

April 12th, 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter

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MASS INTENTIONS – April 11th-19th, 2026

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Anniversary Richard Robicheau
Sun. 11:15 am Anniversary Dwayne Murphy
Tues. 6:30 pm Anniversary Edwin & Lorraine Harding
Wed. 6:30 pm Charlotte Goodwin
Thurs. 9 am Intentions of Pearl Muise
Fri. 9 am Anniversary Sharron Rodgeron
Sat. 4 pm Anniversary Pat Saulnier
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Rose and Lee Purdy

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am April 12 Jerry & Evangeline Saulnier
Sun. 10 am April 19 Leah Boudreau

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS in the offertory procession at a weekend Mass (if you are a family member of the person the Mass is for) please see the greeters **at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.**

REFLECTION: The Inexhaustible Depths of Divine

Reflections **Mercy** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. Do you believe

that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through that belief you will inherit eternal life? Belief begins with an intellectual assent but must continuously deepen. The belief Saint John speaks of in today's Gospel is one that draws us deeper into the mystery of Christ's Paschal Mystery—His Life, Death, and Resurrection—so as to receive the gift of His abundant and transforming Mercy. Today is the eighth day of Easter. The Church, in Her wisdom, celebrates the most important days of the liturgical year for eight days. Historically, there were a number of feasts celebrated with octaves: Easter, Epiphany, Corpus Christi, Ascension, All Saints, and in some locales, the Sacred Heart and various Marian feasts. After Vatican II, the Church focused on two—Christmas and Easter—so as to give greater emphasis to the core of the Paschal Mystery. In the year 2000, the Octave of Easter took on a new focus when Pope John Paul II instituted the Solemnity of Divine Mercy on the eighth day of Easter. This was done in response to Jesus' personal request, communicated to the Church through a humble cloistered Polish nun. Canonized in 2000, she is known as Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. Between 1931 and 1938, Sister Faustina received numerous mystical visions that she recorded in six notebooks, now referred to collectively as *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. Almost two years before her death, Sister Faustina recorded the following entry in her diary: *On one occasion, I heard these words: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of*


Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy". When we reflect on this beautiful private revelation in the light of today's Gospel, we are invited to consider that even though the Gospels present us with all we need to know in order to come to faith in Christ and share in the new life He bestows, the treasure of His Divine Mercy is inexhaustible. Just as "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book," so also the depths of His ongoing work, His Divine Mercy, will only be seen in Heaven. Divine Mercy Sunday is a day on which we are to profess our belief in this Mercy. To do so, we must ponder these inexhaustible treasures, probe their depths with the aid of Saint Faustina's private revelations, and then allow our Lord to reveal them to us within the depths of our souls. Reflect today on the infinite and inexhaustible treasures found in the Person of Christ and His Divine Mercy. His Mercy draws us into countless unrecorded and glorious graces that we are called to receive and rejoice in. Believe in His Mercy. Be open to it. Call upon it today, and receive it more abundantly. -My Catholic Life

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The first Sunday after Easter (**April 12th**) is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be having a Divine Mercy Service at **3pm** at St. Ambrose Church. Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the prayer for Divine Mercy. Please come join us in praying this prayer.

PLEASE SIGN THE MAID PETITION: As Christians, we are called to care for the vulnerable and uphold the dignity of every life. If no action is taken before March 17, 2027, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) will be expanded to include individuals whose only medical condition is mental health-related. Suicidal thinking can be a symptom for those living with mental illness. When patients share their desire to die, it's time to use suicide prevention strategies. However, the NS medical regulator requires physicians to offer euthanasia to patients as one of their potential medical treatments

without patients requesting that information and, if the patient requests it, sign referral forms so their patients can get euthanasia. Imagine the dilemma of the Christian physician who is forced to help the patient access euthanasia rather than treating them. **Next weekend we will be asking you to sign a letter of petition** which we will be sending to the Honourable Brian Comer, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, to ask for stronger protections, improved mental health supports, and changes to physician legal requirements.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting

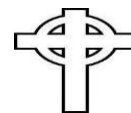
 at the Knights of Columbus Hall Tuesday April 14th, all members invited. (6:00 pm executive meeting and 7:30 pm general meeting. **4th Degree Meeting:** Tuesday April 21st, starting with a healing rosary at 6:30 pm followed by a general meeting at 7:00 pm.

COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will take place next weekend April 18th & 19th after all the masses in the Jubilee Room. Come join us for a cup.



Please welcome into our Christian community - Erin Jade Smith, Neil Lucas Mullen, Charlie Karen Lea O'Connell, Glenn Douglas Harding, Boyd Trueman Nickerson and Carol Lee Deveau who were baptised and confirmed on Saturday April 4th 2026 at the Easter Vigil.

Please keep Erin, Neil, Charlie, Glenn, Boyd and Carol in your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Charlotte Marie Goodwin
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.