

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

*“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.  
Preach the gospel to all people.”*

April 11-12, 2026 | Divine Mercy Sunday



## MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM  
Tuesday 8:30 AM  
Wednesday 8:30 AM

## ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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*Be the*  
**LIGHT**  
*Matthew 5:14*

**Thank you to our  
Easter Bunnies!**

## This Sunday's Readings

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9.

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

--*Sunday Connection, Loyola Press*

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, April 12 - Connie Mitchell's intentions

Tuesday, April 14 - Emily Alarcon Podernal+

Wed., April 15 - Eleanor & Fredrick Sears+

Saturday, April 18 - St. Joseph Parishioners

## Parish Calendar

Tuesday, April 14

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

The Kingdom Yet to Come 10:00 AM

Parish Council 6:00 PM

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Wednesday, April 15

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Friday, April 17

Share the Word 9:00 AM

Saturday, April 18

Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM

Sunday, April 19

Religious Ed class 11:15 AM

OCIA Class 11:15 AM

Faith in Action Meeting 11:15 AM

## Saint Alferius of La Cava

While serving as ambassador to the French court for the duke of Salerno, Italy, Alferius became seriously ill and vowed to enter religious life if he recovered. When he did recover, he kept his vow and entered the Abbey of Cluny. His duke later asked him to return and reform the monasteries in his territory, but Alferius declined, thinking that it was beyond his abilities.



Instead, he settled in a remote but lovely spot outside Salerno. Men sought him out and became his disciples, forming the well-known Abbey of the Holy Trinity of La Cava. He died alone in his cell at the age of 120 on Holy Thursday, after celebrating Mass with the monks and washing the feet of his brothers.

Feast Day: April 12.

--*Saints, Becoming an image of Christ every day of the year*

Sacristans/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers/Coffee and Donut Hosts

Saturday, April 18

Sacristans - Patrick and Rebecca

Lector - Rosalie

Eucharistic Ministers - Renee & Leslie F.

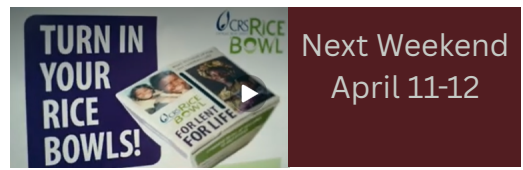
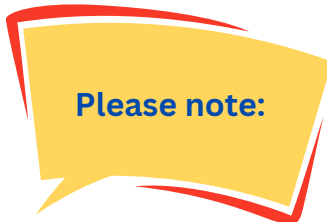
Sunday, April 19

Sacristans - Dave and Cathy

Lector - Laurie S.

Eucharistic Ministers - Bob, Sandra N., Scott C., Deirdre

Coffee & Donut Hosts - Youth Group



Look for the yellow Guatemala Mission envelopes in pews next week.

### Mother's Day Brunch

You are invited to the annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10. **All moms are welcome at no charge!** Adults and kids over 16 are \$15.00, families with children under 16 are \$30.00, and couples are \$15.00.

Tickets will be available after Masses on April 25 - 26, and May 2 -3. Come celebrate Mom with a tasty brunch!

### Prayer Intentions

Bonnie Betts	
Anita Ascolese	Geri Comstock+
Janet Vann	Bob Watkins+
Mary Funk	Jerry Kubat+
Mary Beth Shafer	Taffy Cochran+
Larry Dehle+	

### CAPA/PREPARES Baby Shower

The semi-annual CAPA/PREPARES Baby Shower collection will take place on April 18-19 and April 25-26. We invite you to bring donations of diapers, baby wipes, clothing, and other essential baby items to church on these days.

All items collected by the Knights on these weekends are given directly to the CAPA/PREPARES program in Spokane, supporting families through their new parent assistance initiatives.

Thank you and God Bless, Chris Boza, KofC

### HOPE FOR THE HARVEST

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 at St. Peter Parish  
Mass at 8:00 am (optional)  
Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am (optional)  
Event is from 9:00 am to Noon

**Humanity & Holiness: Portraits of the Popes**  
Be inspired and entertained by Matthew Sewell, creator and host of the podcast, Popecast. Matthew will share insightful and relatable stories about how the popes grew in their relationship with God and found themselves - against their expectations - living out the high call of being successors of Peter. Fr. Kyle Ratuiste, Director of Vocations, will unpack how the stories and lessons of the popes can help us and the next generation live out our own God-given purpose.

For more information and to register by April 15, go to <https://spokanevocations.org/events-page/HFTH/>

### Catholic Daughters Luncheon & Fashion Show

Catholic Daughters invite you to their luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, April 25 at St. Thomas More Parish. Doors open at 10:00 AM. There will be silent auction baskets to bid on, raffle items, a delicious luncheon and fashion show.

Tickets are \$40 each. For tickets and info, call 509-466-3392.



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