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**SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**



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." - Jn 20:28-29



# St Ann's Parish & Its Missions

## Our Mission Statement

**As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson, our mission is to spread the word of God. Our mission is to promote peace, love and unity to all the people of our community. The doors of Saint Ann's Parish and Its Missions are open to all who wish to enter.**

**Pastor**  
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**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation**  
Please contact the parish office



**St . Ann's Parish**  
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

**Assumption Chapel**  
Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

**St Ferdinand's**  
Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

**Mass- St Ann's Parish**

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at  
9:00 a.m.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia

### **Prayer after Communion**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament  
may have a continuing effect  
in our minds and hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



### **Adoration**

Adoration of the blessed sacrament:  
Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month,  
St Ann's Parish.  
**Adoration Thursday, 4:PM to 6:PM**  
**May 1, 2025**  
May 15, 2025



**Reparation Mass & Rosary**  
at 9:00 AM , **every first**  
**Saturday** of the month  
**at St Ann's**  
**May 3, 2025**  
A time of prayer  
Come and Join Us!

### **Safe Environment**

We all have a duty to protect the  
vulnerable. If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson,  
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(1-800-234-0344) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and  
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that are in need of  
**Homebound Communion**  
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Our parish library has been reorganized and it is  
ready now for you to come browse and check  
out a good book. There are many books to  
choose from that will encourage and inspire  
you and help you to grow deeper in your faith  
walk.  
We welcome all to come and spend some quiet  
time reading daily especially  
during this holy Lenten season.

### **Important Reminder**

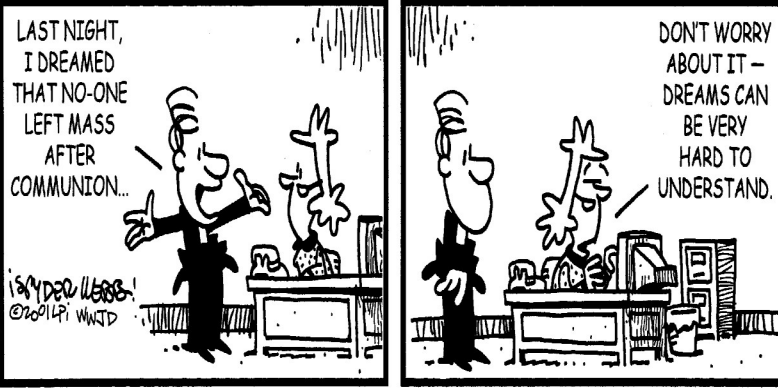
Once you have received the host  
in your hand,  
Please **do not** step to the side  
and then consume it.  
You **must** consume the host  
**in front** of the Eucharistic  
Minister before heading back to  
your seat.

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER.** All those seeking ministry or volunteer  
positions are asked to complete the fingerprinting and background  
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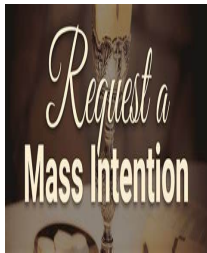
### **HOW TO REPORT ABUSE**

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1. Call 911 to make a police report
  2. If the abuse happened in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
  3. Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at 1.800.234.0344 and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at 520.838.2513

### **2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER**







The practice of requesting a mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic Tradition. Continuing in this long standing practice, you can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago. But intentions do not have to be just for the dead. They make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

You can also offer an intention for yourself or come to the parish office to set up a mass intention. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each

All mass intention must be done a week before mass date to be posted in the bulletin.

†Deceased    ♥ Health    \*Special Intention

Herbert Wood † Saturday, April 26, 2025



MAY THE SOULS of  
the FAITHFUL DEPARTED,  
THROUGH the MERCY  
of GOD, REST IN PEACE.



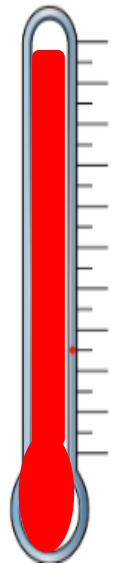
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This is our final fundraiser to help sustain our parish through the summer months, and your support truly makes a difference. Thank you for being such a vital part of our community!



Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

In the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection, the Apostles performed "many signs and wonders," healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits. Is there something in your life that needs healing?

Second Reading:

John is initially frightened at the strange vision of Jesus, but Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid." How does Jesus calm your fears?

Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus' first words to his disciples are "Peace be with you." How could you be a peacemaker this week with a family member or neighbor?



Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor.

Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach.

As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a "poor Church for the poor," interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.

Dear God,  
We thank You for the years of service Pope Francis gave to our Church: his encyclicals, his prayers, his pilgrimages, his work for a brighter tomorrow. May his life and service remind us of our ultimate goal  
— You and You alone. Amen.

Let us keep in our prayers all our First Holy Communion candidates, who will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time on **Saturday, May 3 at the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Ann's Parish.**



We also lift up our Confirmation students, who will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit on

**Monday, May 12, 2025, at St. Augustine Cathedral.**

May the Lord bless them and guide them as they continue their journey of faith. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Important Message to All Parishioners

From **April 29 to May 2**, the **9:00 AM Mass** will be held at the **Parish Office** located at **2231 E Frontage Road**, due to ongoing repairs on the parish roof.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time.



Readings for the week of April 27, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

Saturday:

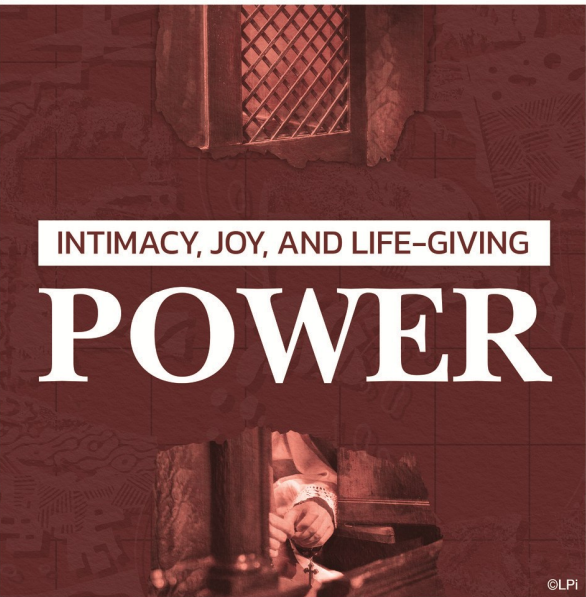
1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday:

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



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Gospel Meditation  
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, **"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23)**, the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

— Father John Muir



(PRACTICING)  
CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It does sound unbelievable, the story of the Resurrection. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. Take Thomas' example: stay close to the people you trust. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you.

**Wonder, Don't Wander**  
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.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained  
Question:

If Jesus destroyed sin, why are sins still with us?

Answer:

We are the children of God, heirs of the Father's work, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final — the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies: to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by his resurrection. It was not to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it.

Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:**  
Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

**Psalm:**  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or: Alleluia.

**Second Reading:**  
When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid." (Rv 1:17)

**Gospel:**  
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." (Jn 20:19)

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Live The Liturgy  
Inspiration of the Week

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

Observances for the week of  
April 27, 2025

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
- Monday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Tuesday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Thursday:** St. Joseph the Worker, National Day of Prayer
- Friday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter



Devotions, Explained!

The rite of sprinkling, also called the Asperges rite, recalls the new life we receive in the waters of our baptism. Though most common during the Easter season, this rite can take place on any Sunday and is used in place of the penitential act.

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.



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For April 19-20

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