

ABOUT US

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St Cecilia Catholic Church

April 24, 2022

Sunday of Divine Mercy



“Today the Lord said to me, ‘Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.’”

*No. 1602, Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul
by St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*

Please remember all who have asked for our prayers:

Buster Adams, Janet Golloly, Rhea Cosgrove, Anita Tate, Peggy Barickman, James Thompson, Cecilia Plymale, Mary Destefano, Joseph and Kathleen Notoro, Gerald Adkinson, Virginia Alice, Ernie, Kristin Austin, Jim Ballantine, Ivan Barnes, Joyce Bean, Cathy Bush, Carla and Adam, Annie Carroll, Ted Carroll, Francis Carroll, Robert Carter, Steven Carter, Colleen Clair, Nancy Cotter, Judy Collins, Debi Clark, Joey Cosgrove, Jack Cullison, Celia DeVoe, Erica Dingle, Ed Dishman, Eileen Garvey, Mary Glynn, Mary Gorman, Hannah Gravelle, Jeff Harris Family, James Hensley, John Jovan, Bambi Kwiatkoski, Lynn, John Lolli, Adam Lumpkins, Helen Lococo, Shirley D. Major, Dennis MacQuilliam, Bill Morris, James Morris, Eileen Peterson, Angie Prucha, Bill Rayle, Don Robinson, Frances Reddix, Clarence Rose, Ellen Rose, Jacob Remis, Joel Rivera, Kimberly Sariego, Tiny Taylor, John F. Thompson, Kurt Unangst, Susan Windburn, Lisa, Donna Burriss, Elaine McNeil, Tara Sewell, Doris Rose Yates, James Young, Eva Butler, Francis Birch, Evan Beck, Michael Hammett Jr., Andrew Farrand.

We thank God for the many people He has healed, bodies, minds, and souls.

Mass Intentions for April 23 – April 30

Saturday	4:30 PM	For the intentions of our parishioners.
Sunday	8:00 AM	For the intentions of Katie Clair.
Monday	7:30 AM	For the intentions Angelina Prucha.
Tuesday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Robert Spelz.
Wednesday	7:30 AM	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Howard Soulliere.
Thursday	7:00 PM	For the intentions of Collene Swink.
Friday	7:00 PM	For the intentions of Tracy Enkema.
Saturday	8:00 PM	For the intentions of our parishioners.



Morning Offering: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day. For all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the reunion of Christendom and for the Holy Father’s intentions of the month.

April: Universal Intention: For health care workers. We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Mass & Confession Time

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
Sunday Morning	8:00am
Weekday Mass	Monday – Friday 7:30am
Daily Adoration	Monday - Friday 6:00am – 7:15am; Monday 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Weekly Rosary	Tuesday 6:30pm
Weekly Confession	Saturdays 3:00pm – 4:00pm and by appointment

Latin Mass at St Cecilia - Mondays at 6:00pm with Adoration beginning at 4:00pm

Spiritual Direction - Available at St Cecilia’s on Mondays from 4:00 – 5:30pm. Please see the Parish website for links to sign up.

Those who help prepare for and present the Mass each weekend:

Masses:	<u>April 30, 4:30pm Saturday</u>	<u>May 1, 8:00am Sunday</u>
Readers:	Pat & Angie Collins	Mike & Patti Thumm
Ushers:	Brian Tarleton & Walter Carroll	B. Goldsborough, J. Fenwick & A. Pulliam
Decorations:	Flower Committee	

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Next Week’s Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

- ◆ Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
- ◆ Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
- ◆ Revelation 5:11-14
- ◆ Gospel: John 21:1-19

There will not be a second collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Top Ten Reasons To Go to Mass on Sundays

10. Hang out with Jesus. He hung out for you.
9. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
8. The greatest message ever heard came from an empty tomb.
7. Man's way leads to a hopeless end; God's way leads to an endless hope.
6. God would give up His only Son before He'd give up on you!
5. Here is a place where you may come as you are, but you won't leave as you were.
4. Don't say 'Our Father' on Christmas and Easter and spend the rest of the year acting like an orphan.
3. Live so that they won't have to lie at your funeral.
2. Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.
1. God didn't save us from a life without pain. He saved us from a life without meaning.

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