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9:00 am to 4:00pm

*Fr. Godofredo R. Claudio, Pastor*

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**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 9:00 am  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Morning Prayer:**

Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am

**Weekday Masses:**

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:00 am  
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm  
For any other day by appointment only

**First Fridays: *except July and August***

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm  
Mass 7:00 pm

**Baptism:**

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

**Marriage:**

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

**Care of the Sick:**

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

**New Parishioners:**

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

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**Principal:** Arlene Martin

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

57-4

will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*

# Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Apr	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
13 Mon, 9am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
14 Tues, 9am	<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	
15 Wed, 9am	Cecilia De Geron +	Pat Boyer & Family
16 Thurs, 9am	<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	
17 Fri, 9am	Clara Beltran +	Rico & Yvette Beltran
18 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners Concetta Locarelli + Cile Rrok Pjetri + Concetta Scattarelli + Thanksgiving – Jesus, Mary & Joseph Birthday Thanksgiving – Grace Mahia <b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	..... Locarelli Family Gyergy Tish Pjetri Karin Doumouras Incoronata Ambrosini Grace Mahia
5pm		
19 Sun, 9am	Pedro & Encarnacion Villaluz +	Ducusin Family
11 am	Thanksgiving – Pamela Lobo	D'Souza Family

2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday  
Gospel: John 20.19-31 - *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

### *Receiving and Sharing Merciful Love*

In 2000, when Pope John Paul II was canonizing St. Faustina, he declared that the Second Sunday of Easter will be called Divine Mercy Sunday for the entire Church. This Sunday, let us reflect on Jesus who longs to forgive us and to shower His love and mercy on us. We should never tire of running to Him for healing. St. Therese of Lisieux says “even though I had on my conscience all the sins that can be committed, I would go, my heart broken with sorrow, and throw myself into Jesus' arms, for I know how much He loves the prodigal child who returns to Him.”

As good stewards of Christ we should first accept the mercy of God in our lives and then share it with others through our acts. Some spiritual works of mercy we can begin to cultivate are to “instruct the ignorant” and “counsel the doubtful” by helping with parish catechesis ministries. We can also “forgive offenses” and “pray for the living and the dead” through personal prayer as well as by joining various prayer groups within the parish. Some corporal works of mercy we can adopt is to “feed the hungry” and “clothe the naked” by taking part in parish organizations such as the St. Vincent de Paul society. We can also “visit the sick” and “visit the imprisoned” by seeking ministries that care for the sick and elderly.

This Divine Mercy Sunday let us seek to be filled with God’s mercy. Let us then let His mercy overflow into our deeds within the parish so that we may become stewards of God’s merciful love.

#### *Summary*

As good stewards of Christ we should first accept the mercy of God in our lives and then share it with others through our acts. Some spiritual works of mercy we can begin to cultivate are to “instruct the ignorant” and “counsel the doubtful” by helping with parish catechesis ministries. Likewise, some corporal works of mercy we can adopt is to “feed the hungry” and “clothe the naked” by taking part in parish organizations such as the St. Vincent de Paul society.

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### *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Wednesday and Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30am until 10:00 a.m. in the Church **except on holidays.**

### *Let us pray for the sick*



**We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the “forgotten members” in our community.**

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We



**A Beautiful Note of Gratitude for the Lenten Season**

As we conclude this beautiful Lenten season, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who dedicated their time, energy, and love before, during, and after each celebration. Your quiet service and generous spirit helped make this season meaningful for our entire community.

To all who contributed—whether through preparation, hospitality, liturgical service, or behind-the-scenes support—please know how deeply appreciated you are. Your commitment helped create a prayerful, welcoming, and inspiring journey toward Easter. May the blessings of this season continue to guide and strengthen us as we move forward in faith.



**Easter Chocolate Giveaway**

Thank you to all parishioners whose children participated in our Easter Chocolate Giveaway. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the generous donors who provided the chocolates and to the volunteers who helped pack the goodies. Your support made this celebration a joyful success for our parish community.



**ShareLife Collection – update**

We extend our sincere gratitude to all parishioners who contributed to this year's ShareLife 1<sup>st</sup> collection. Through your generosity and continued support, our parish was able to raise a total of **\$7,131.00**. Your commitment to helping those in need reflects the strength and compassion of our faith community. Thank you for your kindness and for supporting the mission of ShareLife.

**Special Devotion Candles Apr 7 to 14**

**Thanksgiving – Joanne Zdebiak**

Requested by: Joanne Zdebiak



"In gratitude for healing, strength, and renewed hope.

Lord, thank You for Your mercy."

**In Loving Memory of Angel Tablan**

Requested by: Evelyn Tablan & Family



"Forever in our hearts; always remembered with love."



**Pastor - Holy Cross & Canadian Martyrs**

**Thank-You to Our Pastor, Fr. Godofredo "Freddy" Claudio**

Our deepest gratitude to our pastor, **Fr. Godofredo "Freddy" Claudio**, for his dedication and leadership throughout the Lenten season. Managing the needs of **two parishes — Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs — is no easy task**, yet through patience, hard work, and unwavering commitment, both communities experienced meaningful and prayerful Lenten services. Through your leadership, guidance, steady presence, and the care you show to our parish families continues to inspire us and strengthen our journey of faith.

**Fr. Nabine Djore**

**Bro. Joseph Desmond**



**Thank-You Note for Lenten Services**

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Fr. Nabine Djore** for the beautiful and meaningful Lenten services at **Canadian Martyrs**. Your reflections, and prayerful leadership helped make this season a truly grace-filled journey for our parish community. Our sincere appreciation also goes to **Brother Joseph** for his assistance and support throughout the Lenten celebrations. Thank you both for your ministry, your service, and the care for both parishes.

**Joint First Holy Communion Ceremony – Holy Cross & Canadian Martyrs - Request for Prayers and Support for Our First Holy Communion Candidates**

As our parish family prepares for the upcoming **First Holy Communion ceremony on Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 PM at Holy Cross Church**, we kindly ask for your prayers and support for all our candidates.

May the Lord bless these children as they ready their hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. We pray that this sacred milestone fills them with joy, strengthens their faith, and deepens their love for Christ.

We also ask for your prayers for their families, catechists, and all who are helping guide them on their spiritual journey. Your support means more than you know and helps make this celebration a truly grace-filled moment for our parish community.

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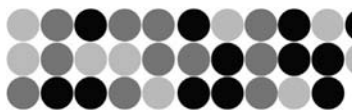
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