

<p align="center"><b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> <b>12 April 2026</b></p>	<p><b>BUILDING FUND UPDATE</b> loan balance is <b>\$845,503.00</b> Thank you for supporting our 2nd Collection.</p>	<p><b>CASH COLLECTIONS</b> <b>05 April 2026</b> <i>1st Collection: 7,280.10</i> <i>2nd Collection: 995.70</i></p>	<p><b>PARISHIONER REGISTRATION</b> <b>New to the area? Want to join the Parish.</b> Check it out on our Parish website or scanning this QR Code.</p> 
<p><b>First Reading</b> Acts 2:42-47 <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 <b>Second Reading</b> 1 Peter 1:3-9 <b>GOSPEL</b> John 20:19-31 <b>EXPLORING THE WORD</b></p> <p>Today's gospel, the risen Jesus meets His disciples in their fear and uncertainty, offering peace instead of rebuke. His words, "Peace be with you," remind us that even when we feel locked behind our own doubts or anxieties, Christ comes to us with calm assurance, not condemnation. The encounter with Thomas the Apostle is especially powerful. Thomas' doubt is not rejected; instead, Jesus invites him to see and believe. This shows that faith is not the absence of questions, but the willingness to bring them honestly to God. In response, Thomas makes a profound confession: "My Lord and my God," revealing that personal encounter leads to deeper faith. This passage invites us to trust that even when we cannot see, we are still called to believe. It reassures us that doubt can become a doorway to faith, and that Christ meets us right where we are—offering peace, presence, and purpose.</p> <p><b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>19.04. 2026</b> <b>First Reading</b> Acts 2:14, 22b-28 <b>Responsorial Psalms</b> Psalm 16:1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 <b>Second Reading</b> 1 Peter 1:17-21 <b>Gospel</b> Luke 24:13-35</p>	<p align="center"><b>PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MASS INTENTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Recent Death:</b> Isagani Arevalo, Troy Denver Salac <b>Repose of Soul/Anniversaries of Death:</b> Angelito Relej Flores, Trevor Gomes (1st), Makil Alexander Raju, Carmeling Dimana, Ierenimo (Imo) Lesoa (31st), Rosario Leo <b>For the Sick:</b> Ruth Ahkan, Lilian Yee, Sofia Herradura, Sigrid Alegre, Brilliantito Quitiquit, Noemi Goh, Ann Hoare <b>Intentions:</b> Romina Banson &amp; Pauline O'connor <b>Wedding Anniversary:</b> Thomas &amp; Benita Pereira (27th) <b>Birthday:</b> Zephanie Sullivan, Arthur Sabellano</p> 	<p>If you have a family member or friend who is sick, you may send us their names so we can pray for them. Email to <a href="mailto:assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz">assistant@flatbushcatholic.org.nz</a></p> 	
	<p align="center"><b>INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Bishops Seminarian Appeal 25 - 26 of April 2026 Weekend (Vocations Sunday)</b></p> <p>Good Shepherd Sunday (the fourth Sunday of Easter) is celebrated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, focusing on ordained ministry and religious life. A second collection is often taken to fund seminarian education, promote vocations, and support priesthood training, such as the Seminarian Support Collection. Instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1963, it encourages prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Funds raised typically support the training and education of seminarians.</p> <p>Envelopes will be made available in the foyer.</p>	
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 <p><i>Ladies' Breakfast</i> SATURDAY 18 April 2026 7:30AM (every 3rd Saturday of the Month)</p>	<p>Just parishioners chilling over breakfast — men and ladies, good vibes, and community moments with our parish priest.</p>  <p><b>MEN'S BREAKFAST</b> SATURDAY 25 April 2026 7:30AM (every 4th Saturday of the Month)</p>	<p align="center"><i>A Big thanks to you All!</i></p> <p>We're deeply grateful for the incredible support and ministries you provided during Triduum last week and throughout the Lenten season God bless</p>
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**THE SEARCH**  
FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE

An offering from the  **AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE**

**23 APRIL - 4 JUNE 2026**  
**Thursday evening, 6:30-8:30PM**  
**St Luke's Lounge**

**The Wisdom of the Desert**

A Morning of Reflection with the Community of the sons and daughters of God

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**  
**9:00 Mass**  
(followed by the talk and fellowship)

St Luke's Catholic Church & Parish Foyer  
Free Event. All are welcome.

**St Luke's Youth**

**Youth Night on Saturday, April 18th**  
Will be in the Lounge from 6pm until 8.30am.

**Subject:**  
**Faith, Fun, Food**



Second Sunday  
of  
*Easter*  
*Divine Mercy*  
*Sunday*  
Jesus, I Trust in You

The **Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday**, completes the Octave of Easter, a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the blessing of His continuing presence in our midst.

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrates the mercy of Jesus as reminded to us by St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a religious sister who lived a humble life, to whom Jesus appeared. St. Faustina was born in Krakow, Poland and lived from 1905-1938. She was canonized by St. John Paul II in 2000, who at that time also declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. This celebration also honors St. Faustina's vision of Jesus Christ, and His message of love and peace for the world.

According to St. Faustina's Diary, Jesus Christ made a special promise, which she was to communicate to the whole world (Diary, 699):

*"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. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy".*

The image of the Divine Mercy was created by St. Faustina who was told to paint the image of Jesus as she saw Him. The painting has the saying at the bottom: "Jesus, I Trust in You." The rays emanating from the Sacred Heart of Jesus represent water (white) – which makes souls righteous — and blood (red) — which is the life of souls, Jesus told St. Faustina.

Today we see the fulfilment of what the angel said to St. Joseph about Mary and her Son:"... she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, has saved us from our sins. By his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, he has taken upon himself our sins and has made perfect reparation for them to the Father. He has conquered them so that through him we may overcome them. Not only has he won for us freedom from sin, but by his grace he has also given us eternal life. He has opened the gates of Heaven for us. This is the tremendous, unfathomable mercy we celebrate today, Divine Mercy.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday the Lord is inviting us to come to the throne of grace to receive his great mercy, forgiveness, and peace.

We are assured in the words of the Psalm: "His mercy endures forever." Let us confidently approach the Fount of his inexhaustible Mercy.

Let us accept his gift with great gratitude, allowing ourselves to be forgiven and to receive the peace that the world cannot give, the peace of Christ.

Let us repeat again and again throughout today the refrain from today's Psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting!"