



## From Anger to Peace


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**A**t this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

### Reflect

*Do I bring my faith to the news of the day;  
do I pray for peace?*



[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again,  
“Peace be with you. As the Father  
has sent me, so I send you.”  
And when he had said this, he  
breathed on them and said to them,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21-22

## St. Barbara Parish

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### St. Thomas More Site

302 Chestnut Street  
Dalzell IL



### Holy Trinity Site

#### Parish Office

212 S Main Street  
PO BOX 159  
Cherry IL

### Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

#### Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating  
between STM Site & HT Site  
in the Confessional between  
10:30 am-11:15am

#### Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

Pastoral Assistant: Julie Hollinger

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Office Hours at HT: Tuesday-Friday 9am-1pm

**Emergency Number: 779-248-2164**



#### CCD Announcements

Sunday, April 27th—K-7th Grade Last Class  
Confirmation students Test

Sunday, May 4th—First Communion Mass

### St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of April 28, 2025

Monday	4/28			† No Mass
Tuesday	4/29	9:00 am	STM Site	† Gene & Josie Weberski
Wednesday	4/30	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Alan Hahn
Thursday	5/1	9:00 am	HT Site	† Clifford Sondgeroth
Friday	5/2	9:00 am	STM Site	† Special Intention

### St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 3-4, 2025

Saturday	5/3	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	5/4	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Don & Virginia McNally



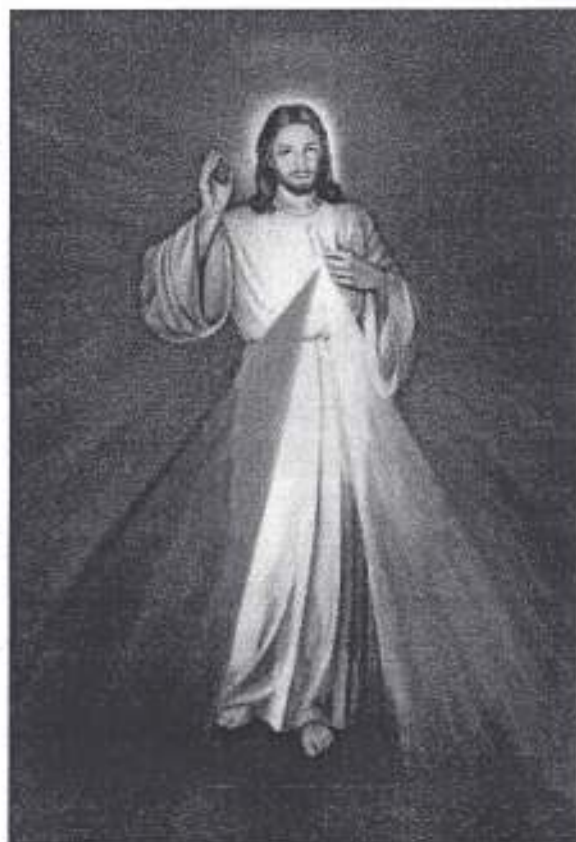
## Divine Mercy Sunday Reflection

On the First Sunday after Easter the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast based upon the private revelations of Jesus to St. Faustina. In extending this Feast to the entire Church, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized the resurrection context of Easter, citing St. Faustina's diary: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." In describing this feast, Blessed John Paul II says: "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ, a gift which it offers to all humanity."

The first epistle of St. John declares to the entire world that "God is love;" and in his encyclical letter *Rich in Mercy*, Blessed John Paul II wrote, "Mercy is love's second name." If we understand mercy in the Biblical sense, then without any fear of error contrary to the faith, it can be said, as John Paul II said, that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. This Biblically formulated relationship between love and mercy is expressed by St. Faustina when she says: "Love is the flower, mercy the fruit."

Divine Mercy is the form that God's eternal love takes when He reaches out to us in the midst of our misery and our brokenness. Whatever the nature of our need might be — sin, guilt, suffering, or death — He is always ready to pour out His merciful, compassionate love for us, to help us. Where there was only despair, loneliness, and heartache before, comes joy, fruitfulness, and abiding love.

The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us and wants us to approach Him in constant prayer, repenting of our sins while asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. He wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others, extending our love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. (excerpted from [saintjamestheapostle.org](http://saintjamestheapostle.org))



## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

According to the Bishop Decree, today the new St. Barbara Parish is founded. To celebrate this very special event there will be a Divine Mercy Holy hour at STM Site from 3pm to 4pm, during which the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited. After the Holy Hour you are all invited to a reception at the STM Hall to celebrate the founding of our Parish, and also to invite all parishioners to register.


### Sunday Morning Mass time Change

Please note, that according to popular choices, the Sunday morning Mass at Holy Trinity site will now be at 9am

### Latest Offering's

April 20th Weekend

HT - \$1070.00  
STM - \$1093.00  
SP - \$281  
Holy Land \$372.00

  
Memorial Mass for  
**Pope Francis**  
Celebrated by  
Bishop Louis Tylka  
**MONDAY, APRIL 28**  
**7:00 PM**  
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY  
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
PEORIA, IL



### Confessions

Confession will be

Sat. May 10th

10:30 am - 11:15 am

St. Thomas More Site  
in the confessional



# Dear Padre,

***How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?***

I would respond to your question with one of my own: "When has it ever been different?" In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8	April 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15	April 30 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21	May 1 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36	May 2 <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15	May 3 <i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i> 1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14	May 4 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Rv 5:11–14 Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?***

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