

Second Sunday  
of Easter  
Divine Mercy  
April 12, 2026  
Give thanks to God,  
for His mercy endures!

 **Masses For The Week**

**Sun 12 Second Sunday of Easter**  
09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)  
For the Safe Return of our Troops  
Justin Salazar (Josie Ponce de Leon)  
Ruben Salazar (Josie Ponce de Leon)  
Ethan Aldaco (Josie Ponce de Leon)  
Jorge Gonzalez, Jr. (Josie Ponce de Leon)

**Thr 16 Easter Weekday**  
12:05 pm **NO MASS – Priest Conference**

**Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**  
*On this Divine Mercy Sunday we recall the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas: “Mercy consists in bringing a thing out of non-being into being.” We see this transpire concretely in the life of the early Church. The believers “devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to prayers.” They were filled with awe; they were witnesses of wondrous signs; they lived for the good of the other; they were selfless and generous; they overflowed with “exultation and sincerity of heart.” God “in his great mercy” gave them—and us—“a new birth to a living hope” through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what the Apostle Thomas is looking for in the Lord’s open side.*

**The Sanctuary Candle**



**This Week will be Burning for**  
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

**Good News!**  
April 12, 2026  
Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)  
Acts 2:42–47 / 1 Peter 1:3–9 / John 20:19–31  
ANN M. GARRIDO

**We can readily understand Thomas’ insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes.** Would *you* believe it if someone told *you* that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?


At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven’t our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven’t our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they’d “done their own research,” they wouldn’t believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even “your own research” will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others’ research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today’s gospel, Jesus names as “blessed” those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

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Blessed are those  
who have not seen  
and have believed!



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**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**  
Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco and Michelle Angela Nelson.

**They devoted themselves to the teachings of the Apostles and to the breaking of bread.**




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**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**  
Did you know...Child abuse can occur in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer reviewed research, especially that of the past 30 years, repeatedly shows this to be true. This same research indicates that most of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may even ingratiate themselves into the home. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be ever observant and vigilant in all public and private settings.

**My LORD and my GOD!**



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*Last Sunday’s Collection*  
Envelopes: \$ 1,270.00  
Loose: \$ 30.00  
Children’s Envelopes: \$ 2.00

*Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,304.00*

**Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,706.97**

**Dear Padre**  
April 12, 2026

**We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?**

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, “Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God’s love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

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Put your finger here  
and see my hands  
bring your hand  
and put it into my side.  
Do not be unbelieving  
but Believe!



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