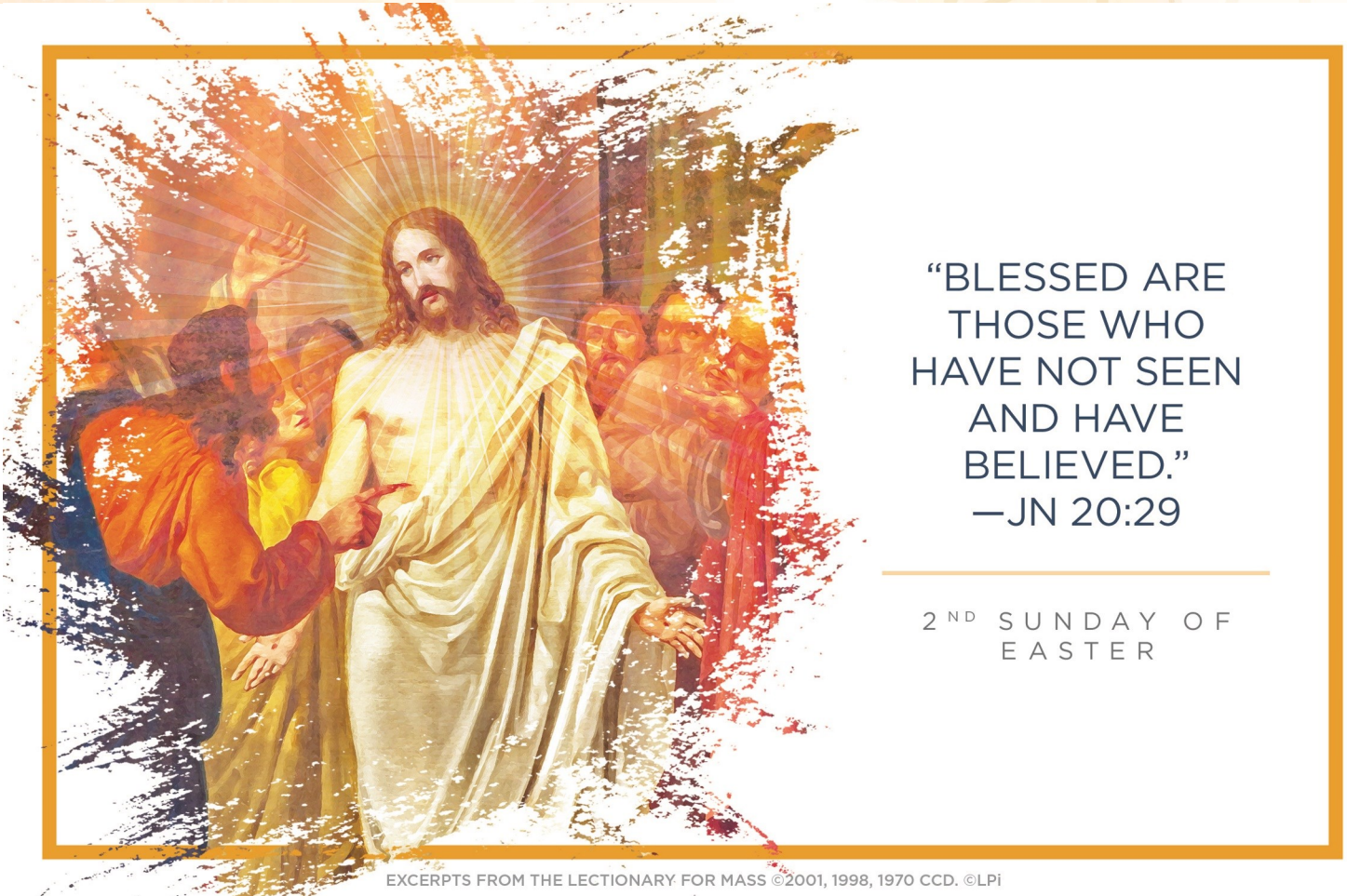




# St. Mark Catholic Church

## Mission Statement

St. Mark is a Catholic parish committed to fostering discipleship through the Word of God and the Sacraments. We are dedicated to providing Catholic education to our youth, to bringing a deeper relationship with Christ to our adults, and to supporting those in need through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We encourage all parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.



“BLESSED ARE  
THOSE WHO  
HAVE NOT SEEN  
AND HAVE  
BELIEVED.”  
—JN 20:29

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Rev. Adam Zajac**

Pastor

**Mrs. Karen Cocita**

Principal

**Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver**

Pastoral Minister

**Mrs. Julia Wallace**

Director of Music Ministry

**Mr. Michael Kay**

Youth Minister

**Mrs. Jeannette Puckett**

Parish School of Religion Director (PSR)

### SACRAMENTS

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** The RCIA is open to all those interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Office 216-226-7577.

**Baptism:** Available at 12:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of the month and at Masses by arrangement. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class and Godparents must have a sponsor certificate.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with a priest or deacon.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Office.

**Communion Calls:** If you are unable to participate in the celebration of Mass and would like to receive Communion, please contact the office.

**New Parishioners:** All are welcome to join us by calling the office or visiting the website to schedule an appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Bulletin Articles and Copied Items need to be in the Parish Office by 11:00 a.m. on Friday the week before the bulletin to print.

**Papal Intention**

**April:** For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**Liturgy Schedule**

Scripture readings can be found online at:  
[bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)

**Monday, April 8-The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:30am Mass.....Jeannette Gedeon

**Tuesday, April 9**

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....Thomas & Emmet Marron

**Wednesday, April 10**

**Thursday, April 11-St. Stanislaus**

8:30am Mass.....Deacon Dave Lundeen

**Friday, April 12**

6:45am Mass @ St. Mel

**Saturday, April 13**

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Confessions @ St. Mel

4:00pm Mass.....Dolly Tinnirello

4:30pm Mass @ St. Mel

**Sunday, April 14-Third Sunday of Easter**

7:00am Mass @ St. Mel

8:30am Mass.....The Madden Family

10:00am Mass @ St. Mel

11:30am Mass.....Jeannette Gedeon

*Liturgical Ministers April 13 & 14*

**Saturday, April 13 @ 4:00pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Price, Bridget Blayney, NOT FILLED

**Lector:** Carole Iseli

**Altar Server:** Aidan Gompf, Mary Kugler-Blayney, Evan Lentz

**Sunday, April 14 @ 8:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen Cocita, Michael Kay, NOT FILLED

**Lector:** Lisa Braun, Mary Lewis

**Altar Server:** Anthony McGervey, Albert McGervey, Austin Tousley

**Sunday, April 14 @ 11:30am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deirdre Mueller, Cari Foster, NOT FILLED

**Lector:** Eileen Andrews, NOT FILLED

**Altar Server:** Braidyn McKenna, Patrick Mueller, Eoin Mueller

*Luke McGraw Memorial Candles*

**Weekly Intention**

**April 7**

**Joseph Spicuzza**

**IN MEMORIAM**

*May the peace of our Lord be with  
Fr. James Cassidy  
Irene Kane, Mother of Pat Mohar  
And may God grant comfort to their family and friends.*

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!

***Please Pray for Our Sick***



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|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| William Adams      | Lisa Groh              | Bill Retzer          |
| Gianna Andolina    | Irene Gurchensky       | Mary Stark           |
| Carol Behnke       | David Kurth            | Nora Sudetic         |
| Jack Behnke        | Catherine Kutsick      | Lena Sunyak          |
| Katy Brent         | Loree Leasure-Poirier  | George Surovec       |
| Henry Buehner      | Jim McIlwee            | Herb Tippie          |
| James Coyne        | Mary Miller            | Georgieann Treible   |
| Margaret Fadrowski | Maisie Nowlin          | Joe Wantz            |
| Nicole Foerstner   | Sr. Josette Obodzinski | Charlotte Whiting    |
| Mary Frantz        |                        | Lillian Zahara       |
| Theresa Fridrich   |                        | Joseph Zavatchen Jr. |

***Sunday & Easter Collection***

*Thank you for your support and generosity  
of St. Mark Parish.  
Please see the April 15th bulletin for the  
Sunday & Easter collections.*

# "My Daily Prayers"

is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, delivered each day through email.

Lasting about 7 minutes, "My Daily Prayers" invites you into prayer, sharing information about each specific day, encouraging you to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

Sign up here:  
[DioceseOfCleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers](http://DioceseOfCleveland.org/MyDailyPrayers)



*Let's all  
come together  
in prayer!*



Catholic Diocese  
of Cleveland



## Adopt a Spot

Thank you to all the parishioners that currently have an Adopt a Spot and do a beautiful job at maintaining these areas of our Parish. If you are unable to continue please contact the office.

If you are interested in an area to adopt please contact Cheryl at the Parish Office 216-226-7577.



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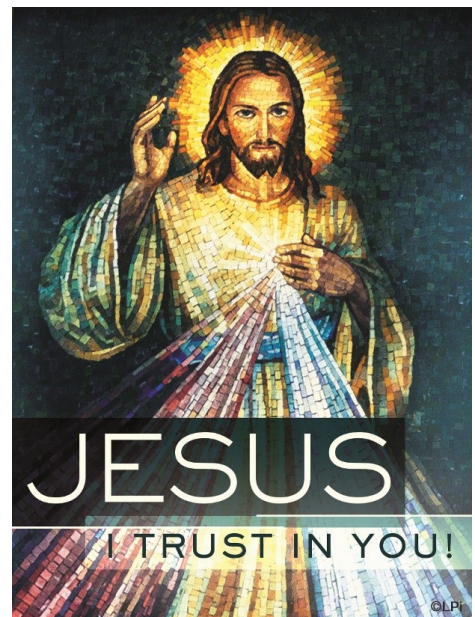
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*Thank you for supporting  
St. Mark Church!*





**St. Mark  
Holy Name Society**

**Welcome All  
Men and Women Parishioners  
18 and Older  
We Meet Second Tuesday of the Month  
at 6:00 in the Social Hall**

**Interested?**

**Email [jimcocita@gmail.com](mailto:jimcocita@gmail.com)**



Please come to pray WITH Mary, Our Blessed Mother, in this beautiful devotion, The Rosary. We are living in troubled times and so much in need of peace within our souls and for the world. We ask Mary, Our Mother, to intercede and lead us contemplating the mysteries of Jesus. "The Family that Prays together, Stays together"...Fr. Patrick Peyton  
Every Sunday following the 8:30am Mass

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Say to the Lord,  
"My refuge and fortress, My God in whom I trust."  
Psalm 91:1-2

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our military men and women presently serving and those who have returned home.

Jason Bochert, James Boone, Jr., Elijah Brolly, Kurt Brown, Nathan Chomoa, Jeremy Cole, Matthew Craven, Josh Dunleavy, T.J. Finucan, Martin Hartsel, Joe Isabella, John Kester, Randy Kloos, Stephanie Lasch, Adam Lemmerman, Torrey Lynch, Ron McDough, Andrew J. McGinty, Owen McGrew, Jake North, Jon Novak, Danny O'Malley, Sean P. O'Reilly, Nick Ortiz, Steven Podhradsky, Nico Russo, Tom Sarko, Matthew Shirley, Brady Smith, Montana Stiegelmeier, Edward Thomas, Joseph Toole, Jacob Trefney, Jonah Treible, Lukas Whitney.

God Bless them all!

Kathy O'Malley [womalfam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:womalfam@sbcglobal.net) for any updates.



**THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH**

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 6</b>	
10:00 am	Choir	CH
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
	<b>Donut Social</b>	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 7</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>April 8</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
	<b>School Closed</b>	
	<b>Parish Office Closed 12pm-4:30pm</b>	
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>April 9</b>	
8:30 am	Mass w/All School	
6:00 pm	Holy Name Mtg.	SH
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>April 10</b>	
5:15 pm	Daisy Troop	SH
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>April 11</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
6:00 pm	Scout Pack #268	SH
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
7:00 pm	Pastoral Council	CC
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>April 12</b>	
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 13</b>	
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 14</b>	
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	
11:30 am	Mass LS	
11:30 am	Sunday Pre-School	CR

**Note: (LS)=Livestreamed**



Hi there, I am Maddie Arnold. I attend Magnificat High School as a junior. I am taking part in an Agape project at my school, where I'm doing something positive for the community or school. My contribution is to help the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL), a local animal rescue, I wish to gather various dog toy products. The APL facilitates animal adoptions and provides services. Please consider donating the weekend of April 13 & 14. A container will be placed in the School Hallway. We appreciate any donations, but if you are unable to provide one and you observe an animal in need, please contact the police or your local adoption organization. I appreciate your help.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

### Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/  
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

### Monday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/  
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/  
Jn 3:7b-15

### Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Jn 3:16-21

### Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/  
Jn 3:31-36

### Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday:

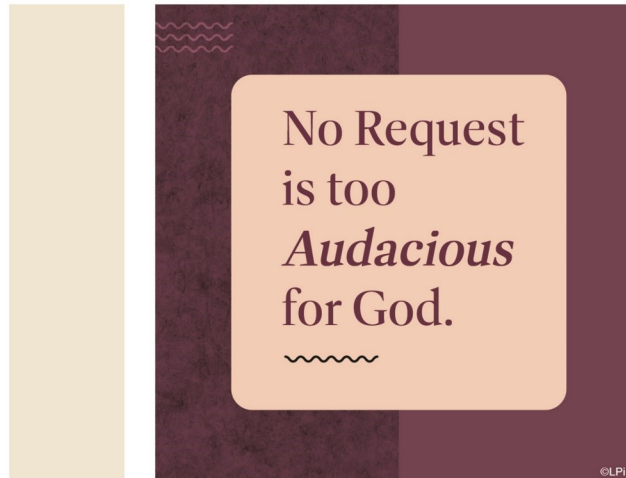
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

### Next Sunday:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/  
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

— *Father John Muir*

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

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. (Acts 4:32)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 Jn 5:3-4)

### Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

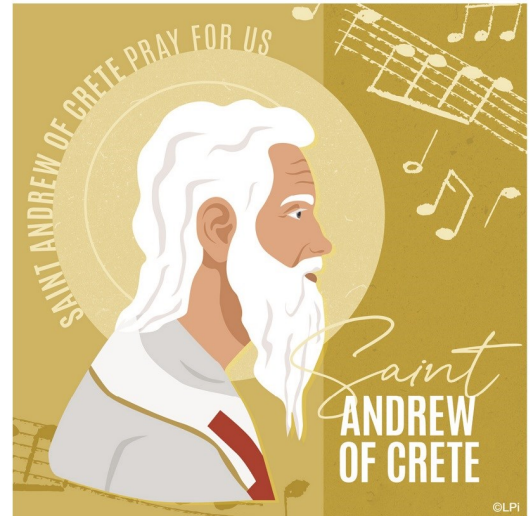
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ — even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at his side. We just have to call his name.

## Observances for the week April 7, 2024

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
- Monday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Thursday:** St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter



## Saint of the week

St. Andrew of Crete was born in Damascus and was mute until he received his First Communion at age 7. He went on to be an influential archbishop and hymnist in Crete. His most renowned work, the Great Canon, is chanted during Lent in Eastern Orthodox churches.

## Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Dear Jesus,  
As you greeted your disciples after you rose, fill us, too, with your peace.  
As you breathed your spirit on them, breathe on us, too.  
As your presence was known to Thomas, make it known to us, too.  
Help us to live in your peace, power, and presence.  
Amen.

## Principal News

As the solar eclipse approaches, excitement has been growing. Several teachers joined me at NASA several weeks ago to learn all we could about this event, so we could share the information with the students in meaningful and interesting ways. Following this NASA experience, we met with our teachers and discussed the importance of using this event to help the students not only understand the how and why the eclipse occurs, but to also acknowledge the power of God. It was very interesting to me to witness how each classroom embraced all of this. Our students were building models of what would occur in our STREAM Lab using miniature battery powered light sources to replicate the light from the sun and demonstrate how an eclipse occurs. In some of the classes, students had to draw the Solar Eclipse in all its phases, including totality. Others were researching UV rays, safety glasses, and news headlines about the Solar Eclipse. Others were writing haikus about the eclipse. When our students first heard talk about the solar eclipse, it was months away. But here we are, ready with our eclipse safety glasses and memories that will last quite literally for a lifetime. Our Student Council is getting involved in a "post-eclipse" service project encouraging people to turn in their eclipse glasses following this event. According to Carin Miller, an education specialist at the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, "Eclipse glasses are a mixed material. They have card stock and solar film, so they are not curbside recyclable." Our Student Council will be collecting solar eclipse glasses from April 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. There will be boxes marked in the main school hallway.

Throughout the season of Lent, there were many prayer opportunities made available for all age groups. One that I particularly find meaningful every year is the Living Stations of the Cross performed by members of our Youth Group, many of whom are former students of St. Mark School and one who currently is a student. I am so proud of the work ethic which not only these students have but also their "directors". Practices began in January, and were faithfully attended. This is a huge commitment for the adult directors as well as the student actors. There are even some former students who return to assist however they are needed largely due to the bond of friendship that is made. It was such a pleasure for me to see these Stations of the Cross performed twice this year, once here and at OLA. Stations of the Cross have always held a special meaning for me. Seeing the agony on the faces of Mary and Veronica, the feelings Judas goes through as he trades his friendship with Christ for a few pieces of silver, seeing how creatively amazing Jesus walks on water, and experiencing that long walk to Golgotha as an onlooker are only a few of the memories I share with you. I would highly suggest if you have not seen these performed, make time next year because you will not be disappointed. Special thanks to Matt, Jason, Michael, and Thalia for making possible this ministry of young adults walking the passion of Christ and making it available to all of us. Your dedication to our Youth Group Living Stations of the Cross allows us to continue our mission of providing Catholic education to our youth, bringing a deeper relationship with Christ to our adults, and supporting those in need through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Mrs. Cocita



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER