

# OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

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## Mass Schedule:

**Saturday**

5:00 pm

**Sunday**

9:00 & 10:30 am

**Mon-Fri**

8:00 am

**First Saturday Anointing**

After 5:00 pm vigil

**Sacrament of Penance**

By appointment

**Parish website address:**

[ourladyofmercy.church](http://ourladyofmercy.church)

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[ourladyofmercy.church](http://ourladyofmercy.church)

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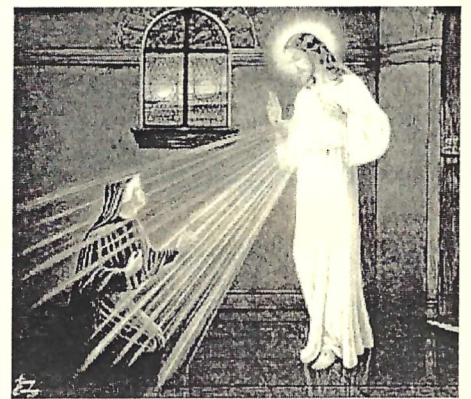
## DIVINE MERCY-SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 12, 2026

### Divine Mercy Today

3:00-4:00 pm Adoration and Praying of the Divine Mercy  
Chaplet and Benediction

**BBQ Parish Dinner Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Life  
Center**

RSVP today for the Parish BBQ Potluck Dinner on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm in the Parish Life Center. BBQ pork and chicken will be provided by parishioners Charles and Stephanie Devlin. Please plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship and fun. Iced Tea, water, and paper products will be provided. Please call to sign up to bring needed Coleslaw, salad, side dish, baked beans, cookies or dessert. (BYOB if additional drinks are desired). Reserve a seat today by emailing Anne Scoronski at [askoronski@mac.com](mailto:askoronski@mac.com) (OLM BBQ Dinner in the subject line), Or call 847-624-4842. Please indicate the names of the attendees at your table and the item you plan to bring. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, please indicate and a committee member will call you back.



### Gospel of John Reflection

*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31*

Do we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through that belief we will inherit eternal life? Belief begins with an intellectual assent but must continuously deepen. The belief Saint John speaks of in today's Gospel is one that draws us deeper into the mystery of Christ's Paschal Mystery—His Life, Death, and Resurrection—to receive the gift of His abundant and transforming Mercy.

Today is the eighth day of Easter. The Church, in Her wisdom, celebrates the most important days of the liturgical year for eight days. Historically, there were several feasts celebrated with

octaves: Easter, Epiphany, Corpus Christi, Ascension, All Saints, and in some locales, the Sacred Heart and various Marian feasts. After Vatican II, the Church focused on two—Christmas and Easter—to give greater emphasis to the core of the Paschal Mystery.

In the year 2000, the Octave of Easter took on a new focus when Pope John Paul II instituted the Solemnity of Divine Mercy on the eighth day of Easter. This was done in response to Jesus' personal request, communicated to the Church through a humble cloistered Polish nun. Canonized in 2000, she is known as Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. Between 1931 and 1938, Sister Faustina received numerous mystical visions that she recorded in six notebooks, now referred to collectively as *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*.



Divine Mercy Sunday is a day on which we are to profess our belief in this Mercy. To do so, we must ponder these inexhaustible treasures, probe their depths with the aid of Saint Faustina's private revelations, and then allow our Lord to reveal them to us within the depths of our souls.

Reflect today on the infinite and inexhaustible treasures found in the Person of Christ and His Divine Mercy. His Mercy draws us into countless unrecorded and glorious graces that we are called to receive and rejoice in. Believe in His Mercy. Be open to it. Call upon it today and receive it more abundantly. Amen.

## Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions April 18-19

### Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Faith Appeal 2026

Parish assessment this year is **\$144,000** (\$37,150.00 collected as of March 31) Envelopes are available at the front of the church. Please make checks payable to the *Catholic Faith Appeal* and *in the memo write Our Lady of Mercy Parish* so that we receive proper credit for your donation. Every dollar given to the CFA helps us reach our goal. May God continue to bless our generous parish. Fr. Anthony

### Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) Prayer

*O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom. We know that all we have is received from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your Abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously with those in need. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



SCAN TO GIVE

We are hopeful that 100% of our Parish community will respond to the 2026 Catholic Faith Appeal to successfully meet and perhaps exceed our goal. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Annual Catholic Faith Appeal 2026, with a pledge or one-time gift.

Thank you all for your time, talent, and treasure!