

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"St. Faustina and the Image of the Divine Mercy"

St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy.

(Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in St. Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina.

[John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day—April 27th, in 2014—by Pope Francis.]

St. Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son.

During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1) to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2) to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; and 3) to start a new movement in the Church, focusing on



God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. . . . Believing in this love means believing in mercy." "The

Lord of Divine Mercy," a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising His right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays—one red and one white.

The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!" (*Jezunufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls, and white for the Baptismal water, which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God. . . .

—*Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto ♦ Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyger
Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ Pierre Jones ♦ Sammi Pedersen ♦ Chuck Renwick ♦ Reba McDermott
John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Brittany Duncan Osgood ♦ Julie Bither ♦ Mary Bither
Doni Bachand ♦ Lyn Rodgers ♦ Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦ Jeanne Hackett
Peggy Holtz ♦ Michael Kuenzi ♦ Nancy MacDonald ♦ Mary Ellen Marquez
Charlie McDermott ♦ Susan McDermott ♦ Barbara Gadotti ♦ Barbara Hopla
Gilbert Marquez ♦ David Pedersen ♦ Jim MacDonald

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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April 27, 2025 † Divine Mercy Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00	p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)*	9:00	a.m.
Sunday Mass (Spanish)	12:00	p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00	p.m.
Mondays • Tuesdays • Thursdays	8:00	a.m.
Wednesdays • Fridays	12:00	p.m.
*Coffee and Donuts are served after the 9 a.m. Mass.		

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Secretary ♦ Darlene Counts

Parish Office Hours ♦ Monday – Thursday ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND CENACLE GROUP: Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.**
- ♦ **FRIDAY ROSARY at 11:30 a.m., MASS at 12:00 p.m., EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1–2 p.m., BENEDICTION AND REPOSITION**



Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on Saturdays.

Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

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.

Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	04/28/2025	No Mass (Clergy Retreat)	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	04/29/2025	No Mass (Clergy Retreat)	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	04/30/2025	No Mass (Clergy Retreat)	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	05/01/2025	No Mass (Clergy Retreat)	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	05/02/2025	No Mass (Clergy Retreat)	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	05/03/2025	5:00 p.m. Maria Inez Lopez (D)	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19
Sunday	05/04/2025	9:00 a.m. 1st Holy Communion Students	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19
Sunday	05/04/2025	12:00 p.m. Gilverto Lopez (D)	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily—Divine Mercy Sunday

THE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and the need for the forgiveness of sins.

The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy."

In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 118), we repeat three times, "His mercy endures forever!"

God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus, who would become our Savior and Lord through His suffering, death, and Resurrection.

Divine Mercy, or the unconditional love of God, is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, especially that of Reconciliation.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the apostles in the early Church. The Faith of the apostles enabled them to minister to the people, giving them the Lord's healing love in "signs and wonders."

Today's Gospel recalls Jesus' institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words:

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20: 19-23).

Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God,"

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

John 20:19

the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed His mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Let us accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy: One way the Church celebrates

God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. It is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and are enabled to receive God's merciful judgment.

Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service.

The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle:

a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible.

b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer.

c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."

April—The Month of the Holy Eucharist

A Special Easter Thank-You Note from Fr. Joseph

THANK YOU to Lyn & Stan Rodgers and Diane & Chuck Giovanini for decorating our Church for Easter. It is beautiful and appreciated! THANK YOU also to Roger Smith for designing and creating the tomb.

To all choir members, THANK YOU for blessing us with your voices! And CONGRATULATIONS to our newest members of the Church, and THANK YOU to Jim Friese and Yurizet Villasana for teaching and guiding them.

—Fr Joseph

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Schedule Change

There will not be Mass on April 28 through May 2. Fr. Joseph will be at the Clergy Retreat in Mt Angel.

Please join us this Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m., for an hour of Adoration and to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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Religious Education News

1ST HOLY COMMUNION: The ceremony will be on Sunday, May 4 at 9:00 am Mass. Fr. Joseph will hear confessions on the morning of May 3rd at 9 a.m. Parents are welcome. Dress attire: Girls will wear a white dress, and Boys will wear black slacks, a white shirt, and a black tie. Following the 9 a.m. Mass will be the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast where all 1st Holy Communion kids will eat for free.

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Diocese of Baker
Protection of Children
and Vulnerable Adults

Report all allegations or incidents of abuse by anyone against a minor immediately to the civil authorities.

After reporting abuse involving a minor to civil authorities, please contact:

Leah Bickett, Diocese of Baker
Safe Environment Coordinator
Email: leah@dioceseofbaker.org
Phone: 541.388.4004

Reporting Misconduct (sexual or otherwise) involving clergy to adults:

Very Rev. Saji Thomas, CMI, VG
Email: vg@dioceseofbaker.org
Phone: 541.962.5574

Reporting allegations against a priest, deacon or seminarian, please contact:

Angelina Montoya, MD
Victim's Assistance Coordinator
Phone: 541.678.5652

Reporting Sexual Misconduct involving a Bishop, contact:

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBARS)
Phone: 800.276.1562
Email: ReportBishopAbuse.org

Report child abuse
1-855-503-SAFE (7233)
Keep Oregon's children safe

Jubilee Pilgrimage of the Blessed Sacrament

The Bishop's Monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament arrives at Noon on Tuesday, May 6. We will meet at the Church at 11 a.m. for the welcome. There will be Adoration each day from 7:a.m. to 9 p.m. Anyone can come for Adoration at any time. The Church will be open. The schedule is as follows:

◆ TUESDAY MAY 6:

12 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Divine Mercy
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Respect Life

◆ WEDNESDAY MAY 7:

7 a.m. to 10 a.m.—open
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—SVdP
1 p.m. to 9 p.m.—K of C

◆ THURSDAY, MAY 8:

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Eucharistic Ministers
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Church Flowers
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—SVdP

◆ FRIDAY, MAY 9:

7 a.m. to 11 a.m.—Hispanic Ministry
(Procession at 10 a.m.)

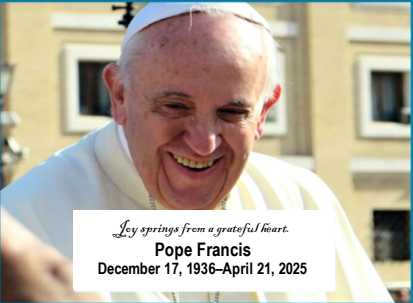
There will be Mass at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 9, instead of 12 p.m. At 10 a.m., we will process around the block.

At 11 a.m. on Friday, Fr. Joseph, along with the Knights of Columbus, will lead a car procession to deliver the Blessed Sacrament to St Patrick Church in Madras. Everyone is welcome to join this procession.

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Bake Sale

We will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., to raise money for cooling units for the kitchen. We are looking for donations of baked goods (none that require refrigeration). You can bring them to the parish hall on Friday, May 9th, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Any Questions? Please call Darlene in the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475.



Joy springs from a grateful heart.
Pope Francis
December 17, 1936–April 21, 2025