

SUNDAY BULLETIN APRIL 20, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April

For the use of new technologies

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS
CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

Tuesday, April 22 —Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 23—Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

NO MASS

Thursday, April 24—Thursday within the Octave of Easter

NO MASS

Friday, April 25—Friday within the Octave of Easter

NO MASS

Saturday, April 26—Saturday within the Octave of Easter

NO MORNING MASS

5:00 PM—People of the Parish (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, April 27—Second Sunday of Easter- Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM— Joshua Quinn

10:00 AM—Patricia Garrot+

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Scripture Readings
Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and

2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and

3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org,

if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-392-0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“ THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD.”

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter; nevertheless, the title “Divine Mercy Sunday” does highlight and amplify the meaning of the day. In this way, it recovers an ancient liturgical tradition, reflected in a teaching attributed to St. Augustine about the Easter Octave, which he called “the days of mercy and pardon,” and the Octave Day itself as “the compendium of the days of mercy.” It is well known that the title “Divine Mercy Sunday” expresses the message of the prayers and readings traditionally appointed for this Octave Day. Liturgically the day has always been centered on the theme of Divine mercy and forgiveness. That is why in its decree establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, the Holy See strictly insisted that the texts already assigned for that day in the Missal and the Liturgy of the Hours of the Roman Rite, “are always to be used for the liturgical celebration of this Sunday.”

The Octave Day of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore points us to the merciful love of God, and the forgiveness of sins, that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery – the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ – made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave. As Saint John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: “the whole octave of Easter is like a single day,” and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of “thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery.” Given the liturgical appropriateness of the title “Divine Mercy Sunday” for the Octave Day of Easter, therefore, the Holy See did not give this title to the Second Sunday of Easter merely as an “option,” for those parishes and dioceses who happen to like that sort of thing. Rather, the decree issued on May 5, 2000 by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments clearly states: “the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II has graciously determined that in the Roman Missal, after the title Second Sunday of Easter, there shall henceforth be added the appellation ‘Divine Mercy Sunday’...”. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, is not an optional title for this solemnity; rather, Divine Mercy is the second name for this Feast Day.

In a similar way, the Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord was named by the Church “The Feast of the Mother of God.” As Pope Saint John Paul II stated in his homily at the first universal celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday in 2001, “Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the 3rd millennium.” This means that preaching on God’s mercy is also not just an option for the clergy on that day — it is strongly encouraged. To fail to preach on God’s mercy on that day would mean largely to ignore the prayers, readings and psalms appointed for that day, as well as the title “Divine Mercy Sunday” now given to that day in the

Roman Missal (no pressure!). For the Lord, in the Gospel on that day, says “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (Jn 20:22-23). The 2nd part of the Gospel, with the account of St. Thomas, which actually happened on the Octave Day of the Resurrection, teaches us to trust in Jesus. The full Gospel is clearly illustrated in the image of The Divine Mercy.

In short, what Pope Saint John Paul II has done by establishing “Divine Mercy Sunday” is not to create an alternate theme or celebration for the Easter Season. All he has done is recover an ancient tradition of celebrating The Octave Day of Easter as a summary of the whole Paschal Mystery, and the merciful love of God that shines through that Mystery. Insofar as the devotional forms given to us by the Lord Jesus, through St. Faustina’s faithful recordings, actually direct us to, and amplify for us, this same Paschal Mystery, and this same merciful love, then her faithful witness is an aid and not a hindrance to the People of God in their celebration of this great Octave Day solemnity.



JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY!

ALLELUIA

SUNDAY BULLETIN- EASTER SUNDAY

KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES APRIL 26-27		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Jackson Reeter Sam Brobst
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Gunner Brobst Jude Lentz
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Cameron Williams AJ Warren Thatcher Rardon Evan Randolph Elijah Sensenich Hudson Marcolla Anderson Marcolla

FR. MCCARTAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

in Marceline is currently seeking a Principal for the 25-26 school year. Candidates must have a master's degree in education and be a practicing Catholic. For more information, please contact the school at 660-376-3580 or email office@fathermccartan.com

LECTOR SCHEDULE APRIL 19-20	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Mary Mathew
Sun. 10am	Brenda Fellhoelter

The Annual Dinner Auction date is set for April 26th. The theme this year is The Grand Masquerade. This event remains the largest fundraiser for our amazing school, students and staff.

4:30 pm Doors open and Silent Auctions begin

6:00 pm Dining area opens

7:00 pm Dinner Served

8:00 pm Main Auction Begins

Tables are on sale for \$400 and can be purchased in the school office. One table seats 8.

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Information flyers available on the table in the back of church. We will meet on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall beginning March 27th and ending with Consecration on May 1. The cost of the book is \$16.00.



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Weekly Offering

April 13

Offertory \$7,292

Property Maint \$160

Birthright \$125

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BISHOP HOGAN NEWS

The countdown is on to the Dinner Auction! So much 'behind the scenes' work is happening to make it a night to remember! We hope to see you there! We do this for the kids, and we appreciate everyone that has a 'hand' in making it a success for them!

Amanda Dennis from Southern Bank will be at Bishop Hogan on Wednesday, April 23, bringing real-world financial lessons to our classroom! She will work with each class on age-appropriate strategies for saving money and making smart money decisions. With the Middle School students, she will get into such topics as credit scores, financial reputations, budgeting, and paying for college. We are looking forward to her lessons!

On behalf of the staff of Bishop Hogan Memorial School, I want to extend our wishes to you and your family for a nice Easter weekend. Our journey through Lent is a reminder of hope! We are renewed and strengthened as we reflect on all that Jesus did for us during his Passion. It is a sign of just how much God loves us; how merciful he is in his forgiveness. He gave His life for our salvation. And his resurrection is victory over the darkness of death. He is Risen!

May Christ always bless you abundantly!

Pam Brobst, Principal