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APRIL 12, 2026 – SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 12, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11 **5:00 p.m.**
Divine Mercy Sunday
Catherine. B. Wood — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, April 12 **8:00 a.m.**
Divine Mercy Sunday
The Alexis Family — Blessings and Thanksgiving

11:00 a.m.
Members of the Ministry of Mercy
Blessings and Thanksgiving
Marie Adams, George, Wingard and Jazna Jean
— Blessings and Thanksgiving
Alphonso Jordan — 98th Birthday Blessings
and Thanksgiving

Monday, April 13 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Dunstan Critchlow — In Memoriam
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Tuesday, April 14 **9:00 a.m.**
Julian Hoyte and Filbert Hoyte — In Memoriam
Requested by Virginia Noel

Wednesday, April 15 **9:00 a.m.**
Rev. Father Antonius P. Gopaul — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Staff and Parishioners

Thursday, April 16 **9:00 a.m.**
George Jacob — Birthday Memorial
Roy Redhead — Birthday Blessings
Requested by The Redhead Family

Friday, April 17 **9:00 a.m.**
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Saturday, April 18 **9:00 a.m.**
Ernst Luly — In Memoriam
Requested by Rev. Father Michael Bruno,
Saint Vincent Ferrer Staff and Parishioners

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Bread and Wine
All Those Who Have No One To Pray For Them

Altar Flowers
All the Souls in Purgatory

Altar Candles
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Ministry of Mercy invites you to prayer and worship on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, Noon to 3:00p.m., including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers and Benediction.
All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.

Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date.

Place your request together with your name and phone number, in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.

Please make a $20 donation with each request.

Scripture Reflection

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Gospel recounts two apparitions of the Risen Jesus to his disciples, and in particular, to Thomas, the "doubting Apostle" (cf. Jn 20:24-29).

In reality, Thomas is not the only one who struggles to believe. In fact, he represents all of us a little bit. Indeed, it is not always easy to believe, especially when, as in his case, one has suffered a tremendous disappointment. After a huge disappoint, it is difficult to believe. He had followed Jesus for years, running risks and enduring discomforts. But the Teacher was put on a cross like a criminal, and no one freed him. No one did anything! He is dead and everyone is afraid. How can he trust again? How can he trust the news saying He is alive? There was doubt inside him.

Thomas, however, shows that he is courageous. While the others are closed up inside the Upper Room out of fear, he goes out, running the risk that someone might recognize, report and arrest him. We could even think that, with his courage, he would have deserved more than the others to meet the Risen Lord. Instead, precisely because he is away, Thomas is not there when Jesus appears to the disciples for the first time, on Easter evening, thus missing that opportunity. He had distanced himself from the community. How could he get [the opportunity] back? Only by going back to the others, returning there, to that family he had left behind, scared and sad. When he does so, when he returns, they tell him that Jesus had come, but he struggles to believe. He wants to see his wounds. And Jesus satisfies him: eight days later, he appears again in the midst of his disciples and shows them his wounds, his hands, his feet, these wounds that are the proof of his love, that are the ever-open channels of his mercy.

Let us reflect on these facts. In order to believe, Thomas wants an extraordinary sign — to touch the wounds. Jesus shows them to him, but in an ordinary way, coming in front of everyone, in the community, not outside. As if saying to him: if you want to meet me, do not search far away; remain in the community, with the others, and don't go away. Pray with them. Break bread with them. And he says this to us as well. That is where you will find me; that is where I will show you the signs of the wounds impressed on my body: the signs of the Love that overcomes hatred, of the Pardon that disarms revenge, the signs of the Life that conquers death. It is there, in the community, that you will discover my face, as you share moments of doubt and fear with your brothers and sisters, clinging even more strongly to them. Without the community, it is difficult to find Jesus.

Dear brothers and sisters, the invitation given to Thomas is valid for us as well. We, where do we seek the Risen One? In some special event, in some spectacular or amazing religious manifestation, only in our emotions and feelings? Or rather in the community, in the Church, accepting the challenge of staying there, even though she (the Church) is not perfect? Despite all of her limitations and failures, which are our limitations and failings, our Mother Church is the Body of Christ. And it is there, in the Body of Christ, that, still now and forever, the greatest signs of his love can be found impressed. Let us ask ourselves, however, if in the name of this love, in the name of Jesus' wounds, we are willing to open our arms to those who are wounded by life, excluding no one from God's mercy but welcoming everyone, each person like a brother, like a sister. God welcomes everyone. God welcomes everyone.

May Mary, the Mother of Mercy, help us to love the Church and to make her a welcoming home for everyone.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023

Daily readings for the Second Week of Easter

Sunday, April 12
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Monday, April 13
Acts 4:23-31
Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9
John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 14
Acts 4:32-37
Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 15
Acts 5:17-26
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday, April 16
Acts 5:27-33
Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
John 3:31-36

Friday, April 17
Acts 5:34-42
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
John 6:1-15

Saturday, April 18
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21

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Parish Missions

Mary Queen of Heaven
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Parish Mission

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Revival

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- Praise and Worship
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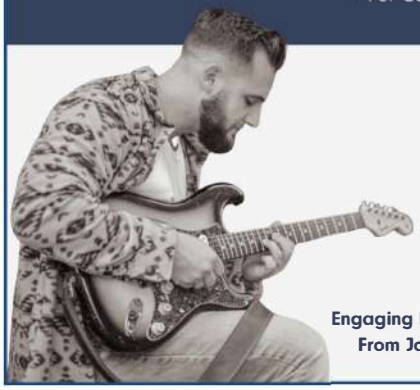
- For the whole family

- Awaken your faith
- Experience greater joy
- Connect with your community
- Share the faith with courage
- For Catholics and non-Catholics



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Lorenys.Gonzalez@ccbq.org

Queens - Information & registration
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
- 106-12 Liverpool St, Jamaica, NY 11435
- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Walk-ins & appointments
Questions? Contact:
Carolina Marin: 929-745-8960
Carolina.Marin@ccbq.org

Immigrants, if they are helped to integrate, are a blessing, a source of enrichment and new gift that encourages a society to grow". Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti §135

Monday, June 29 - Friday, July 24th

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Congratulations to our OCIA Class of 2026!

Our warmest congratulations to this year's class of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Roby and Zachary were fully initiated into the Church during the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, April 4, receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Sasha and Guytelle received the Sacrament of Confirmation that same evening. Your parish family extends its best wishes to all of you as you continue your journey of faith!

Pictured from left: Father Michael Bruno, Sasha, Zachary, Guytelle, Roby and Father Chinedu Achusim.

The Catholic Home Missions Collection - Sunday, April 26, 2026

More than 70 dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home mission dioceses. They are often in rural areas with small Catholic populations or are in communities that struggle economically and cannot sustain their core ministries without outside assistance. That assistance comes through contributions to the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal, taking place this year in many dioceses on April 25-26.

With support received through this special appeal, these home mission dioceses can sustain parishes in remote areas, support priestly and diaconal formation, and train catechists. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal also supports the eparchies of the Eastern Catholic Churches in the United States, helping them meet the unique pastoral and cultural needs of their members, including those who have come to the United States from lands affected by war and terrorism.

Please Strengthen the Church at Home by giving to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal at Mass.

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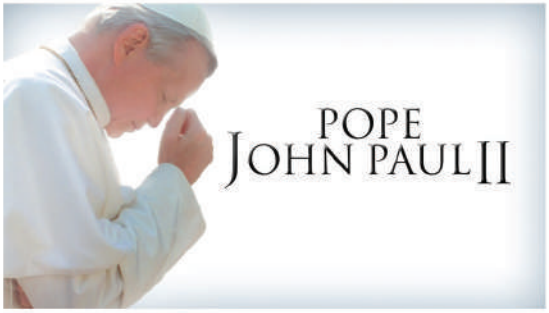
This Week on Formed

Week of April 12, 2026

Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on Formed includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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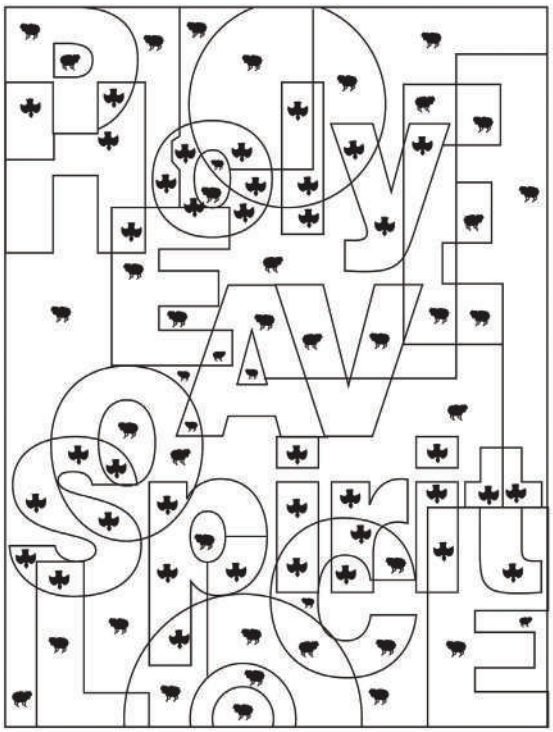

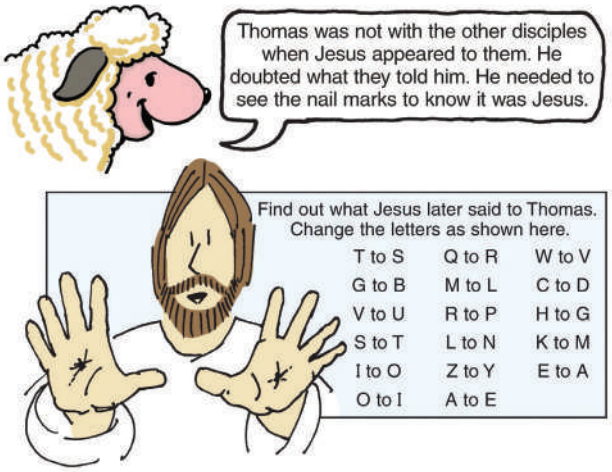

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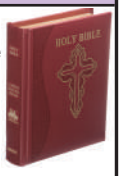

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