

APRIL 26 – SATURDAY

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim6:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**APRIL 27 – SUNDAY**

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-29; Jn 20:19-31

Sunday Readings:9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Intention of
Timothy DeShazor*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**APRIL 28 – MONDAY**

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

APRIL 29 - TUESDAY

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

7:00 PM - *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**APRIL 30 - WEDNESDAY**

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Fr. Joe Robinson***MAY 1 - THURSDAY**

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**MAY 2 - FRIDAY**

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Rudy – *Intention of
Sr. Carol Ann Brockmeyer***MAY 3 - SATURDAY**

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Our Holy Father,
Pope Francis***MAY 4 - SUNDAY**

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Sunday Readings:9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy – *Our Holy Father,
Pope Francis*11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Our Holy Father,
Pope Francis*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy – *Our Holy Father,
Pope Francis***English Mass Ministry Schedule: May 3-4****Lectors: 4:00 PM** – R. Ogden**11:00 AM** – B. Kramer**Eucharistic Ministers:****4:00 PM** – L. Ashbrook/D. Mercer**11:00 AM** – J. Chesher/Volunteer**Servers: 4:00 PM** – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein**11:00 AM** – J. Ruter**Offertory Family:****4:00 PM:** LeSaint**11:00 AM:** N/A**FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION**

Last Week's Collection: \$13,916
 Offerings received to-date: \$349,035
 Amount needed to catch up: \$18,965
 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

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CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Marilyn Vogeles (26), Carol Ratterman (26), Isabella Browning (26), Chuck Menke (29), Justin Eilerman (30), Madeena Nolan (01), Chris Balash (01). Jordan Rolfes (01), Margaret McDonough (02), Mark Behnken (02), Julie Thompson (02).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 35 winners: Allison Wostenberg, Jane Beyer, and Lawrence Mollmann. Each won \$25.

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FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

Today's Gospel, John 20:19-31, recounts the well-known story of Thomas, who doubted the testimony of his fellow disciples when they told him that Jesus had appeared to them. Thomas, a devoted follower of Christ, had experienced a deep bond with the Lord. But after Jesus' death, his grief and confusion led him to demand tangible proof: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." (John 20:25)

It is easy to relate to Thomas. How many of us, in times of suffering and uncertainty, have struggled with doubt? When life is going well, faith can feel strong and reassuring. But when trials come—when we lose a loved one, face illness, or experience hardship—faith can seem distant. In these moments, like Thomas, we may long for undeniable proof of God's presence.

Yet Jesus, in His infinite mercy, does not reject Thomas for his doubt. Instead, He appears again and invites Thomas to touch His wounds. Overwhelmed, Thomas proclaims, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). This moment is not just about proving the Resurrection; it is about the transformation of faith. Jesus responds, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20:29) With these words, He calls all of us to a faith that does not depend on physical proof but on trust in Him.

This passage also highlights another crucial truth: the authority Jesus gives to His Church. When He appears to the disciples, He breathes on them and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:23) This moment marks the foundation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, emphasizing the Church's role in mediating God's mercy.

Thomas' journey from doubt to faith mirrors the struggles of many great saints. St. Paul of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Padre Pio, and St. Teresa of Calcutta all endured spiritual dryness and moments of uncertainty. Yet, through their perseverance, they emerged with an even deeper trust in God. Their lives remind us that faith is not always a feeling—it is

a choice to trust in God even when we do not see or understand.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are reminded of the boundless compassion of Christ. He meets us where we are, just as He met Thomas, offering us His peace and calling us to deeper faith. Let us hold onto His promise: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) May we, like Thomas, move from doubt to belief and proclaim with confidence: "My Lord and my God!"

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: Our special request during May is for personal care items. Any and all donations are appreciated. And don't forget about the Hunger Walk on Memorial Day, May 26. Our fundraising team is Shepherds of St. Boniface. Here is the website: <https://give.freestorefoodbank.org/event/2025-hunger-walk-and-5k-run/e658603>. Anyone who wants to join the team can register. If someone wants to donate, they would click on "fundraising team" and type in Shepherds of St. Boniface.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: The 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations is Sunday, May 11, fulfilling the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and consecrated life including societies of apostolic life and secular institutes. More information and resources for promoting vocations can be found at: <https://Worlddayofprayerforvocations.com>.

CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE: Join thousands of others Sunday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m. for the annual Cross the Bridge for Life across the Purple People Bridge to raise awareness for the sanctity of human life – born and unborn. Meet at Newport, KY's Riverfront Row Festival area for live music, food, face painting and balloons for children. All are welcome to participate in this day of family fun and powerful witness. For more information, see <https://www.sacredheartradio.com/events/cross-the-bridge-for-life>