

## Weekly Schedule & Mass Intentions

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 12th, 2026

7:15 am — Reconciliation — Colfax  
 8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax  
**NO** Religious Education Classes  
 10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

### Tuesday April 14th, 2026

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

### Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

NO Morning Mass  
 9:00 am — Women's Bible Study  
**6:00 pm** — Confirmation Mass with Bishop  
 Daly Reception to follow — Colfax

### Thursday, April 16th, 2026

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax  
 8:30 am to 6:00 pm — Adoration — Colfax

### Thursday, April 16th, 2026 (continued)

5:00 to 5:45 pm — Reconciliation

### Friday, April 17th, 2026

8:00 am — Daily Mass — Colfax

### Saturday, April 18th, 2026

4:30 pm to 4:50 pm — Reconciliation — Colfax  
 4:30 pm — The Rosary is recited — Colfax  
 5:00 pm — Vigil Mass — Colfax

### SUNDAY, April 19th

8:00 am — Sunday Mass — Colfax  
 9:00 am — Religious Ed. Classes — Colfax  
 10:00 am — Sunday Mass — St. John

## Mass Intentions:

**Tue. Apr. 14** 8:00 am — † John J. McInerny requested by P. Simmons  
**Wed. Apr. 15** **6:00 pm** — For our Confirmation Candidates  
**Thur. Apr. 16** 8:00 am — Special Intention requested by D. & A. Mackleit  
**Fri. Apr. 17** 8:00 am — Lynda Hiller requested by L. Hiller  
**Sat. Apr. 18** 5:00 pm — † Betty Bird requested by V. Crampton  
**Sun. Apr. 19** 8:00 am — † Don & Virginia Hall requested by G. & L. Hall  
 10:00 am — St. John: † Cindy Frank requested by M. & R. Johnson

## Lectors

Saturday, April 18th , 5:00 pm — Terry Parker / Sunday, April 19th, 8:00 am — Linda Marler

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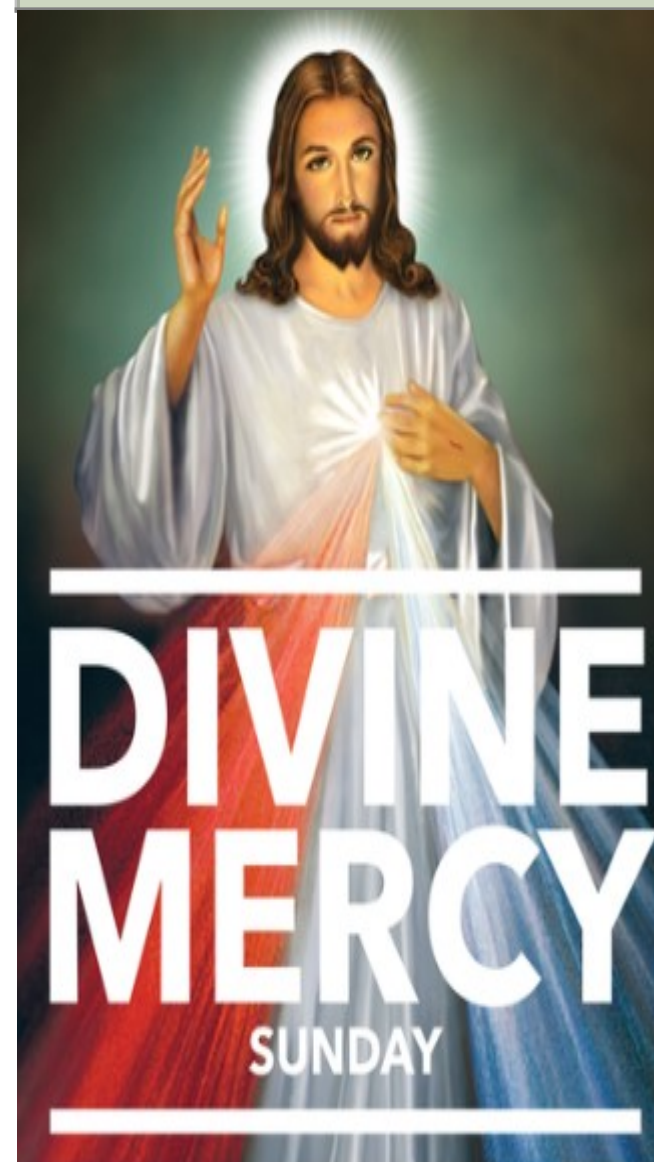
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## April 12th, 2026 Divine Mercy Sunday

### Scripture Readings

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47 / Psalm 118

1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31

### Responsorial Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
 his love is everlasting.

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil — Colfax at 5:00 PM  
 Sunday — Colfax at 8:00 AM  
 Sunday — St. John at 11:00 AM-1st Sunday of month  
 10:00 AM all other Sundays

### DAILY MASS — COLFAX

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 AM — Colfax

### RECONCILIATION

4:30 pm to 4:50 pm Saturdays before Mass—Colfax  
 8:30 am after Thursday Daily Mass—Colfax  
 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm Thursdays—Colfax  
 Or by appointment, contact (509) 397-3921

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS — COLFAX

Tuesdays & Fridays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### ADORATION SCHEDULE — COLFAX

Thursday after 8:00 AM Mass until 6:00 PM

### SACRAMENTS

Call the Parish Office to prepare for the sacraments of baptism, wedding, first communion and confirmation.

### LOCATIONS

St. Patrick Parish — 1018 S. Main St. Colfax, WA 99111  
 St. Joseph Parish—2nd & Star Lacrosse, WA 99143  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help — 325 W. Liberty  
 St. John, WA 99171

## Reflection

### Dear Friends in Christ,

In the First Reading, we heard the manner in which the Christians of the early Church worshipped. The believers who welcomed the message of Peter, the first Pope, received the Sacrament of Baptism in order to be admitted into the Body of Christ. Wholeheartedly, they devoted themselves to doing the following things. They learned and practiced the teachings of the apostles. They worshipped in fellowship and participated in the breaking of bread and the prayers. In those days, to build the Church, the Holy Spirit manifested many wonders and signs through the apostles. It was for three reasons. First of all, it was to draw the people towards the Apostles. Secondly, it affirmed that the apostles were servants of the One true God. Thirdly, it was to affirm that the building of the Church was according to the Divine Will.

Today's Second Reading consisted of the first papal document that was sent to the Christians of Asia Minor to explain the new life that is received through the Sacrament of Baptism. Its purpose was to enlighten the believers so that they may rejoice in the salvation and new life that they had received from God. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we as Christians shared in the death of Jesus so we may share in His life. Having been baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death [Rom. 5:3]. Having been buried with Him into death, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too will walk in the newness of life [Rom. 5:4]. Having been united with Christ in death, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His [Rom. 5:5]. We know that our old self was crucified with Jesus so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin [Rom. 5:6].

Today's Gospel provided us with an account of what Jesus did after His Resurrection. The reading began by telling us that on the evening that Jesus rose from the dead, He came and stood among His disciples who had gathered behind locked doors. Take note that this appearance was still on the day of the Resurrection of Jesus, on the first day of the week that we celebrated last week as Easter Sunday [Jn. 20:19]. If you recall when Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene at the tomb in the morning of His resurrection, He told her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father" [Jn. 20:17]. Now, appearing to His disciples during the same evening, He breathed upon them the Holy Spirit [Jn. 20:22] in fulfillment of His promise to do so [Jn. 7:39] after ascending to the Father [Jn. 15:26, 16:7]. From this reading, it is revealed that on the same day, on Easter Sunday, Jesus: *resurrected, ascended to the Father, and gave the Holy Spirit to the apostles.*

In other words, while we celebrate the events of Easter and Pentecost on separate Sundays, we are celebrating two events that actually happened on the same day about twelve hours apart. After saying, "Peace be with you," Jesus breathed on His disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" [Jn. 20:21-2]. In his reporting of this event, John used the same Greek verb "breathed" that is found in the Book of Genesis where it states, "Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being" [Gen. 2:7]. This implies that when the Holy Spirit was bestowed upon the apostles, they became new creations just as the first man became a new creation.

From today's reading, we also find explicit evidence that Jesus was nailed to the cross versus being tied to it, as was often the custom. Over and above Jesus showing His hands and His side to the disciples, [Jn. 20:20] there is a reference to the statement of Thomas who said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe" [Jn. 20:25]. This evidence clearly reveals the unbearable suffering that Jesus endured to manifest His Divine love for us.

When Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" [Jn. 20:21]. He was commissioning the Church through His disciples and their apostolic succession to perpetuate the work of Divine salvation that had been realized through His death and Resurrection. Then Jesus said, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" [Jn. 20:23]. Through these Sacred Words, Jesus established the Sacrament of Confession, giving the authority of forgiveness to His disciples and their apostolic succession. According to Catholic Tradition, this act of Jesus has always been perceived as the origin of the Sacrament of Confession. It should be added that the Church's power over sin is also exercised in the Sacrament of Baptism and the preaching of the redemptive Word.

Now we come to doubting Thomas. When Jesus appeared to the disciples for the first time, only ten were present. Judas, the traitor, and Thomas were absent. As we heard, Jesus appeared one week later, [Jn. 20:26] also on a Sunday, and challenged Thomas to put his finger in His wounds [Jn. 20:27]. The Scriptures do not reveal to us if Thomas ever needed to touch Jesus or not. What we do know is that the eyes of Thomas were opened and he said, "My Lord and my God!" [Jn. 20:28]. The glorious Resurrection of Jesus was the ultimate evidence that Thomas needed to prove to him that the friendship He had enjoyed with Jesus for the past three years was indeed a friendship with God incarnated in human form [Col. 1:19, 2:9]. At that moment, Thomas must have been overcome with awe.

At the end of this event, Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" [Jn. 20:29]. These Words affirm that miracles, signs, wonders, healing, speaking in tongues, etc... "may assist" [Jn. 4:48, 10:38] the seeker of faith. But it is through the preaching of the Word of God itself that the question of faith or disbelief is finalized. Did St. Paul not ask, "But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim Him?" [Rom. 10:14]. "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" [Rom. 10:15].

Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, those not being recorded in the Holy Bible [Jn. 20:30]. What has been written is sufficient for us to believe that Jesus came on earth as the Messiah, the Son of God, so that through our believing we may have life in His Name [Jn. 20:30]. For it is in the Name of Jesus that we experience our new birth into a living hope, a hope that will never disappoint us. Let us experience his divine mercy in all that we are and do.

**May God Bless Us...Fr. J. Jeyabalan (Fr. Jey)**

## Events Around the Parish

### Confirmation Mass with Bishop Daly:

Please plan on joining the Parish on Wednesday, April 15th at 6 pm as we welcome Bishop Daly to Colfax. He will Confirm six of our Parishioners. This is a special time for the Parish to come together for this important Sacrament and to show the Bishop the support we have for him as a Parish in the Spokane Diocese.

### Divine Mercy Sunday :

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when, in Poland, a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905 -1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus. According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities. Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate Reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.



Prepares News: Walk in hours every **second Tuesday from 9:30 to Noon** in the St. Patrick Parish Hall. We will be distributing diapers next week on Tuesday, 4/14.

A message of thanks: " *Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness during a time when our family truly needed it. ...it means more to us than words can express. Knowing there are people willing to help others in moments like this is incredibly comforting. ...Our hearts are full of gratitude.*" -Family of 5

Much appreciation to our parishioners for their continued support of the PREPARES ministry. Your time, prayers, and donations of concrete goods mean so much to the families we serve.

### March 2026 Collections & Expenses:

Colfax: Revenues: \$ 25,788	Expenses: \$ 15,705
St. John: Revenues: \$ unknown	Expenses: \$ unknown
Lacrosse: Revenues: \$ 0	Expenses: \$ 522

### Congratulations to Jeff Peters & his God Parents, Tim & Heidi Danaher

