

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 28

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm
1st Holy Communion / Confirmation at 10:30am

Monday, April 29

Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, *Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Infant Baptismal Class at 6:00pm

Tuesday, April 30

Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 1

Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, May 2

Memorial of St. Athanasius, *Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

Friday, May 3 – **First Friday**

Feast of Ss. Philip and James, *Apostles* Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, May 4 – **First Saturday**

Saturday of the Second Week of Easter Acolyte Training and Meeting at 9:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00n

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, May 5

Third Sunday of Easter

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm
Infant Baptism at 10:30am

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,831.84
Weekday Collection	\$ 959.21
Coffers	\$ 581.67
Holy Day Collection	\$ 15,687.13
Total	\$ 22,239.85



Sharing Faith

- Death to life, darkness to light, conflict to reconciliation, the transformation of life is at hand.
- In what concrete places are you called to offer or attempt to make peace happen?
- Name the signs and wonders of people living as disciples that you see around you. Pray for them.

Living the Liturgy

- Read the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter "The Challenge of Peace," which is available online. Discuss with a group the call to peace. Explore ways to make peace.
- What would you like God to heal in your life? What do you need to do to be well? Discuss this with a friend or write your hopes for healing and wellness in a journal.
- Decide on a situation or place, either close to home or in the world, which needs peace. Start by praying for the situation or people. Find out what you can from the news. Research ways, such as writing letters to government officials, that can further the cause of peace.

New Altar Server Training

Mr. Jonathan Farinas, our Altar Server Coordinator, will be conducting two Altar Server Training and Meeting Sessions – one on Saturday, May 4th and the other on May 11th both beginning at 9:00am. It's open to all youth or young adults in the 2nd grade and above who have received their 1st Communion and Confirmation. Prospective Server must attend one or the other of these meetings.

Infant Baptism

On May 5th, we will be celebrating Infant Baptisms. Parents with infants for baptism must meet with one of our priests prior to attending the required class (along with their chosen godparents). Please call the office at 536-7036 for an appointment. We look forward to welcoming new members into the life of the Church and to supporting their parents and godparents in their duty to raise their children in the practice of the faith

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Catholic Mom

- Short and relevant
- Daily Gospel reflections
- Suitable for men and women of all ages

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April 28, 2019 – Second Sunday of Easter

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Acts 5:12-16 / Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-2 / Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / John 20:19-31

Many of us have cuts, marks, and scrapes on our hands from all kinds of work and broken nails and smashed knuckles from home repair jobs. When we see the scars, we realize how many of us have visible reminders of wounds in our lives. Others of us have invisible wounds. We carry experiences and memories of pain, illness, abandonment, or failure. We need healing, mercy, and peace.

Thomas had not seen the Lord when he first appeared. He questioned the disciples and vowed not to believe unless he could touch the Lord's marks. Jesus had suffered many wounds on behalf of humanity: scourging, thorns, betrayal, mocking. Yet he didn't berate Thomas for wanting to confirm his identity. Rather he offered Thomas peace. Our call to offer peace is the same. We, too, follow the same Teacher.

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Next Sunday'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 / John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

First of all, I want to offer a special word of thanks to all those who worked hard to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful. Those who led us in prayerful and joyful music, those who cleaned and decorated the Church, those who served at the altar and assisted during the liturgies, those who prepared our candidates for the Easter sacraments, and all those who helped in any way deserve our gratitude. I also want to thank all of you for joining us in prayer and for your generous monetary gifts shared with our Church at Easter. All of you are a great blessing and you make it a joy to be your rector! Today, I also want to offer special congratulations to our young people receiving the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time and Confirmation. Thanks to your families, catechists, and all those who helped you to prepare for this special day.

After 40 days of fasting, we celebrate the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost feasting on the mystery of the Resurrection. God's word will share with us the effect that the resurrection had on those who first experienced it and the way in which the risen Christ revealed himself. We are meant to see ourselves in these stories as we desire to see the risen Lord and be deeply affected by this vision.

The Church throughout the world celebrates this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, as Divine Mercy Sunday. We see the love and mercy of Christ evident in the resurrection appearance recounted for us today in John's Gospel. Even though the disciples were behind locked doors, Jesus came among them. He offers them his peace and then encourages them to share the same peace and forgiveness with others. It is the same risen Christ who is alive in the world today. Even though we may be behind the locked doors of our hearts, this does not stop Christ from desiring to show us his mercy. If we just give him even a little opening, he will come rushing in to fill us with his love and forgiveness. He calls us to share these gifts with everyone. The first followers of Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, performed signs and wonders filled with compassionate love. Today, God calls us to come to Christ to receive his Holy Spirit so that we can be instruments of God's mercy in wondrous ways.

In Christ's love,
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector