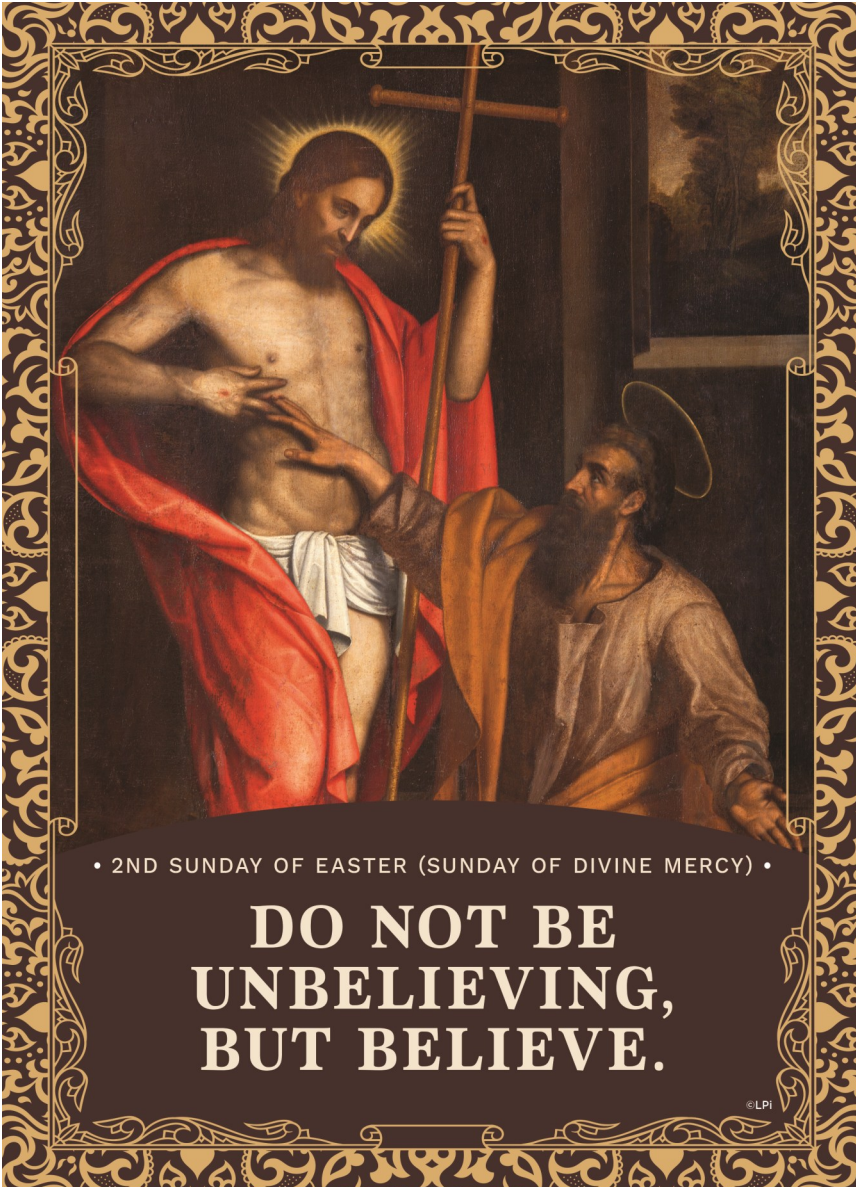




# Guardian Angel - St. Columba

*Helping all to experience Christ's love in our Parish Family  
as it celebrates the sacraments, makes disciples, and serves one another.*



## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

@ Guardian Angel

### SATURDAY EVENING

Vigil Mass @ 4:00 PM

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 12:00 NOON  
SPANISH MASS — 10:30 AM

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### DAILY MASS

Mon to Sat — 12 NOON

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### ADORATION

Daily from 12:30 - 1:30 PM  
Sundays from 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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### CONFESSIONS

Before or after all Masses &  
Between 9am to 5 pm call office #

Church is open for prayer 9am-5pm

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Registration



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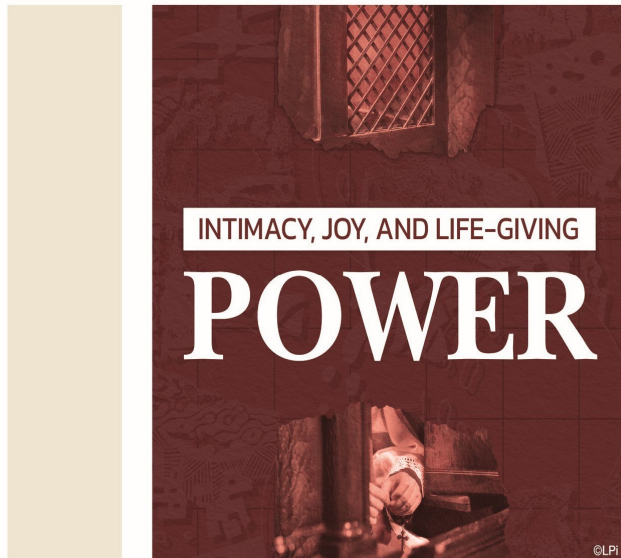
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Online giving



# Worship & Meditation



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "**Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained**" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

— Father John Muir

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday- April 26

12:00 pm — Daniel & Cynthia Weadock

4:00 pm — Dan Hurley

### Sunday - April 27

9:00 am — Kathleen Amore

10:30 am — All Souls

12:00 pm — James J & Mary Weadock

### Monday - April 28

12:00 pm — Nancy & Edward Kenny

### Tuesday - April 29

12:00 pm — Edward & Barbara Weadock

### Wednesday - April 30

12:00 am — Andrew Kenny

### Thursday- May 1

12:00 pm — John McGrath

### Friday - May 2

12:00 pm — Deceased members of Weadock family

### Saturday- May 3

12:00 pm — James & Mary Weadock

4:00 pm — John Manfredi

### Sunday - May 4

9:00 am — Helen Notter

10:30 am — All Parishioners

12:00 pm — Michael Weadock

To schedule Masses please call (212) 929 - 5966

## Sick, Suffering, and Homebound

- Marina Montalvo • Kara Jean Fleming
- Stacy Hearrell • Anthony & Anne Orlando
- Kerry Ann Sadak • Leu-Anne Nickey • Ellen Consales • Juan Cerda • Kevin Peet • Marjorie Suarez
- Arlene Stock • Michael Bini • Jaxson
- Theo Divoll • Baby Luna Vida Molina
- Edith Colon • George Telesco • Gregory Shea
- Patrice Adcroft • Linda Paskewitz • Angelo LaRocco
- Ellen Bender • Ann Topper • Evelyn
- Maria DeMutis • Juan Santa Cruz • Briana Ponzini
- Fr. Tomas Del Valle

## CHURCH COLLECTION REPORT

**Palm Sunday : \$ 3128.00**

**Candles & Poor: \$ 257.00**

**Good Friday: \$ 625.00**

**Easter Sunday : \$ 4417.00**

**Candles & Poor : \$ 257.00**

**Thank you**



Sharing this poignant reflection on and tribute to Pope Francis.

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It's almost as if he waited.

Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday. The timing felt too tender to be coincidence—like he held on just long enough to hear the Alleluia one last time. To witness the Church rejoice in the Resurrection before quietly letting go. As if he needed to see the stone rolled away before stepping into the promise he had spent his life proclaiming.

He carried so much. The wounds of a divided Church. The ache of the poor and the forgotten. The weight of hope—for a world more merciful, more human, more like Christ. He walked with a limp, both in body and in spirit, but never without grace. He wasn't perfect. But he was present. And he kept showing up.

And he was different.

He chose the simple path when grandeur was expected. He rode the bus. Paid his own hotel bill. Lived in a guesthouse instead of the papal palace. His first act as Pope was to bow and ask for our prayers. From the beginning, he showed us that true authority kneels. That greatness can look like humility.

He disrupted systems and comforted outcasts. He spoke boldly on justice, embraced the disabled, welcomed migrants, washed the feet of prisoners. He didn't just talk about mercy—he embodied it. He made the Church feel like a place where the last could be first, and the forgotten, finally seen.

He taught us that holiness isn't perfection—it's presence. That the Gospel is clearest when it sounds like compassion. That faith, at its best, looks like love with skin on.

And now, just after Easter, he's gone.

But maybe that was his final homily. Not delivered from a pulpit, but through the quiet timing of his death—a soft Amen to a life spent preaching hope.

It brings to mind these words:

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” — 2 Timothy 4:7

And he did. He fought—not with anger, but with mercy. He ran—not to be praised, but to make space for others. And he kept the faith—not flawlessly, but fiercely.

So yes, we grieve. But we also remember.

We remember how he made us believe again—in a Church that walks with the wounded, in a Gospel wide enough for the doubting, in a God whose love meets us right where we are.

He reminded me that faith isn't something we hold onto for ourselves. It's something we hand off—with open hands and open hearts.

Pope Francis has finished his race.  
And what he leaves behind isn't just a memory—  
It's the echo of a life poured out.  
The kind of life that makes you want to live differently.  
More gently.  
More boldly.  
More like him.  
More like Christ.

He waited for Easter—because he believed in the promise.  
And now, that promise is his.  
Light has found him.  
And Love has brought him home.

Written by Dani Alvarez

# Liturgical Life

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It does sound unbelievable, the story of the Resurrection. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. Take Thomas' example: stay close to the people you trust. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you.

### **Wonder, Don't Wander**

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It *does* sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

If Jesus destroyed sin, why are sins still with us?

#### Answer:

We are the children of God, heirs of the Father's work, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final — the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies: to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by his resurrection. It was not to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it.

Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done!

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead.

He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid." (Rv 1:17)

### Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

## Observances for the week of April 27, 2025

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
**Monday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest  
**Tuesday:** St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
**Wednesday:** St. Pius V, Pope  
**Thursday:** St. Joseph the Worker, National Day of Prayer  
**Friday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Saturday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter



## Devotions, Explained!

The rite of sprinkling, also called the Asperges rite, recalls the new life we receive in the waters of our baptism. Though most common during the Easter season, this rite can take place on any Sunday and is used in place of the penitential act.

## Prayer of Divine Mercy

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!  
O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!  
O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!  
Amen.