

Dear Padre,

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

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The Importance of Trust

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We can readily understand Thomas' insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would you believe it if someone told you that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven't our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven't our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they'd "done their own research," they wouldn't believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even "your own research" will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others' research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today's gospel, Jesus names as "blessed" those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

Reflect

When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?



Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us,

too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, OCTOBER 1, 2025

Monday

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

Friday

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

April 19
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrating God's Merciful Love

In the Jubilee Year 2000, [Pope John Paul II](#) proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.



**Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of April 13, 2025**

Mon.	Apr.	13	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Apr.	14	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	Apr.	15	5:30 PM	SA	No Mass
Thurs.	Apr.	16	5:30 PM	SB	No Mass
Fri.	Apr.	17	8:30 AM	SJ	No Mass
Sat.	Apr.	18	5:30 PM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	Apr.	19	9:30 AM	SA	John Neal
Sun.	Apr.	19	11:00 AM	SB	David Pandorf

Quote for Today
Blessed Marie Anne Blondin (1809-1890)
Feast Day April 18

“There is more happiness in forgiving than in revenge.”



Jason Johnston April 13th
 Marla Stallbaumer April 13th
 Bryson Kennedy April 14th
 Joann Pandorf April 19th

**Eternal Rest Grant unto him
O'Lord.**

We remember **Jim Hickey** who recently passed away. May the hope of resurrection bring peace to him.

Ministry Schedule

Date: April 18-19	St John's	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Hospitality	Youth	Ned & Jenny P.	Chancy & Roni B.
Lector	Youth	John B,	Dylan P.
Server	Youth		Olivia D. & Taygen B.
EMHC	Youth.	Aleta & Conrad P.	Steve & Kristen B.
	Music: Youth		<i>Communion to shut ins</i> Steve B.

St. John's
 Our Gifts to God & Church
 April 2,3,5, 2026
 Total Collection: \$1446.75

Diocesan Appeal
 Dollar Goal the
GOAL is MET!!!

CCD Wed, April 15
 PreK to 5th 3:40 PM
 6th -12th Supper 6:30 Molly W.
 Class Begins 7:00 PM

First Communion and Mass
 Saturday April 18th at 5:30
 PM with a potluck to follow

Parish Council Sunday
 April 19th

St. Agnes
 Our Gifts to God & Church
 April 2,3,5, 2026
 Total Collection: \$3263.00

Diocesan Appeal
 Dollar Goal the
GOAL is MET!!!

Thrift Store
 Open April 24 9AM to 4PM
CCD Wed April 15
 Elementary 3:40 PM
 High School 7:30 PM

Parish Council Monday
 April 20th at 6 PM

St. Boniface
 Our Gifts to God & Church
 April 2,3,5, 2026
 Total Collection: \$3242.75

Diocesan Appeal
 Dollar Goal the
GOAL is MET!!!

CCD Wed. April 15
 PreK to 2nd 4-5 PM
 Supper 6:10
 Class 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Parish Council Thursday
 April 23rd 6 PM

**Congratulation on your 1st
Communion** (St Agnes)

**Bexley DeLosh - Conner Pelster -
 Macey Pelster - Lainey Pelster -
 Adriel Rivera - Kaedyn Weinman -**

**Congratulation on your 1st
Reconciliation and 1st Communion**
 (St. Boniface)

**Beau Duckett -Hadley Brogan -
 Josslyn Phelps -**