

MASSES FOR APRIL 28 - MAY 4

Monday, 28	8:30 am (SF)	Pope Francis Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday, 29	8:30 am (SJ)	For the People Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday, 30	8:30 am (SF)	Evelyn Ray (Family) Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday, 1	8:30 am (SJ)	Gino Biasi (Steve & Jennie) Acts 5:27-33; Ps 32:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday, 2	8:30 am (SF)	Joyce Wandrey (Sisters & Brothers) Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday, 3	5:00 pm (SF)	George M. Wenner (Sally Wenner) Feast of Sts Philip & James, Apostles
Sunday, 4	9:00 am (SJ)	Betty Rogers (Mark & Judy Bodnar)
	11:00 am (SF)	El Petras (Tom & Judy Koehnlein) Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-3; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 12:1-14

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY:	Choir Practice—7:00pm (SF)
SATURDAY:	1st Communion Practice - 9:00am (SF) Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)
SUNDAY:	First Communion - 11:00am (SF)

As of 04/22/2025: Trinity West.; Trinity East; Weirton Medical Center: . **Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.** If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.

2025 Diocesan Campaign: I would once again encourage all our parishioners to lend their support to the Diocesan Campaign. Results as of April 22, 2025 are as follows:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
St. Francis	\$22,747.00	\$24,535.00
St. Joseph	\$11,354.00	\$16,450.00

Again, thank you for your support.



Death of Pope Francis: I am certain by now you are all aware of the death of our Holy Father, Francis. I am most grateful for his example of service to God and to the Church. The simple way of life he chose to live and his love for the poor have been an inspiration to so many people. May he now rest in peace in the arms of God.



Next **Sunday May 4th**, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11:00a Mass at St. Francis. Please remember to keep **Isabel Cavanaugh and Levi Trimmer** in your prayers as they celebrate the 2nd Sacrament of Initiation.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: \$1,682.00; Loose: \$115.00; Candles: \$67.00; Rice Bowl: \$5.00; Holy Land: \$5,448.00; Easter: \$3,043.00 St. Joseph: Adult: \$1,153.00; Loose: \$305.00; Candles: \$27.00; Rice Bowl: \$25.00; Holy Land: \$235.00; Easter: \$1,225.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for April 20th: 8:30pm: 110; 9:00am: 175; 11:00am: 149.**

MASSES: None

MEMORIALS: None

*Happy
Birthday*

Hank Barto, a lifelong parishioner of St. Francis/St. Joseph parishes will celebrate his 100th Birthday on Monday, April 28th. If you would like to remember him on his birthday, please send greetings to **517 E. Fernwood Rd., Toronto, OH 43964.**

MINISTERS FOR MAY 3 & 4, 2025

Altar Servers: 5pm: Mike Henry, Jake Dobbs; **9am:** Brody Winters, Wyatt Winters, Olivia Perdue; **11am:** Giovanni Guerrero, Anais Guerrero, Syllas Trimmer.

Lectors: 5pm: John Blosco; **9am:** Jennie Herrick; **11am:** Jenny Myslinsky

GROW AND GO

The Faithful Disciple

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

On this Easter Octave, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. As Jesus revealed to the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska, the blood and water that gushed forth from his side during his crucifixion would become a “fountain of mercy” for all of us. In today’s first reading, we witness what happens now that the Apostles have received that mercy flowing from the foot of the cross. Motivated by the mystery of Jesus’ resurrection and ascension and emboldened by the gift of the Holy Spirit, these men are now continuing his ministry of healing. Just as the ill and possessed flocked to Christ, so now those sick in body or spirit see the power of Christ working through the Apostles. The beauty of receiving God’s mercy is that it doesn’t stop once it’s been poured into us – his mercy *compels us*, inspiring us to become living fonts of mercy to those we encounter.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In a somewhat confusing chronology, today’s Gospel takes place in time before the events in our first reading. So we go with the disciples back to “the evening of that first day of the week.” They have been through a *lot* over the past weeks. They have watched their community turn on Jesus and give him over to be brutally killed. They have walked with him through his agonizing passion and bitter death, and they have witnessed his glorious resurrection from the dead. “Overwhelming” seems too small a word. Can you imagine the weight of their experience on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level? Now, in today’s Gospel, we see them gathered together behind locked doors, shaken from the recent events, and fearing for their own lives. Somehow, mysteriously, Jesus enters the room and says, “Peace be with you.” Three times, Jesus repeats this phrase to his disciples in this reading. Untethered by space and time and in the wake of grief and glory, the Savior of the world extends himself in an intimate encounter, radically present to those who love him.

REFLECT: Throughout today’s Scriptures, we see the Lord’s relentless pursuit of the human heart. We see a God who loves us so passionately that he pours himself into us, inviting us to partake in his mission by the outpouring of his mercy and the power of his Holy Spirit. Today, pause to reflect on the mercy of God. In what areas of your life can you see God’s mercy at work? How can you be an instrument of his mercy for others?