

## This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47	Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24	1Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Week Mon Acts 4:23-31	Ps 2:1-3,4-7a,7b-9		John 3:1-8
Week Tues Acts 4:32-37	Ps 93:1-2,5		John 3:7b-15
Week Wed Acts 5:17-26	Ps 34:2-9		John 3:16-21
Week Thurs Acts 5:27-33	Ps 34:2,9,17-20		John 3: 31-36
Week Fri Acts 5:34-42	Ps 27:1,4,13-14		John 6:1-15
Week Sat Acts 6:1-7	Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19		John 6: 16-21

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Acts 2:14,22-23	Ps 16:1-2,5,7-8,9-11	1Peter 1:17-21	Luke 24:13-35
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### Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions: April 2026 For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Praying for Our Clergy: Sunday, April 12th Fr. Larry Delaney, Monday, April 13th Fr. Anthony Fernando, Tuesday, April 14th, Msgr. Mike Foltz, Wednesday, April 15th Fr. Tom Friedl, Thursday, April 16th Fr. JSolomom Gaja, OMI, Friday, April 17th Fr. Joe Richards, Saturday, April 18th Fr. Augie Gothman, Sunday, April 19th Msgr. Roger Grundhaus.**

EMMAUS: THE MASS HIDDEN IN A RESURRECTION STORY, WHAT MOST CHRISTIANS READ... BUT NEVER SEE

Most people read the story of Emmaus as a beautiful encounter. Two disciples. A long walk. A mysterious stranger. But if you read carefully... You are not just reading a story. You are watching the first Easter Mass.

#### 1. THEY WERE WALKING AWAY, JUST LIKE MANY TODAY

The Gospel says: They were leaving Jerusalem (Luke 24:13) Why? Because they had lost hope. "We had hoped..." (Luke 24:21) They were not just walking physically. They were walking away from faith.

#### 2. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD BEGINS

Jesus joins them...But they do not recognize Him. Instead of revealing Himself immediately, He does something strange: He explains the Scriptures. "Beginning with Moses and all the prophets..." (Luke 24:27)

This is not random. This is structure. Because every Mass begins the same way: The Word is proclaimed The Scriptures are explained And something begins to happen: "Were not our hearts burning within us..." (Luke 24:32)

#### 3. THEY STILL DID NOT RECOGNIZE HIM

Here is the surprising part: They heard the Word. They were moved. But they still did not recognize Jesus. Why? Because something was still missing.

#### 4. THE MOMENT EVERYTHING CHANGED

At the table, the Gospel becomes very precise:

"He took bread..." "Blessed..." "Broke..." "Gave..."

(Luke 24:30) That formula should sound familiar. Because it is identical to: The Last Supper The Eucharist And suddenly: "Their eyes were opened." (Luke 4:31)

#### 5. THEY RECOGNIZED HIM... IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Not in the walking. Not in the teaching. But in the Eucharistic action. This is the first time the Risen Christ is fully recognized. Not by sight. But in sacrament.

#### 6. THEN HE VANISHES, WHY? The moment they recognize Him...

He disappears. This is not loss. This is revelation. Because Christ is now present: Not in visible form But in the Eucharistic presence The mode of encounter has changed.

#### 7. THEY RUN BACK, MISSION BEGINS They immediately return to Jerusalem. Why?

Because true encounter leads to mission. Mass never ends in silence. It ends in sending: "Go." **FINAL MESSAGE** The road to Emmaus is not just history. It is the structure of every Mass: Gathering, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Mission, You have lived Emmaus... every time you attend Mass. ONE LINE THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING: They walked with Him and did not know Him... until the bread was broken. So next time you are at Mass... Remember: You are not watching a ritual. You are walking to Emmaus. And Christ is there. #CatholicsOnlineClass

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 12th, 2026

# ASSUMPTION

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#### WHY THE PASCHAL CANDLE HAS MARKS

(THE CROSS, NUMBERS, AND NAILS YOU'VE NEVER UNDERSTOOD)

At the Easter Vigil, before the candle is lit... The priest does something unusual. He marks the candle. A Cross is traced Numbers are written Nails (incense grains) are inserted Why? Is it decoration? No. It is theology carved in wax. **1. THE CROSS, CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF HISTORY** The first mark is the Cross. Because: Everything begins and ends with it. The priest traces it and says: "Christ yesterday and today..." This means: The Cross is not past the Cross is not history It is eternal. **2. THE NUMBERS, CHRIST IS LORD OF TIME** Then come the numbers of the current year. And the priest proclaims: "...the beginning and the end." This is not just marking a date. It is declaring: Christ is Lord of time. Not just ancient Not just future Now. This year. This moment. **3. THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, GOD WITHOUT LIMIT** Along with the numbers: The Greek letters A (Alpha) and Ω (Omega) Meaning: The First and the Last (Revelation 22:13) This tells us: Christ is the origin Christ is the goal Everything: Begins in Him Ends in Him **4. THE NAILS, THE WOUNDS THAT SAVED THE WORLD** Then something striking happens. Five grains of incense are inserted like nails. And the priest says: "By His holy and glorious wounds..." These represent: The hands The feet The side The wounds of Christ. But here is the mystery: Even in the Resurrection... The wounds remain. Not as pain... But as victory. **5. THE CANDLE ITSELF, CHRIST ALIVE** After all the markings... The candle is lit. This is the moment: Death gives way to Life. The marked candle now burns: Crucified - but risen Wounded - but glorified Dead - but alive forever **FINAL MESSAGE Why does the Paschal Candle have marks? Because it tells the whole Gospel: The Cross The Time The Eternity The Wounds The Victory All in one candle. So when you see it burning... You are not just seeing a flame. You are seeing: Christ, crucified, risen, and reigning over all time. Before the candle is even lit, the Church has already preached the entire Gospel, by marking it.**

LITURGICAL DAY	WEEKDAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION	CONFESSIONS
Sunday of Divine Mercy	Sunday	April 12th	10:30 am	Mass: +Nancy Gray	10:10am
Easter Weekday	Tuesday	April 7th	5:00	Adoration & Benediction	
Easter Weekday	Tuesday	April 7th	7:00	Mass: Cleo Baker	6:30
Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday	April 19th	10:30 am	Mass: +Susie Spry	10:10am

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 ( 24 hour confidential number) Diocesan Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Cindy Hulst // Confidential Line - 218.281.7895 // [chulst@crookston.org](mailto:chulst@crookston.org)

**April 12th 2nd Sunday of Easter ( Divine Mercy Sunday)**

*“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” John 20:19*

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague, or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships—with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too— just as God our Father, sees us.

**Prayers of the Faithful April 12th**

**That we help our parish create a welcoming environment where people feel included.**

**Question of the week**

*What do I see as God’s purpose for my life? How will I, with the grace of God, fulfill that purpose?*

*Liturgy of the Hours: Week III of the Psalter*

*Reflection of the Gospel*

*There can be no secondhand faith. The testimony of other believers leads one to Jesus, but it does not substitute for the tangible experience of Christ needed by each one. The gospel also allows that there are different ways that people come to faith: some through seeing, some without. Both are blessed. No matter how one comes to believe, it is with a “conspiratorial” faith community-people who “breathe together” through the Spirit, who dissolves fear by the use of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.*

*-Living Liturgy<sup>tm</sup>, Second Sunday of Easter ( or of Divine Mercy)*

Website: [formed.org](http://formed.org) Parish Access Code 38HAZ8V

**Prayer Requests:**

**The following people or their family has asked us to pray for them:**

**Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illness. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/treatment. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care treatment and their souls to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy.**

Carol Bertram Aarness, Rick Bakken, Randi Bernard, LaMae & Ken Blattenbauer, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Jerry Braaten, Peggy Braaten, Arlene Buitendyk, Debbie Clark, Charlie Crommett, Shane Donley, Jodi Eidenschink, Rick Flottemesch, John Gerulli, Sharon Greminger, Irene Hazelton, LeAnn Hazelton, Pat Hilber, Nancy Johnson, Jeanine Kivi, Jamie Langevin, Delores Manning, Betty, Kate Matter, Margaret McDougall, Barb Muff, Chris Murray, Leslie (Flottemesch) Murray, Kelly Olson, Earl Paulson, Ken Pearson, Jonell Richards, Greg Ronning, Carol Scherzer, George Scherzer, Bev Snyder, Shirley Spry, Jeff VanHecke, Gary Villard

Please Pray for our Students.....

Madeline Abbott, Julia Steffl, Megan Stalberger, Ellie Steffl, Grace Helm, Maria Foltz, Luke Helm, Freddie Steffl, Caleb Rodewald, Nathan Loreth, Kaitlyn Loreth, Molly Rodewald, Jake Helm, Colby Rodewald, Savannah Rodewald, Odessa Schmit, Barisa Foltz, Colton Arnoldy, Ava Rodewald & Lilly Dillon

**Birthday on file this Week**

**April 12th Bill Zurn**

**April 14th Jake Helm**

**April 17th Earnie Clark**



Sunday, April 5, 2026

Adult Envelopes \$ 1,345.00

Loose Plate \$ 505.00

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTON FOR THE HOLY LAND**

ADULT ENVELOPES \$140.00 LOOSE PLATE \$20.00

**Ministry Schedule for Sunday April 19, 2026**

Altar Server: Nathan Loreth

Lector: Barb Brown

Presentation of Gifts: Max & Karen Klarer

Eucharistic Ministers: Kristi Stalberger & Mary Ann Jorgenson

Ushers: Roger Foltz & Nate Foltz

Music: Avis Flottemesch



**Thank you to all who donated to our Easter flowers for Assumption Parish in memory of your loved one and for your special intentions:**

Joe & Doris Zurn, Merritt & Vienna Baker, Lowell & Cleo Baker, Mark Stalberger, Leonard & Irene Spry, Tietz Family, Gronbeck Family, Rebecca McDougall, Floyd & Marie Solmon, Everett & Betty McDougall, Arnold & Lauretta Braun Family, Howard & Alma Weston Family, Sarah & John Solmon Family, Ben & Sharon Braun, Joe Lorsun, Susie Spry, Ray & Arlene Faltersack, Leonard & Irene Spry, Mark Stalberger, Art & Reine Stalberger, Ted Blauert, Scot Blauert, Art Stalberger, Reine Stalberger, Mark Stalberger, William Kivi, Mike & Anna Roberts, Rita Pearson, Stephen Pearson, Brian Pearson, Bob & Colleen Schmits Parents (Schmits & Carlsons) James & Grace Fairbanks , Fred & Edwina Blattenbauer, Randy Abbott Intentions, Jerome, Herman & Marie Flottemesch, Bernard & Maggie Betran, In Honor of Jerome and Avis Flottemesch children & grandchildren, Max & Karen Klarer Intentions, Kristi Stalberger Intentions, Ed & Linda Scheler Intentions, Don & Cleo Starkey Intentions

**Upcoming.**

- Sunday, April 12th Most Holy Redeemer Ogema Dinner
- Sunday April 12th Beautiful Savior Luthern Church 11:00-2:00 Free will Offering
- Wednesday, April 15th 11am, Church cleaning followed by potluck lunch.
- Wednesday, April 15th Callaway Daze 5:30 pm St Joseph Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, April 19th Christian Mothers Meeting after Mass
- Tuesday, April 21st KC meeting in Lake Park Meal at 6:30 meeting at 7pm
- Tuesday, April 21st Combined Parish and Finance Council Meeting after the 7pm Mass

**Upcoming Fellowship**



April 12th No Fellowship, Most Holy Redeemer Ogema Dinner  
April 19th St Rachel Circle Brunch Fundraiser  
April 26th St Therea’s

Circle Bake Sale  
May 3rd Damian & Carol Fellowship  
May 10th NO Fellowship Mothers Day  
May 17th **OPEN**  
May 24th **Open**  
May 31st **Open**

Sacred Hearts Website has been updated you can find our bulletin at <https://www.frazeesacredheart.org/bulletins>

**Food Shelf Bags**

During the month of April, there will be the brown paper bags available to fill with non perishable food to help restock the food pantry.

The bags will be taken to the food shelf after the last Sunday in April.