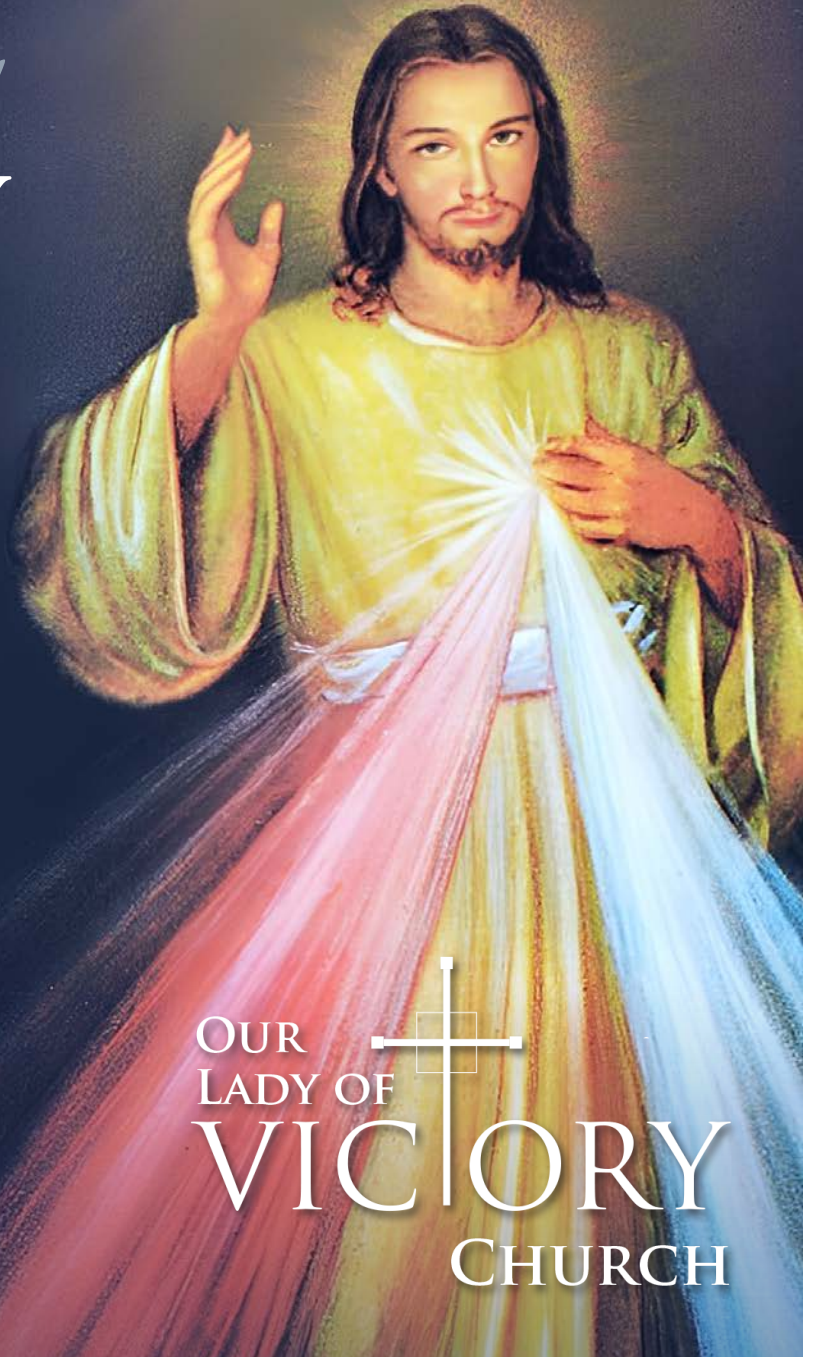


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SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2026



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 P.M. (Confessions 4:00-4:30 P.M.)  
Sunday 8:00 A.M. • 10:00 A.M.  
11:30 A.M. (Maronite Rite)  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 A.M.  
Wednesday 12:00 P.M. ( followed by Confessions)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS • Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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## GIFTS FOR GOD

March 31, 2026 to April 6, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 2,770.00
Loose Checks	\$ 3,362.00
Loose Cash	\$ 3,735.26
Online Giving	\$ 6,571.07
Easter / Palm Sunday	\$ 6,700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,138.33</b>
Less Diocese 10% Assessment	\$ 2,313.83
<b>Net Parish Collection</b>	<b>\$ 20,824.50</b>
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 2,616.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 340.00

## MASS ATTENDANCE

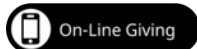
April 4 / April 5 – 1,520

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – 205

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 426; 10:00 a.m. – 700; 11:30 a.m. – 189



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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 11 – St. Stanislaus

5:00 p.m. + Sam Cecutti (Tom & Debbie Cecutti)

Sunday, April 12 – St. Teresa of Los Andes

8:00 a.m. + Margaret A. Cenci  
(Susan & Steve Hatten)

10:00 a.m. + Andy Lombardi (Fred Lombardi)

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, April 13 – St. Martin I

8:30 a.m. + Marcia Dieker (Pat Feamster)

Tuesday, April 14 – Blessed Peter Gonzalez

8:30 am + Louise Cardenell (Terrie & Randy Harlor)

Wednesday, April 15 – St. Caesar de Bus

12:00 p.m. + Vince & + Teresa Julian  
(The Giuliani Family)

Thursday, April 16 – St. Bernadette Soubirous

8:30 a.m. + Luigi Rotolo  
(The Rotolo & Mentel Families)

Friday, April 17 – St. Benedict Joseph Labre

8:30 a.m. +Giovanna & +Carmine Mosca  
(Rita Disante)

Saturday, April 18 – Blessed James Oldo

5:00 p.m. The Matre Family  
(The Dixons)

Sunday, April 19 – Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

8:00 a.m. + Rosemary Studer  
(Stella Maris)

10:00 a.m. + Don May  
(Bob & Diana Short)

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

SVDP Society will be collecting nonperishable food for the hungry next weekend, April 18th and 19th.

This will be added to the Religious Ed collection on April 25th and 26th for a greater impact during a time of great need.



Hospitality this weekend, Sunday, April 12, after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses.

We especially welcome those who have not yet attended and new parishioners!!



**APRIL 14  
STELLA MARIS  
SOCIETY MEETING  
7:00 p.m. in the PLC**

At our women's meeting this month, we are excited to host Anna Jackson, Grandview graduate and Executive Director of Montana de Luz. She will share the evolution of its operations in Honduras

and the very personal connection our parish has to this ministry. All women of OLV and OLOL are invited to join us in fellowship as we learn about the story of MdL.

We will also have our final collection for Run The Race. We are accepting cash/check donations as well as summer clothing for children ages 5-13. Finally, if you would like to support the Kairos Prison Ministry, please bring homemade cookies! You can contact Brenda Young at 614-595-8229 for details.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. – wine and snacks provided!

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday, April 12	8:00 a.m. – Mass 10:00 a.m. – Mass 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Maronite Rite (C) <b>Hospitality after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses</b>
Monday, April 13	8:30 a.m. – Mass
Tuesday, April 14	8:30 a.m. – Mass 7:00 p.m. – <b>Stella Maris Meeting (PLC)</b>
Wednesday, April 15	12:00 p.m. – Mass
Thursday, April 16	8:30 a.m. – Mass
Friday, April 17	8:30 a.m. – Mass
Saturday, April 18	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. <b>Lebanese Cooking Class (PLC)</b> 5:00 p.m. – Mass
Sunday, April 19	8:00 a.m. – Mass 10 a.m. – Mass 11:30 a.m. – Mass – Maronite Rite 4:00 p.m. – <b>Spring Awakening Concert (C)</b>

PLC= Parish Life Center VH= Victory Hall C= Church



**MUSIC AT OUR LADY  
CONCERT SERIES  
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026  
4:00 P.M. OLV CHURCH**

**FEATURING: THE COSMOS TRIO**

Mary E.M. Harris (violin),  
Katherine Borst Jones (flute),  
Jeanne Norton (harp).

Tickets \$25.00, Students \$15.00

Please use the QR code to purchase tickets.



This is the last concert of the series... make sure you don't miss it!



Please return your filled Rice Bowls to the Parish Office. If you have not yet donated, you can do so using this QR code:



Thank you for your generosity!



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

### The Sacred Heart of Jesus

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life ~ John 3:16*

**Religious Education – Pre-K through 5th grades**

**Class on Sunday, April 12th, 8:55-9:50 a.m.**

2nd graders rehearse for First Communion in class

4th graders hear Deacon Rob talk to them about Altar Serving

All grades follow their syllabus.

**First Communion Rehearsal is Friday, April 24th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the church**

**First Communion Mass is Saturday, April 25th at 11:00 a.m.**

**Forming Faithful Disciples 6th-8th Grades**

**Class on Sunday, April 12th, 8:55 a.m.-9:50 a.m.**

6th Grade and 7th Grade – Regular class

8th Grade Confirmation Prep – 8th Graders turn in their Works of Mercy Projects to class today!

**Confirmation Rehearsal is Sunday, April 26th, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the church**

**Confirmation Mass is Tuesday, April 28th, 6:00 p.m. in the church**

**Please email Krista Joseph in the Religious Ed department if you are new to the parish and would like to register your children for religious education or if you have a child that missed their First Communion or their Confirmation.**

**We have At Home studies for high school students who need to be confirmed. Contact us now to get started!**

**Krista Joseph, Director of Religious Ed**

**Religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc or call 614-486-7678.**

### MID OHIO WORKERS BRUNCH AND EASTER EGG HUNT 2026

The OLV Knights of Columbus along with the 8th grade class hosted an Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt at Our Lady of Victory on Saturday, March 28 to support the families of Mid Ohio Workers. MOW assists the working poor of the Columbus area. Thank you to all our wonderful parishioners who donated candy and Easter eggs, as well as those who filled a whole lot of eggs! Thank you to our Knights who made the Brunch that day! Thank you and God bless!!



### SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM


OLV continues to follow the Diocese of Columbus commitment to the protection and safety of children and the Safe Environment Program. The Safe Environment Program mandates that all Volunteers 18 years or older who would like to participate in parish programs or ministries who have been delegated care, custody, or control of children must complete this program. Information on the specific process and program registration can be found on the Our Lady of Victory website: [ourladyofvictory.cc](http://ourladyofvictory.cc) – located under the “Religious Ed” tab. You may also contact Pat Fulcher at [religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc](mailto:religioused@ourladyofvictory.cc) for this information.



**35TH ANNUAL GOLF FOR LIFE**  
**MONDAY MAY 11, 2026**  
**Heritage Golf Club**




**Pregnancy Decision Health Centers**



**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF COLUMBUS**  
 WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

Join us for **Christ Child Society's Annual Day of Reflection: "Faith in Action"**  
 With speakers Fr. Michael Hartge, Emily Jaminet and Molly Fanning  
 April 15, 2026 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | 10:00 am Mass  
 followed by Speaker Presentations, lunch, table discussions  
 and sharing. **Our Lady of Victory Church** 1559 Roxbury  
 Road, Columbus, OH 43212.  
 Registration at [www.christchildsociety.org](http://www.christchildsociety.org), \$25.00 per  
 person.




**SAVE THE DATE!**

**ALL-CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL REUNION  
 (PRE-1971 GRADUATES) ON JULY 17TH**

A special "Reunion Luncheon" is being organized for those who graduated from a Columbus Catholic high school (since closed like: Holy Family, St. Mary of the Springs, St. Joseph's Academy, Aquinas, Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's South, Father Wehrle) (or still open: St. Charles, Bishop Watterson, Bishop Hartley, Bishop Ready, and St. Francis DeSales) before 1971.

This special gathering will take place on **Friday, July 17, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Valley Dale Ballroom**, site of so many past events and fond memories. Final details (cost, lunch activities, RSVP instructions) will be released in May via letter, email, social media, and parish bulletins.

**In the meantime, mark this date on your calendar!**

If you have suggestions on how to make this event even more special, email Katy Ryan Paolini at [katysma61@outlook.com](mailto:katysma61@outlook.com), Louis J. Fabro at [lfabro@scprep.org](mailto:lfabro@scprep.org), or Lou Nobile at [Ingolf57@att.net](mailto:Ingolf57@att.net). See you on July 17th!



**HELP OLV EARN POINTS  
 EVERY TIME YOU SHOP AT KROGER!!**

OLV is now enrolled in Kroger's Community Rewards Program where **we will earn rewards every time you shop at Kroger**. Link your Kroger shopper's card:

1. Go to <http://www.kroger.com>.
2. Log into your Kroger account (or create a Kroger account).
3. Go to "About Us" at the bottom of the page and choose "Community Rewards."
4. Enter our name: Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church or our number: WQ014.
5. Click "Enroll."

Kroger will donate to us annually based on how much spending is allocated to us. This does not interfere with or detract from the points you earn on your personal spending account at Kroger.



**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026**  
**SPEAKER – CHUCK JANES**

Please join us **Friday, May 1 at St. Patrick Church** in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Chuck Janes entitled, "Transforming Lives and Communities." Mr. Janes is with Kairos Prison Ministry.

Our sponsor for the May luncheon is Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. You can learn more about Kairos Prison Ministry International at <https://kairosprisonministry.org> and Kairos Prison Ministry of Ohio at <https://www.kairosohio.org>.

If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Dave Kilanowski at [dkilano@aol.com](mailto:dkilano@aol.com). Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and our program. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting.

**Bring a friend!**

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
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5th Prize \$3,000

6th to 9th Prizes \$1,200  
10th to 12th Prizes \$1,200

14th to 17th Prizes \$1,200  
18th to 21st Prizes \$750

22nd to 26th Prizes \$500

OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & OHIO CHARITY FOUNDATION, INC.

**DRAWING DATE**  
May 23, 2026  
Hilton Columbus at Easton, Columbus, OH

Make Checks Payable to **Knights of Columbus**

Return Tickets to Local Council with Payment or Cash, Checks & Payment to:  
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2226 Winnebago Ave.  
New Albany, OH 43054

Donation: \$5.00

Clear need not be proven. Ticket sales on back of program limited to 48 hours.

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Your ticket number(s) will be emailed to you within 48 hours

Join Mommies Matter May 3rd-10th in celebrating motherhood by making a donation to Mommies Matter in honor or memory of a special mother in your life!

Each donation goes toward helping single, pregnant mothers receive the financial, emotional, and spiritual support she needs.

Become a monthly donor of \$9 or more (in honor of the 9 months of pregnancy), or increase your current monthly donation, OR make a one-time donation of \$40 or more (in honor of the 40 weeks of pregnancy), and receive a Mommies Matter t-shirt!



**2ND ANNUAL RIDE FOR LIFE  
MOTORCYCLE  
Road Trip**

**\$15 PER BIKE**

LeaveAMark COLUMBUS

PDHC SupportLifePDHC.org

**When:** Saturday, May 16, 2026.  
**Time:** Begins 11 am. Kickstands up at 12:30 pm.  
**Route:** Begins at LeaveAMark Church, 4818 Parsons Ave to 665 to 42 ending at Youngs Jersey Dairy.

- Biker blessing and group ride in support of Pregnancy Decision Health Centers.
- Food and raffle prize giveaways. All proceeds gifted to PDHC.
- Rain date: Saturday, June 13.

**SAVE THE DATES:**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026  
OUR LADY OF VICTORY**

**June 8-11, 2026  
5:30-8:00 P.M.**

**Theme: Rainforest Falls**

An exciting jungle adventure filled with faith, fun, and friendship!

We are inviting **children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade** to join us for:

- 🎵 Music & Worship
- 🎨 Crafts
- 🎲 Games
- 📖 Bible Adventures
- 🍲 Dinner

💚 And so much more!

Mark your calendars and get ready to explore the beauty and wonder of God's creation at **Rainforest Falls!**

Please use the QR code to register:



**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND FAMILIES:**

We would like to invite you to attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 7th for a "Blessing for the Graduate"!!

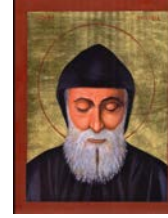
We will have a small gift and some mementos for you, and a reception with cake in the PLC during hospitality!

Please plan to join us!

To RSVP, please complete the Google form on our website by Sunday, May 24th. Go to [www.ourladyofvictory.cc](http://www.ourladyofvictory.cc) to complete the form.

If you have any questions, please contact Krista Joseph at [religiously@ourladyofvictory.cc](mailto:religiously@ourladyofvictory.cc).

**ANNOUNCING NEW ICONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!!**



In addition to the Our Lady Icon, we have additional Icons available for purchase. Other Icons include: Jesus, Mary and Jesus together, St. Anthony the Great, St. Charbel, and St. Joseph. These Icons are beautifully crafted and have been blessed.

You are welcome to come to the Parish Office to see the Icons if you are interested in purchasing. The Our Lady Icon is \$100.00 and the others are \$150.00. We can accept cash or checks made payable to "Our Lady of Victory."



**THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

We are pleased to announce the following upcoming weddings at OLV. Any known reason these marriages should not happen should be reported to our Pastor, Father Jacques. Pray for these couples as they prepare to unite as husband and wife within the Catholic faith.

- Helena Ibrahim & Samuel Smith, April 24, 2026*
- Samantha Beery & Cameron Howard, May 2, 2026*
- Abigail Stratford & Troy Saylor, May 3, 2026*

**Join Our PDHC Team!**



Searching for a part-time position with flexible hours? PDHC is looking for a man or woman to fulfill the Community Outreach Coordinator role for the Columbus area!



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**SALE DATES**  
APRIL 4 – MAY 2

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**PICK-UP**  
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PLC

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Platinum: \$2,400*	Seating for up to 8 guests, 8 VIP passes to a VIP reception with Maurice Clarett, a private photo opportunity, and signed copies of <i>One and Done</i> by Maurice Clarett, for attendees. Logo on social media, website, and event material.
Gold: \$900*	Seating for up to 2 guests and 2 signed copies of <i>One and Done</i> by Maurice Clarett. Logo on social media, website, and event material.
Table: \$400*	Seating for 8 to celebrate and connect with others.

\*After March 31, 2026 All levels increase \$100

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**  
Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
555 N. High St., Columbus  
<https://givebutter.com/Columbus26>

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**  
Crossroads Event Center  
2095 W. Fair Ave., Lancaster  
<https://givebutter.com/Lancaster26>

Questions? 740-808-6131





**“Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (Jn 20:29)**

**Divine Liturgy**  
Sunday at 11:30 am  
Our Lady of Victory  
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## New Testament Reading: Philippians 2: 1 - 11

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others;  
but we ourselves are well known to God,  
and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.  
We are not commending ourselves to you again,  
but giving you an opportunity to boast about us,  
so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.  
For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.  
For the love of Christ urges us on,  
because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.  
And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves,  
but for him who died and was raised for them.  
From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;  
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,  
we know him no longer in that way.  
So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!  
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,  
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;  
that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,  
not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.  
So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us;  
we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.  
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

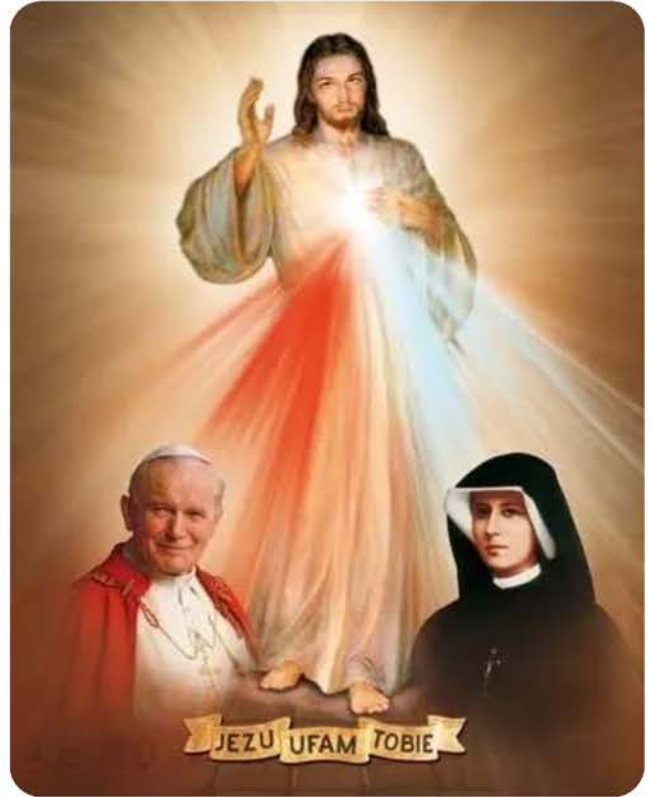
## Gospel: John 20:26-31

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.  
Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,  
“Peace be with you.”  
Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands.  
Reach out your hand and put it in my side.  
Do not doubt but believe.”  
Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”  
Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”  
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,  
which are not written in this book.  
But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,  
and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## The Pope of Mercy: How St. John Paul II Gave Divine Mercy to the World

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, holds a special place in the life of the Church. While its origins come from the visions of Saint Faustina Kowalska, it was through the life and mission of Pope John Paul II that this powerful devotion was brought to the entire world. For this reason, he is often called **“The Pope of Mercy.”**

Born in Poland, Karol Wojtyła—later Pope John Paul II—grew up in a time of great suffering. He lived through the horrors of World War II and later endured life under a communist regime. In the midst of these hardships, he encountered the message of Divine Mercy, which deeply shaped his spirituality. The writings of Saint Faustina, also a fellow Pole, revealed to him a profound truth: that God’s mercy is the answer to the darkness and brokenness of the world.

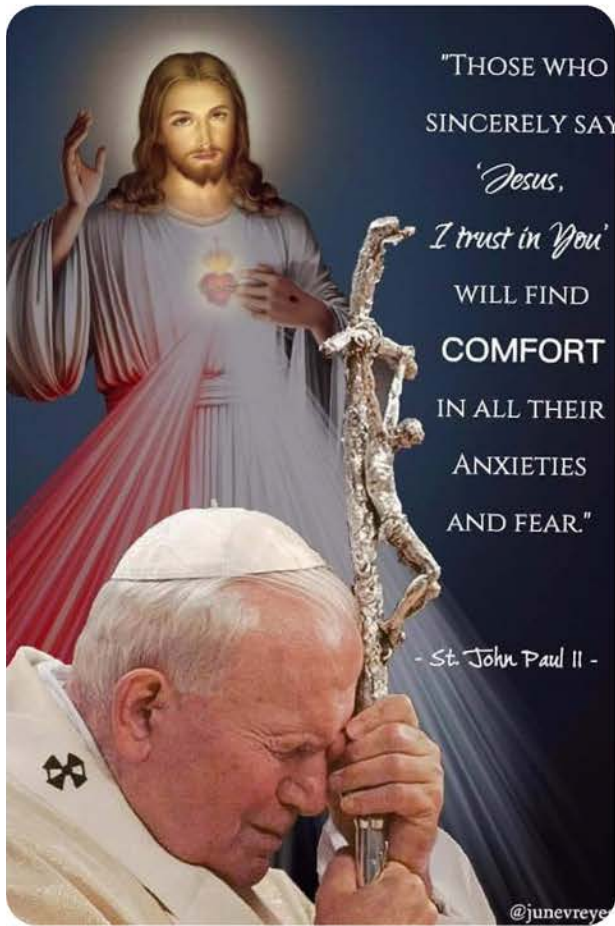


As a priest, bishop, and eventually pope, John Paul II carried this message with him. He believed that the world needed to hear that God’s love is greater than sin, suffering, and fear. His papacy consistently emphasized forgiveness, reconciliation, and trust in God’s mercy. He saw Divine Mercy not as a private devotion, but as a message meant for all humanity.

One of the most significant moments in spreading this devotion came in the year 2000. On April 30 of that year, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska, officially recognizing her as a saint of the Church. On that same day, he established Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast for the entire universal Church. This act ensured that the message of mercy would be celebrated and remembered by Catholics around the world each year.

In his homily at the canonization, he declared that the message of Divine Mercy is not new, but a reminder of the Gospel itself—the revelation of God’s boundless love. He emphasized that humanity must turn to this mercy in order to find peace. His words continue to echo today: that there is no human weakness that God’s mercy cannot heal.

Providentially, Pope John Paul II’s life came full circle with this devotion. He passed away on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday in 2005, a moment many see as a sign of his deep connection to the message he promoted. Even more striking, he was canonized a saint on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2014, further solidifying his legacy as the “Pope of Mercy.”



"THOSE WHO  
SINCERELY SAY  
'Jesus,  
I trust in You'  
WILL FIND  
COMFORT  
IN ALL THEIR  
ANXIETIES  
AND FEAR."

- St. John Paul II -

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Through his leadership, the Divine Mercy devotion spread rapidly across the globe. Churches began celebrating the feast with greater devotion, the Divine Mercy Chaplet became widely prayed, and countless people returned to the Sacraments seeking God's forgiveness and grace. His influence helped transform a private revelation into a universal call to trust in God.

Today, as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we remember not only the message given to Saint Faustina, but also the man who brought it to the world. Pope John Paul II reminds us that mercy is at the heart of our faith. He invites us to trust in God's love, to seek His forgiveness, and to extend that same mercy to others.

In a world still marked by suffering and division, his message remains as urgent as ever. Let us follow his example by turning to Jesus with confidence and praying those simple, powerful words: "Jesus, I trust in You."

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