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Sunday, April 27, 2025 / Domingo, 27 de abril de 2025



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)
2º DOMINGO DE PASCUA (LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA)

**DO NOT BE UNBELIEVING,
BUT BELIEVE.**

**NO SEAS INCRÉDULO,
SINO CREYENTE.**

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PRAYER OF DIVINE MERCY

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!
O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!
O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!
Amen.



ORACIÓN A LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

¡Oh Sangre y Agua que redime y salva, ten piedad de nosotros!
¡Oh Sangre y Agua que sanas y restauras, ten piedad de nosotros!
¡Oh Sangre y Agua que fortalece y renueva, ten piedad de nosotros!
Amén.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

05:00 PM

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

1^{ER} JUEVES DEL MES

06:30 PM

Confessions | Confesiones

THURSDAY | JUEVES

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM

SATURDAY | SÁBADO

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM

Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
Apr. 26 – May 2, 2025

In Memory of :
†Reyna Chavez



*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon our sister. May she rest in peace.*

Parish Information & Liturgy

Readings for the week of April 27, 2025

Monday/Lunes:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday/Martes:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday/ Miércoles:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16- 21

Thursday/Jueves:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday/Viernes:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday/Sábado:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday/Siguiente Domingo:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

05:00 PM: For the Faithful and Deceased of St. Francis

07:00 PM: En memoria a †Oscar Guerrero

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

08:00 AM: In memory of †Jose Cruz Lopez

10:00 AM: In memory of †Salvador Navarro

12:00 PM: En memoria al Linaje de †Ma. Luisa Alva

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

08:00 AM: In memory of †Salvador Navarro

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

08:00 AM: In memory of †Julio Gonzalez

JUEVES, MAY 01

05:00 PM: En memoria a †Julio Gonzalez

FRIDAY, MAY 02

08:00 AM: En memoria a †Julio Gonzalez

Please keep the deceased and sick members of our Parish family in your prayers †Thomas Annello, †Pope Francis, †Reyna Chavez, †Gregory John Dereyna, †Juan Zavala Avila, †Adrian Velazquez De Loza, †Jose Adelaido Villamil, †Adela Ponce, †Wilfredo Medrano, †Felicitia Aburto Roman, †Martha Alzamora, †Sabas Rodriguez, †Jacqueline Martinez Hernandez, †Sylvia Clark,

Mike Riley, Liam Quintero, Dora Martinez, Raquel Garza, and all those who are not listed and are in need of our prayers. Aurelia Espinoza Rodriguez,

You are welcome to write the names of your sick or deceased loved ones in the mass intention notebook found in a stand in the Narthex another inside the Sanctuary, next to our Patron St. Francis statue.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

Sergio Olivares, Jacqueline Ramos

(MASS INTENTION TO BE MENTIONED ON April 27, 2025)

That they may always follow the ways of Love, find renewed energy and gratitude for the gift of life

ALL parish organizations and ministries are asked to contact JACKY to reserve meeting space in the Parish Center or Sanctuary. Reservations will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Thank you for your cooperation.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true." I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice. "I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so... unbelievable." She's not wrong. It does sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes. I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

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EVANGELIO

JUAN 20, 19-31

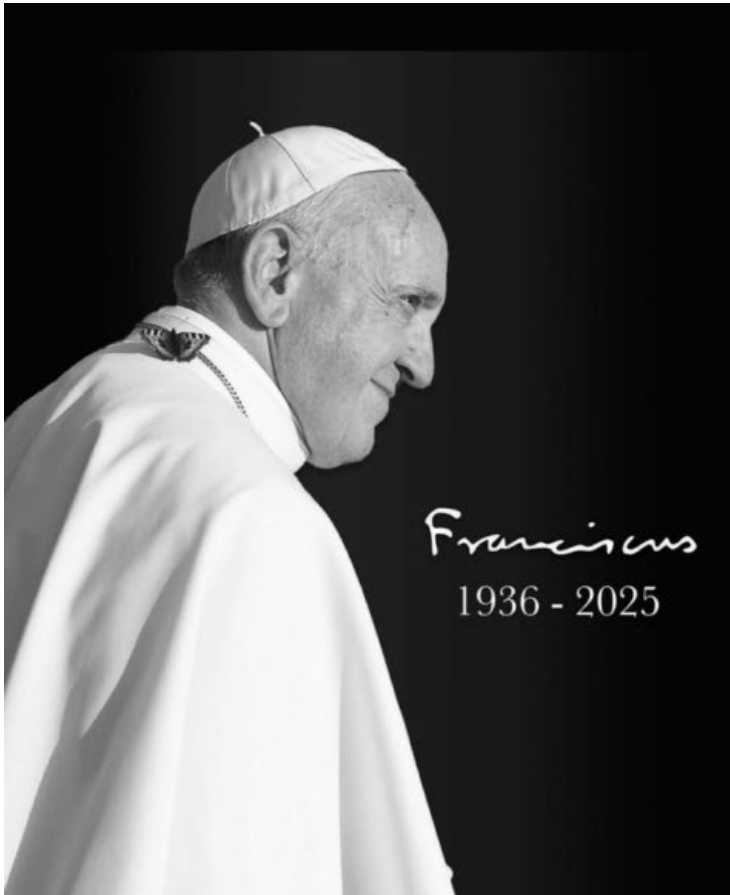
Al anochecer del día de la resurrección, estando cerradas las puertas de la casa donde se hallaban los discípulos, por miedo a los judíos, se presentó Jesús en medio de ellos y les dijo: "La paz esté con ustedes". Dicho esto, les mostró las manos y el costado. Cuando los discípulos vieron al Señor, se llenaron de alegría. De nuevo les dijo Jesús: "La paz esté con ustedes. Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío yo". Después de decir esto, sopló sobre ellos y les dijo: "Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A los que les perdonen los pecados, les quedarán perdonados; y a los que no se los perdonen, les quedarán sin perdonar". Tomás, uno de los Doce, a quien llamaban el Gemelo, no estaba con ellos cuando vino Jesús, y los otros discípulos le decían: "Hemos visto al Señor". Pero él les contestó: "Si no veo en sus manos la señal de los clavos y si no meto mi dedo en los agujeros de los clavos y no meto mi mano en su costado, no creeré". Ocho días después, estaban reunidos los discípulos a puerta cerrada y Tomás estaba con ellos. Jesús se presentó de nuevo en medio de ellos y les dijo: "La paz esté con ustedes". Luego le dijo a Tomás: "Aquí están mis manos; acerca tu dedo. Trae acá tu mano, métela en mi costado y no sigas dudando, sino cree". Tomás le respondió: "¡Señor mío y Dios mío!" Jesús añadió: "Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto". Otras muchas señales milagrosas hizo Jesús en presencia de sus discípulos, pero no están escritas en este libro. Se escribieron éstas para que ustedes crean que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y para que, creyendo, tengan vida en su nombre.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Hoy es Domingo de la Misericordia; celebramos la gran misericordia de Dios al darnos a su Hijo para que nos salvara por medio de su vida, pasión, muerte y resurrección. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, en su numeral 1225, nos lo explica de la siguiente manera: "La sangre y el agua que brotaron del costado traspasado de Jesús crucificado (ver Juan 19:34) son figuras del Bautismo y de la Eucaristía, sacramento de vida nueva (ver 1 Juan 5:6-8): desde entonces, es posible 'nacer del agua y del Espíritu' para entrar en el Reino de Dios (ver Juan 3:5). Con la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección, se derramó su Misericordia. Por eso, hoy cantemos, llenos de alegría y esperanza, el Salmo 117: ¡La misericordia del Señor es eterna. ¡Aleluya!

Señor, para dar un sincero testimonio de tu resurrección, enséñame a ser dócil como Tú lo fuiste en tu vida terrena, y principalmente en la cruz. Encontrarnos y reconciliarnos es el mensaje que el Evangelio nos trae en este segundo Domingo de Pascua. Nos narra, también, la falta de fe de Tomás, de su incredulidad al recibir la noticia de que el Señor había resucitado. Tuvo que verlo y tocarlo para comprender toda la misericordia de Dios viva en Jesús: "Señor mío y Dios mío" (Juan 20:28). Y ahora, nosotros tenemos la dicha de creer sin ver. Y Jesús nos llama dichosos por eso. Pero, a la vez, debemos de madurar en la fe y eso se logra pidiendo al Espíritu Santo que nos ayude a comprender los misterios del Jesús glorioso que serán lo definitivo para todo. @LPI





PRAYER FOR THE SOUL OF
+POPE FRANCIS

Oh God, immortal shepherd of souls, look on your people's prayers and grant that your servant Pope Francis, who presided over your Church in charity, may, with the flock entrusted to his care, receive from your mercy the reward of a faithful steward.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

V. Eternal rest grant unto your servant Francis, O Lord,
R. And let perpetual light shine upon him.
V. May he rest in peace.
R. Amen.

Oración por el alma
del Papa Francisco

Señor Dios de la vida y de la misericordia,
hoy elevamos nuestro corazón hacia Ti
por el alma de tu siervo, el Papa Francisco.

Gracias por su vida, su servicio humilde
y su incansable entrega a Tu Iglesia.

Tú que lo llamaste a pastorear a tu pueblo
como Sucesor de Pedro,
acógelo ahora en Tu Reino eterno,
donde no hay dolor, ni llanto, ni muerte,
sino paz y plenitud en Tu presencia.

Concédele el descanso eterno, Señor,
y brille para él la luz perpetua.
Que descanse en paz.



Amén.



An opportunity to re-establish a proper
relationship with God (every 25yrs)

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| 1. Be in state of Grace
(<i>confessed</i>) | 1. Estar en estado de Gracia
(<i>confesado</i>) |
| 2. Pilgrim to the Church
and walk THROUGH the
front doors | 2. Peregrine a la Iglesia y
ENTRAR por las puertas
PRINCIPALES |
| 3. Attend FULL mass from
beginning to end | 3. Atender misa COMPLETA |
| 4. Commune and pray for
the intentions of Pope | 4. Comulgar y ofreser una
oracion para el Papa |
| 5. Ask Indulgence for
yourself or deceased | 5. Pedir Indulgencia para
usted o un difunto |

ESCANÉ AQUÍ PARA
ENTENDER MÁS EL AÑO
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

2nd Sunday of Easter • John 20:19-31



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
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Look for Mrs. Teresa Holmes
in the Narthex or
Wednesdays
for Youth Group

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MARIAN DINNER
For High School age girls and older interested in learning more about Religious and Consecrated life.

MAY 7 5:00 PM Mass, Dinner to follow
St. Rita Catholic Church
12521 Inwood Rd.
Dallas, TX 75244

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DALLAS

COME AND SEE RETREAT
For High School Men: Rising Freshman - Graduating Seniors

MAY 31 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Holy Trinity Seminary
3131 Vince Hagan
Drive Irving, TX 75062

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DALLAS

FATHER AND SON RETREAT
BEHOLD THE MAN
(Adult Sons 18+)
Sunday Mass with Bishop Edward J. Burns

JUN 6-8 Camp Copass
8200 E McKinney St.
Denton, TX 76208

Altar Society Scholarship

The Altar Society of St. Francis is offering scholarships to a graduating High School Senior or scholar attending an accredited college or trade school. The basic requirement is that you **must** be a registered member of St. Francis Catholic Church.

Beginning, Monday, April 14, 2025; you may visit the Parish office during business hours and ask for an application. All information and rules for applying are disclosed in the Scholarship Criteria forms.

The completed applications must be turned into the Parish Office by **Thursday, May 8, 2025**, before 4:00 p.m. Winners will be notified either by telephone and/or email. A graduate's mass is held each year in June. Please be aware of any announcements



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