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Altar Servers
Call the office

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Catrina Bova

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Luz Sucilan
10:00AM Choir
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Rehearsal: Thursday 7:30 PM
12:00 Noon Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Call the office

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday - Saturday
5:30 PM

Sunday
10:00 AM
12:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
10:00 AM 4:00 PM
Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
and after First Friday mass or by
appointment.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements are made through the
Religious Education office. Couples
expecting a child are encouraged to
contact the office before the child is
born. Please contact ext 1003, for
more information.

MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Anish at least one
year prior to the planned wedding date.

Pastoral Visitation of the Sick:

To arrange for a visit
Call the office ext 1007

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League
4th Monday of the Month

Children's Liturgy
10:00 AM Mass

Creation Care Ministry
2nd Tuesday of each month 7pm.

Development and Peace
www.devpo.org
3rd Monday of the month 7:00 PM

Merrymakers
3rd Thursday of the month 12:00 PM

Knights of Columbus
1st Thursday of the Month

Parish Council
Every two months

St. Vincent de Paul Society
2nd Saturday of the Month 4:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 14th

5:30 pm – Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, April 15th

5:30 pm – Rolando & Maria Dacanay (+)

Thursday, April 16th

**12:00 pm- Merrymakers Mass
5:30 pm – Kenneth Cornelius**

Friday, April 17th

5:30 pm - Souls in Purgatory

Saturday April 18th

5:30 pm – S.I of Regina & George

Sunday, April 19th

10:00 am - For Parish

Community

12:00 pm - S.I of Regina & George

Please Pray for the Sick

Maryann Chard, Anne Szuba, Ted Daniel, Cecilia Salazar, Tania Florian and Anna Maria Silva

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul

Ted Kowalczyk



“Jesus, I Trust in You: Mercy That Finds Us, Holds Us, and Sends Us”

Have you ever carried something in your heart that you could not quite put into words something like regret, a quiet fear, or a longing to begin again? Perhaps it comes in the stillness of the evening, or in the silence after a long day. We all know those moments. And it is precisely there, in those hidden places of the heart, that today’s feast gently meets us: the Feast of Divine Mercy.

In the Gospel (John 20:19–31), we find the disciples gathered behind locked doors, afraid, uncertain, and burdened by all that has happened. And into that fear, Jesus comes not with reproach, not with anger, but with peace: *“Peace be with you.”* He shows them His wounds. He breathes on them. He gives them mercy. Thomas, who doubts, is not rejected; he is invited: *“Do not doubt but believe.”* This is the heart of Divine Mercy Christ comes not for the perfect, but for the wounded; not for the strong, but for those who struggle to believe.

Through Saint Faustina Kowalska, the Church has been given a profound reminder of this truth. In her diary, she heard Jesus say, *“The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy.”* What a striking and comforting word. It means that none of us are beyond the reach of God’s love. The image of Divine Mercy, with rays of red and pale light flowing from the Heart of Jesus is not just a picture; it is a proclamation. Those rays represent blood and water, the life poured out for us, the mercy that washes, heals, and restores. To have this image in our homes is to welcome that mercy into our daily lives to let Christ’s gaze rest upon our families, our struggles, our hopes.

Dear friends, our lives today are not so different from those first disciples. Families carry burdens silently. Some among us come to church faithfully yet still wrestle with doubts or hidden wounds. And yet, the Risen Lord walks through every locked door. He is not distant. He is not impatient. He stands among us and says again, *“Peace be with you.”* As Saint Faustina reminds us, *“Jesus, I trust in You.”* This simple prayer can become the heartbeat of our lives especially when understanding fails and answers do not come easily.

The Feast of Divine Mercy is not only a devotion; it is a grace-filled invitation. The Church encourages us on this day to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Holy Eucharist with trust, and to be merciful as the Father is merciful. It is a day when heaven leans especially close to earth, when the floodgates of grace are opened wide. Let us not miss this gift. Let us place the Divine Mercy image in our homes, pray the Chaplet, and teach our children that God’s mercy is stronger than any sin, any fear, any darkness.

And so, as we go into this week, let us carry this quiet but powerful invitation in our hearts: to trust a little more, to return if we have wandered, to show mercy in small, concrete ways to forgive, to listen, to be patient, to love. The Risen Jesus stands before us, His Heart open, His voice gentle. May we have the courage to say, with faith and simplicity: ***Jesus, I trust in You.***

Catholic Social Teaching—Pope Leo XIV:

“Unjust structures need to be recognized and eradicated by the force of good, by changing mindsets but also, with the help of science and technology, by developing effective policies for societal change. It must never be forgotten that the Gospel message has to do not only with an individual’s personal relationship with the Lord, but also with something greater: “the Kingdom of God (cf. *Lk* 4:43); it is about loving God who reigns in our world. To the extent that he reigns within us, the life of society will be a setting for universal fraternity, justice, peace and dignity. Both Christian preaching and life, then, are meant to have an impact on society. We are seeking God’s Kingdom.”
Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexi Te* #97 (“I Have Loved You” *Rev* 3:9), *To all Christians On Love for the Poor*, Oct. 4, 2025.

April 18-19 Earth Day Challenge - learn about the changes in Recycling

Visit Creation Care Ministry’s table in the hall after all the masses next weekend to learn about the changes in 2026 to materials accepted in the new Blue Bin recycling program. Have you been confused about what goes in what bin? Come visit our display and take our Bin challenge!

Earth Day / Fair Trade Weekend – April 18 / 19

SJA *Development and Peace* welcomes you to our April **Fair Trade Weekend** next weekend – **April 18 / 19**. We will also celebrate **Earth Day** (officially on Wednesday, April 22nd). Join us in the hall after the 5:30 and 10:00 Mass to give thanks and to care for our ‘common home’.

Winter Welcome Table

St. Peter's Parish will be hosting the annual appreciation Winter Welcome Table Dinner on **Monday April 20th** beginning with the celebration of Eucharist at **5 pm**, followed by dinner in St. Peter's Church Hall. All of the volunteers who actively participated during the 2025-26 Season are invited to attend.

Merrymakers Luncheon- April 16th

Mark your calendars! The Merrymakers Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 16. Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 p.m., followed by lunch in the Parish Hall at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be available for purchase after all Masses on the weekend of April 11-12 in the church hall. We look forward to seeing you! Bring a friend and enjoy fellowship and great conversation.

Parish Thanksgiving & Congratulations

With grateful hearts, we congratulate our children who received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation on April 11. May the Lord guide you always, strengthen your faith, and use your lives powerfully for His glory.

We also extend our sincere congratulations and thanks to the parents for their loving support and guidance on this beautiful journey of faith. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to all our volunteers who generously offered their time and service. A very special thanks to our teachers and catechists for their faithful dedication and the tremendous effort they have given over the past months in preparing our children. May God bless you all abundantly.

Month at a Glance

- Apr 14 (Tue)- 8 PM Creation Care
- Apr 16 (Thu)- 10 AM Merry Makers Lunch
- Apr 18 (Sat)- 4:30 PM Earth Day Waste Sorting Event
- Apr 18 (Sat)- 6 PM Fair Trade
- Apr 19 (Sun)- 9 AM Earth Day Waste Sorting Event
- Apr 19 (Sun)- 10 AM Fair Trade

ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years

Our parish joins the Archdiocese in celebrating **50 years of ShareLife**-a beautiful witness to faith in action and love made visible. Since its founding in 1976 by Archbishop Philip Pocock, ShareLife has brought hope and dignity to countless lives through its many outreach agencies. Today, that mission continues, serving those who face poverty, isolation, and hardship with compassion and care.

ShareLife is more than a collection; it is a living expression of the Gospel, calling us to reach out to those in need. This year, our parish goal is **\$47,500**, inviting each of us to be part of this mission of mercy. Every gift, no matter how small, be A Heartfelt Thank You: Our Journey Together comes a sign of God’s love at work in the world.

Please consider giving through the parish, online, or at sharelife.org/donate. Together, let us be instruments of hope and healing. May God bless you for your generosity.



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