

SUNDAY, April 7, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

5:30PM † Frank L. Kotara

by Glenn Swierc Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 – 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

7:30AM † Ben and Mary Lyssy

by Benedict & Susan Lyssy

9:00AM For Our Parish Family

by Father Andrzej

MONDAY, APRIL 8 – The Annunciation of the Lord

6:30PM † Wayne Lyssy

by Lynette Lyssy

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

6:30PM † Wilma Dziuk

by Lambert & Rosalie Titzmann

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

7:30AM † Florian Gawlik

by Keith & Joann Jarzombek

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 – Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

NO MASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:00AM † Elsie Swierc

by Jill Laskowski & Julie Mangold Families

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

5:30PM † Fabian Jendrusch - *birthday*

by M/M Jaskinia

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30AM † Warzecha & Skloss Families

by Parishioner

9:00AM For Our Parish Family

by Father Andrzej

SERVING THE LORD – April 13 and 14

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the HOLY COMMUNION:

Saturday 5:30PM - Mary Wiatrek

Sunday 7:30AM - Karissa Jarzombek



9:00AM - Dickie Dziuk



LECTORS:

Saturday 5:30PM - Mary Wiatrek

Sunday 7:30AM – Patsy Sekula



9:00AM – Katy Howell

ALTAR SERVERS: April 13 and 14

Saturday 5:30pm - Hope E. Emma E.

Sunday 7:30am – Seth L. Kenna L. Alberto G. Gabriel L.

9:00am – Isabel K. Alena K. Kyleigh S. Leah S. Gavin R.



Money Counters for April

April 7 – Felix and Patsy Sekula and Lillian Sekula
 April 14 – Mary Stulting and Pat and Karissa Jarzombek
 April 21 – Wilfred and Dianne Dziuk
 April 28 – James and Sophie Dziuk

Easter Sunday \$7673.00
 Rice Bowl \$1973.00
 Good Friday \$ 3537.00

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY - DAILY MEDITATION: JOHN 20:19-31

My Lord and my God! (John 20:28)

Why wasn't Thomas with the other apostles the first time Jesus appeared to them? Maybe Thomas was so discouraged that he just wanted to be alone, or perhaps he was hiding somewhere else. Whatever the case, he didn't believe that Jesus had really appeared to the disciples that night (John 20:25). He had to see the risen Christ for himself.

Jesus knew this, so exactly one week later, he appeared again, this time to all the apostles. When Jesus invited Thomas to put his hand in his wounds, Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

What an appropriate Gospel passage for Divine Mercy Sunday! In his great mercy, Jesus deeply desired that Thomas believe that he had truly risen—so much so that he may have come back especially for him.

The Gospels are filled with examples of Jesus' mercy, from his healing of people who were blind or sick to his compassion for those who were far from home and needed something to eat. Of course, his greatest act of mercy was his self-offering on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

"Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy." That's the message Jesus gave to the Polish nun Sr. Faustina Kowalska in 1931 (Diary, 699). This is a mercy that knows no bounds, that longs for every single person to receive it and be saved, no matter how far they have strayed. We have trouble conceiving it because it is so unlike anything we have ever encountered here on earth!

No matter how long we've followed Jesus, we are all in need of his mercy and compassion. Even Thomas, his very own apostle, needed it! Today make time to gaze on the Divine Mercy image of Jesus and ask him to give you the grace to believe in the depths of his mercy. Then exclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

"Jesus, have mercy on me and on the whole world!"

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) - DAILY MEDITATION: ISAIAH 7:10-14; 8:10

The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

Isn't it astounding to think that eight centuries before the angel made the annunciation to Mary, the prophet Isaiah spoke of a virgin bearing a child named "Emmanuel" (Isaiah 7:14)? And that's not the only time that God spoke his promises of salvation through one of his prophets. By some estimates, the Old Testament contains upwards of three hundred prophecies that have been fulfilled in Christ!

But God's promises were not always fulfilled in exactly the way the Jewish people had expected. For example, Jesus did not become the powerful earthly ruler many were looking for. Other messianic prophecies did come to pass: Jesus gave sight to the blind, restored hearing to the deaf, healed lepers, and proclaimed the good news to the poor (Matthew 11:5; Isaiah 61:1). Sometimes we see God's promises fulfilled in surprising and unexpected ways. For example, a job relocation leads us to a newfound ministry, fulfilling God's promise that we will bear fruit for his kingdom. Or an unexpected diagnosis leads us to sense God's presence in a powerful way and experience his promise to be with us always. Or we might receive the grace that God has promised so that we can love and care for someone we once found difficult to love.

We also see God fulfilling his promises in ways we've come to expect, like the forgiveness we receive each time we go to Confession. Or spiritual nourishment when we receive the Eucharist. Or peace when we turn to the Lord in prayer.

Just as he promised salvation to Israel eight centuries before Christ, so has God given us promises we can rely on. So be confident that God will do what he says—even if the way he does it is surprising! May we all have the eyes to see the ways in which his promises have been—and will be—fulfilled in our lives.

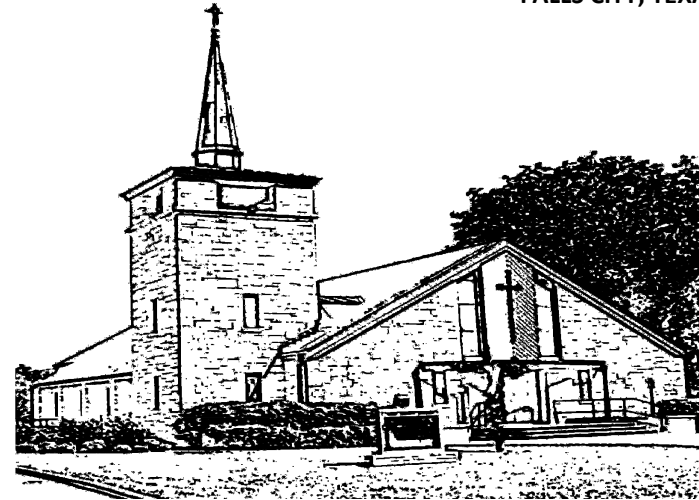
"Lord, as I await the fulfillment of all your promises, I will continue to pray with Mary, 'May it be done to me according to your word' (Luke 1:38)."

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY! The Altar Society will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy this Sunday, April 7th at 3pm. Afterwards, home baked goods, fruit, and soft drinks will be served in the Sisters Convent. Come enjoy!

Note: The monthly Altar Society 5pm rosary will not be recited today April 7th.

Catholic Daughters: St. Genevieve Court Sausage Dinner and Bake Sale
Today, Sunday, April 7, 2024 at the Falls City Diner Serving from 10:00 to 11:30am
Plates will be \$10.00 Call or text Karissa Jarzombek: 830-534-8299 for tickets

The **2024 Archbishop's Appeal** for Ministries is an annual campaign that supports more than 30 shared ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. Please consider a donation so that *Walking United in Christ*, we can consistently care for those who rely upon the Archdiocese and our programs for life and faith sustaining support. Please visit archsa.org/archbishops-appeal to give today! Have questions? Please call (210) 734-1910.

Parish Goal is \$9,432.00

Attention – The church is looking for a secretary/bookkeeper for both Holy Trinity and St. Boniface starting June 1, 2024. The job will be posted on the Archdiocese of San Antonio website starting in April.

Falls City Community Hall Events

April 6 – Dance – The Mark Odom Band
April 27 – Market Days

There will be CCD classes this Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00pm.

Confirmation, Sunday, April 21st at 9:00am.

Senior Baccalaureate Mass, Sunday, April 28th at 9:00am.

First Holy Communion, Sunday, May 5th at 9:00am.

Sincerest Thanks to the Bordovsky Families for donating the Easter flowers which have made our church even more beautiful. Thank you from all parishioners of Holy Trinity Church.

Calling all Texas Country Music fans! Sacred Heart Catholic School is holding their 2nd Annual Texas Country Music Festival on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Dust off your cowboy boots and dancing shoes, and come dance the night away to the music of Kevin Fowler, Ty Myers, and Kyle Gates. Tickets are on sale now! General admission and VIP tickets are available. Visit shcsevent.org for additional information.

One-Minute Meditations for When You Really Need a Minute

“No matter how fast life is moving around us, there is always a place of stillness inside”

“If you are feeling any kind of negative emotion, you can counteract it in the next sixty seconds by noticing something for which you’re grateful.”

“There are enough critical voices in this world; you don’t have to be one of them.”

“You will never find time for anything. If you want the time, you must make it.”

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8AM-2PM
CLOSED THURSDAY

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30PM
Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM

DAILY MASSES

As scheduled.

DEVOTION TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Monday after Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday 6:00PM.

SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS

First Friday: Mass, Exposition, Benediction,
Mass 6:30PM.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory to make arrangements at least two weeks in advance. **A birth certificate must be shown.**

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please call the priest when sick or before going to the hospital, if possible.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

30 MINUTES BEFORE EVERY MASS

VISITING OF THE SICK & ELDERLY

First Fridays & upon request.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

25 minutes before every Mass