

## ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Mass intentions  
for April 11, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter  
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**Saturday, 5 p.m.—**

† Vivian Crouch  
By: Pat Grimes

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —**

† Dr. Ricardo & Zola Martin Sr.  
By: Ric & Norma Martin

**9:30 a.m. —**

People of the parish

**Wednesday, noon —**

Tennessee Knights of Columbus  
By: Knights of Columbus

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**Acts 4:32-35**—The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common.

**Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**—Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**1 John 5:1-6**—We know we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

**John 20:19-31**—The risen Jesus told the apostles behind locked doors: “As the father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” When doubting Thomas saw Jesus’ wounds, he said, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus responded, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

## Dispensation

Catholics living in the diocese are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. While not required, participating in Mass online is encouraged.



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AND TO PRAYERS**

### DEDICATED TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The book of Acts describes the lifestyle of early Christians. They form a pure communal society. Each person contributes to the common pool and receives an allotment of food. Of special note is the “breaking of bread.” It was common to use large sheets of flat bread as utensils at a meal. Pieces of bread would be broken off to pick up greasy food. Normally the host would break his portion first. Jesus established a precedent of not taking his section first, thus making himself the last to get bread. This was a wonderful lesson in charity — thinking of others first.

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*Jesus,  
I trust  
in you*

## Weekly readings

**Second Sunday  
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Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 118:2-4,  
13-15, 22-24  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31

**Monday**

Acts 4:23-31  
John 3:1-8

**Tuesday**

Acts 4:32-37  
John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday**

Acts 5:17-26  
John 3:16-21

**Thursday**

Acts 5:27-33  
John 3:31-36

**Friday**

Acts 5:34-42  
John 6:1-15

**Saturday**

Acts 6:1-7  
John 6:16-21

**Third Sunday  
of Easter**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9  
1 John 2:1-5a  
Luke 24:35-48

## Why a Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy is the love that God has for mankind, despite the sins that separate us from him. The Second Sunday of Easter, which we celebrate this Sunday, first became Divine Mercy Sunday for the entire Catholic Church in 2000, soon after Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina.

Christ appeared to the saint in a series of visions between 1931 and 1938. St. Faustina, who was then a humble Polish nun known as Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, recorded in her diary 14 occasions when Jesus asked for an observance of a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday).



Jesus appeared to St. Faustina with his right hand raised in blessing and his left above his heart. From his heart, red and white rays extended, red for the blood and white for the water that he shed for our salvation. In painted versions seen today, “Jesus, I trust in You” appears below his image, as he instructed.

Christ also revealed to St. Faustina the Divine Mercy Novena, asking her to pray it for nine days, beginning Good Friday and ending the Saturday after Easter — the eve of the Octave of Easter.

“Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church,” noted Pope Francis in 2016. “Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father.”

Pope Francis added: “He is a God who walks around searching for us and has a certain loving weakness for those who are furthest away, who are lost.”

*His  
Mercy  
Endures  
Forever*

## Saintly Wisdom

“To forgive takes love.  
To forget takes humility.”  
— St. Teresa of Calcutta —

## Parish Life

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** — The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed at 3 p.m. this Sunday (April 11), Divine Mercy Sunday, in the church. All are invited.

**Confirmation Next Weekend** — Four students will be confirmed Saturday morning (April 17) at St. Elizabeth. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Bereavement** — Terry Collins, brother of parishioner Maureen Strickling, died recently. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**Parish School of Religion** — Classes for the Parish School of Religion resume this weekend.

**Thank You!** — The Knights of Columbus thank parishioners for your generous donations to the Lenten food collection drive. Some 1,002 pounds of food and \$930 have been delivered to Assistance and Resources Ministry (ARM) in Elizabethton.

*Thank  
You!*

## Catholic Charities

**Race for Kids** — Catholic Charities of East Tennessee is sponsoring a virtual 5-kilometer race and family walk Sunday, April 18, through Wednesday, April 28. For the virtual 5K and family walk, runners and walkers can run where they want, when they want (treadmill, nature trail, etc.). The race supports CCETN’s children’s emergency center and the C.H.A.P. program. (Columbus Home Assisting Parents or C.H.A.P. is a home-based parent support service for families with life stressors that impact parenting abilities.) For more information, go to [www.ccetn.org/RaceForKids](http://www.ccetn.org/RaceForKids)

