizzas. Call Mary Nawrocki at 763-788-9062 x210 to place orders during the week. What a great time to stock up on the best frozen pizza! Another way to help us in this fundraiser is to take an order sheet to your workplace. Heggies is a pizza people love to buy! Sale ends April 12, so order soon! Thank you in advance for your support!

### Totus Tuus Registration is Now Open!



*Totus Tuus* (“Totally Yours”) summer programs offer a week of faith and fun for kids! A team of college students and seminarians will lead a day camp for children entering grades 1-6 on June 14-18 from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, which includes daily Mass, faith activities, games and water fun. The evening program for youth entering grades 7-12 on June 13-17 from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm includes Eucharistic Adoration, confession, hot topics, and social time. Cost is \$25 per student and \$75 max per family and can be written off for tax purposes. More information and the registration form can be found at [parish.iccsonline.org/totus-tuus](http://parish.iccsonline.org/totus-tuus) or call the Faith Formation office at 763-788-9062 x210. We hope to see you there!

## Prayer

### Intercessory Prayer

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month’s prayer intention:

*For the planning and preparation of the confirmation retreat and the Totus Tuus summer programs*

## The Week Ahead

### April 11

Pre-Confirmation Class ..... 10:45 am - 11:45 am  
Confirmation Class ..... 10:45 am - 11:45 am  
Divine Mercy Celebration ..... 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

### April 12

RCIC ..... 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
4th Degree KC Mass and Dinner..... 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### April 13

Serra Club Meeting..... 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Charismatic Prayer Group..... 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### April 16

RCIC..... 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

### April 17

Baptism Class ..... 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Funeral Mass ..... 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Baptism ..... 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

### April 18

Confirmation Class ..... 10:45 am - 11:45 am

# Reflections

## Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

**Question:** *Why are priests transferred from one parish to another? How is that decided?*

**Answer:** Bishops take the appointment of pastors to parishes very seriously and the decision to assign or transfer priests is one of the most important decisions bishops can make, effecting the lives of everyone in the parish community.

In 1984, the bishops of the United States implemented a six-year term limit for pastors (which can be renewed by bishops); term limits for associate pastors vary from diocese to diocese. Sometimes a particular priest is assigned to a parish or chaplaincy to respond to specific issues (such as a parish merger, a fundraising campaign, or because he has special qualifications that make him a good fit for the community). In the case of new or recently ordained priests, the vibrancy and diversity, the presence of a school, or certain social programs offer invaluable training and ongoing formation.

In making their decisions regarding the placement of priests, most bishops rely on a priest personnel committee or a council of priests. There is also a period of dialogue with the priest(s) who will be moved, sometimes even including an extended period of discernment and self-assessment, helping to be as sure as possible that the assignment of a priest to a particular community will truly benefit the people and be a healthy one for the priest himself.

## Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

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## Word of Life

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."\* Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)



On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the **Sunday of Divine Mercy**. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, *especially with those who have been wounded by participation in abortion*. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many inaccurately feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that God forgives *every* sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.

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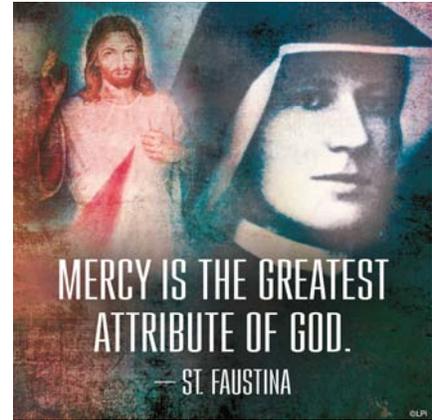
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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 11

8:00 am +John Botzet, Jr.  
10:00 am +Leo & Marian Batcha  
12:00 pm IC Parishioners

### Tuesday, April 13

7:30 am +Steve Misik, +Raul Eugenio,  
+Theresa Acuna

### Wednesday, April 14

7:30 am +Patricia Sowada

### Thursday, April 15

8:30 am +Mary Ann Kocon and  
Michelle Kocon Reynolds

### Friday, April 16

7:30 am +Pete Crema, +Ramon Espinas,  
+Alicia Velarde

### Saturday, April 17

5:00 pm +George and Lillian Rozek,  
and Daughter Sandra

### Sunday, April 18

8:00 am +Tom Sichak  
10:00 am +Prokott Family  
12:00 pm IC Parish



+Deceased

## Church Directory

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### FAITH FORMATION

<b>Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki</b> .....	x 210
<b>Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott</b> .....	x 208

### SCHOOL

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<i>Mary Beth Pfeifer</i> .....	x 203
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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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*Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available  
in the pamphlet racks at the entrance to the church.*

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Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.

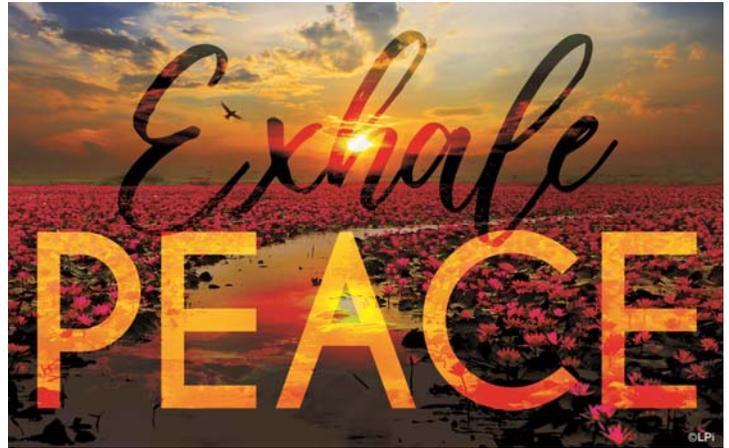
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### Received Through April 4

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$ 2,699.00
Plate.....	3,694.19
Easter.....	6,485.00
WeShare Online Giving.....	2,112.50
Automatic Withdrawal.....	5,077.00
<b>Total Collection</b> .....	<b>\$ 20,067.69</b>

*Thank you!*

## Gospel Meditation



### Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God’s mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God’s mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God’s mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

“Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,” Pope Francis continues. God’s all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ’s resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life’s imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn’t matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God’s mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God’s mercy, allow the wind of God’s presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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*“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”*

(JN 20:21)

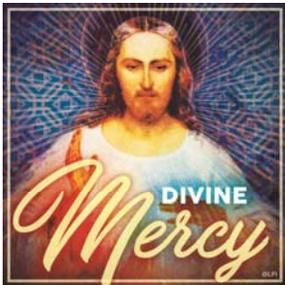
# Eucharistic Adoration

*“For the sake of the His sorrowful passion,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.”*  
(from the Divine Mercy Chaplet)

In Eucharistic Adoration, one will often find an adorer praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet during their adoration hour. Praying for mercy for ourselves and for the whole world is vital to our spiritual well-being. Come and spend some time in our adoration chapel and bring your prayers before Jesus knowing He always hears them.

Our chapel is available Monday through Friday, with some regulations we must follow:

- Only registered, scheduled adorers are allowed in the chapel (No walk in visitors will be admitted at this time)
- Masks are required
- All adorers are asked to sanitize any surfaces they touch during their adoration hour
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home



If you would like to register and schedule an adoration hour, or if you are an adorer unable to attend your scheduled hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

Volunteers are needed to cover Mondays at 11:00 am, Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 11:00 am, Thursdays at 9:00 am and Fridays at 2:00 pm.



Circle of Leopold Kupelwieser, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

During the Easter season, from the Easter Vigil to Pentecost, the words of the hymn “Regina Caeli” (“Queen of Heaven”) are substituted for the Angelus prayer, traditionally recited at 6:00 am, noon and 6:00 pm.

## Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia.  
Has risen, as He said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

*Let us pray,*

O God, who through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world; grant, we beseech Thee, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



April 11, 2021

### Divine Mercy Chaplet: Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.

To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

WATCH

## Parish News

### High School Seniors

Are you or someone you know graduating this year? We are gathering names of students to invite to a Mass on Sunday, May 30 when we will recognize and pray for the graduates. Please contact Mary Nawrocki, Director of Faith Formation, at 763-788-9062 x 210 or [mnawrocki@immac-church.org](mailto:mnawrocki@immac-church.org) to request an invitation. Thank you!



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