

# TV Mass Guide

April 5 to 26, 2026

## CHRIST IS RISEN



SUNDAY  
**Mass**  
AT MERCY HOME

## **Sunday Mass at Mercy Home**

Sundays, 9:00 AM, WGN-TV, Channel 9, Chicago.

Consult local TV listings for cable channel.

The Sunday Mass at Mercy Home TV Mass Guide is published monthly, free of charge.

Enroll individuals into the Child Saving Union of Prayer and receive a beautiful enrollment folder as a remembrance. Send requests to:

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls  
1140 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60607-2906  
(800) 583-2455

## **Sunday Mass at Mercy Home is sponsored through the generosity of our viewers.**

TV Monthly Mass Guide (ISSN 1084-0834)

Vol. 34, No 5, April 5-26, 2026

Published by Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

**Printer: The Mission Press**

**Design & Layout: Donahue Advertising & Design**

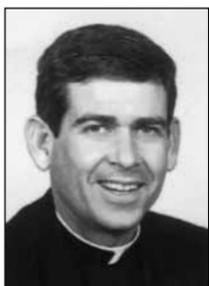
**Editor: Mary Anne Leonard**

**Editorial Director: Rev. L. Scott Donahue**

Liturgical texts herein approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and confirmed by the Apostolic See. The English translation of the psalm responses from the Lectionary for Mass, © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Committee on +English in the Liturgy Corporation, (ICEL); excerpts from the English translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010 ICEL. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America, second typical edition © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. Used with permission. All rights reserved. No portion of this text may be reproduced by any means without permission in writing from the copyright owner All World Library Publications and/or GIA Publications, Inc. songs are reprinted with permission, unless other ownership is indicated. If any omission or infringement of copyright has occurred through oversight, upon notification amendment will be made in future issues. All rights reserved, including reproduction by mimeograph, mechanical, photographic or electronic means without written permission from the copyright holder.

Published with Ecclesiastical Approval.

## Fr. Scott's Corner



Happy Easter! I pray that you will find peace, comfort, hope, and all of the blessings of this most holy season by worshipping with our “Parish of the Airwaves” through this month of April as we bear witness to Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection.

On Palm Sunday, we witness Jesus entering the city of Jerusalem, knowing the path that lay ahead of him. Jesus is understood to be the suffering servant, who suffers for us so that we might be forgiven for our sins. Jesus appears to understand what is happening to him – that he must suffer and die – whereas his followers, those who are always with him, do not understand this. In essence, he is isolated from the very people who are closest to him. Still, Jesus is obedient to God despite the sorrow and misunderstanding that he feels.

At the Last Supper, Jesus shares a meal with his Apostles, during which they all drink from the same cup. Through this act of sharing, they are participating in a new covenant, one in which all people – not only the Apostles – will share in the experience of salvation.

After Jesus’ resurrection from the dead, his Apostles begin sharing their experiences of the Risen Lord with others, those who were not just within Jesus’ immediate group of followers. Because of Jesus’ death and resurrection, we as Christians are called to let Christ take hold of our hearts, allowing love to take over our lives. One can symbolically look at this as a transition from living in a state of darkness to living in the light, in that we are called to follow Jesus’ example, living a life of love.

This Easter season, remember that through Jesus, we experience a relationship with the Lord, who loves us unconditionally. Also remember that through Jesus’ death and resurrection, we participate with Jesus in his triumph over sin, evil, and death itself.

During this Easter season, may God’s peace, power, and presence bring a renewal of faith, hope, and peace in your life. Know that you and your intentions have a place in my prayers and in the prayers of the rest of our Mercy Home family.

**Please join us for our one-hour Sunday Mass at Mercy Home special on Easter Sunday, April 5th at 9:00 a.m. on WGN-TV, Channel 9. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will be our celebrant for this special hour of worship.**

## Partners in Prayer

Cooper didn't want to tell his grandmother about the suspension.

She warned him the last time he got in trouble at school that he might get kicked out of her house if it happened again. And he intended to stay out of trouble. But since his mom died, anger seemed to erupt out of him uncontrollably.

A wrong word or look from a classmate would turn into a fistfight. And he took his anger out on his grandmother, too. He would find himself yelling at her and losing his temper over small things.

His grandmother was elderly and in poor health. When Cooper's mom died from cancer, she took him in because there was nobody else. His dad had never been in the picture, and there was no other family. But she was not prepared to raise a teenage boy, and Cooper hadn't made things any easier on her.

His behavior at school had earned him detentions and suspensions. And after the last incident, his principal was threatening to expel Cooper if he didn't shape up.

Unfortunately, Cooper's good intentions weren't enough to keep him out of trouble.

When Cooper arrived home after being suspended, his principal had already called his grandmother. She was waiting for him in their living room, very upset. She told Cooper that he was going to have to start to see a therapist to learn better ways to deal with his anger.

Cooper didn't want to go to a therapist, but his grandmother told him that it was the only way he would be allowed to continue living in her home. So, he agreed.

But even though he met weekly with his therapist, he struggled to share his feelings. Very little progress was made.

Cooper's therapist, recognizing that Cooper needed more support than his grandmother was able to give him, recommended Mercy Home. She explained that not only would Cooper receive therapeutic support to deal with his grief and anger, he would also get help with his schoolwork, receive career guidance, and build other key skills to grow into a successful adult.

Cooper wasn't sure that Mercy Home was the right place for him. But he also knew that he was in danger of being expelled from school and being kicked out of his grandmother's home. He agreed to give it a try.

Cooper had weekly visits with his Mercy Home therapist, as well as family therapy with his grandma and group therapy with the other boys living at the Home. Cooper also learned healthy ways to deal with his anger. Instead of getting into fights, he's learned to express himself through writing or art, or burn off some energy in our gym playing basketball. His outbursts have greatly reduced, and we are so proud of the progress he has made.

Cooper also saw a big change in his grades. Before, he spent most of his school days in the principal's office and didn't spend time focusing on learning. But with the support of our coworkers and a tutor, his grades have improved, and he feels more confident in the classroom.

Best of all, Cooper's relationship with his grandmother has greatly improved. They are communicating better than before, and she's proud of the progress he is making. When he goes home on weekends and holidays to visit, the time spent together is peaceful.

We are so proud of all Cooper has accomplished, and it's thanks to your prayers and support.

## Father Scott's Partners in Prayer:

*A special Partnership for the sake of Mercy's kids  
and for our Sunday TV Mass.*

You can make a difference in the life of a troubled child. Father Scott needs Partners to pray for our kids at Mercy Home—and also faithful Partners to help broadcast *Sunday Mass at Mercy Home*.

By pledging your support and your prayers, you're offering a precious gift to Mercy's kids—and helping our community of faith join together every week.

**Dear Father Scott,**

Yes, I'll be a Partner in Prayer for our kids. I will also try to send a monthly offering to our *Sunday Mass at Mercy Home* of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

## Communion Hymn

### The Love of the Lord

All that I counted as gain Now I consider as loss,  
Empty and worthless to me In the light of the love of the Lord.

Riches and honors will fade, Earthly delight disappear,  
Fade like the grass of the field In the light of the love of the Lord.

#### *Refrain*

What more could bring us hope than to know the power  
of his life?

What more could bring us peace than to share in his  
suffering and death?

What more could be our final wish than to live in the love  
of the Lord?

Silver and gold have I none, No land to count as my home,  
Yet wealth beyond measure I own In the light of the love  
of the Lord. *Refrain*

*The Love of the Lord, Text: Philippians 3:8–14; Michael Joncas, b.1951,  
Tune: CARITAS DOMINI, 7 7 7 9 D with refrain; Michael Joncas, b.1951,  
© 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.*

### Prayer for the Children of Mercy Home

Our Lady of Mercy,

We pray that you will guide, protect and bless all boys  
and girls who this day have a home called Mercy.

May they find the Father's mercy as we offer them our  
hearts in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

May they see God's mercy in action  
through our love, prayers and sacrifices.

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

## Intentions of our TV Mass Parishioners

*Please pray...*

“May the joy of Christ’s life, sacrifice and Resurrection bring light and love into all of our lives.”

**Patrick**

“For those who mourn the death of a loved one, may they find comfort in the joy of Jesus’ Resurrection.”

**Theresa**

“For the children of Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, may the Lord’s never-ending love bring hope and healing to them during this Easter Season”

**Jonathan**

“For the Holy Father and all clergy, may their words proclaiming the good news of our Lord’s Resurrection fill the hearts of people throughout the world.”

**Madeline**

**Please pray for these and all of the intentions of our Sunday Mass at Mercy Home Parish!**

The intentions on this page are selected randomly from the intention slips received from viewers.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

**Easter Mass airs from 9:00 to 10:00am WGN Ch 9**



**April 5** Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord

**Celebrant:** Cardinal Blase Cupich,  
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Chicago

**Lector:** Darryl Schimeck

**Cantors:** Daniel Riley, Kecia Waldschmidt

**Pianist:** Tom McNamara

**Violin:** Steve Winkler

**Cello:** Owen Waldschmidt



**April 12** Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

**Celebrant:** Father James Wallace  
Pastor, Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Park  
Ridge

**Lector:** Maudette Carr

**Cantor:** Daniel Riley

**Pianist:** Tom McNamara

**Sunday Mass at Mercy Home is broadcasted on these channels**

**WGN 9.1 CW Chicago (WGNtv.com)**

- Cable Channel: 9
- DIRECTV Channel: 9 or 964
- DISH Network Channel: 9 or 8494

**WGN HD 9.1 CW (WGNtv.com)**

- Digital Multicast Channel: 9.1
- AT&T U-verse Channel: 1009
- Charter Channel: 617
- Comcast Channel: 192



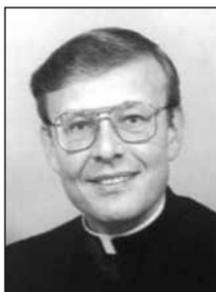
**April 19** Third Sunday of Easter

**Celebrant:** Father Jason Malave  
Pastor, Queen of Apostles Parish

**Lector:** Joyce McGuiggan

**Cantor:** Daniel Riley

**Pianist:** Tom McNamara



**April 26** Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Celebrant:** Very Reverend Greg Sakowicz  
Rector, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago

**Lector:** Adrienne Walsh

**Cantor:** Daniel Riley

**Pianist:** Tom McNamara

Channels on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

- DIRECTV HD Channel: 9
- DISH Network HD Channel: 9 or 6316
- Mediacom Channel: 725
- RCN Channel: 609
- WOW! Channel: 206

**SUNDAY**  
**Mass**  
**AT MERCY HOME**

# ORDER OF THE MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE CHANT

### GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

Or:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or:

The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

### GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## **COLLECT PRAYER**

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **FIRST READING**

Reader: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### **SECOND READING**

Reader: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### **GOSPEL**

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to\_\_\_.  
People: Glory to you, O Lord.  
Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **HOMILY**

**Sunday, April 5**  
**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**  
**OF THE LORD - Year A**

**FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*      10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

“You know what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did  
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

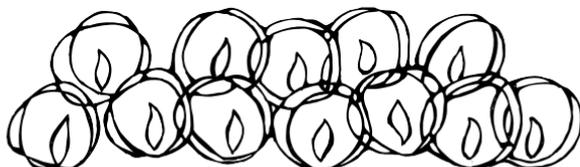
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted  
that he be visible,  
not to all the people, but to us,  
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people  
and testify that he is the one appointed by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.  
Or: Alleluia.*

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians*      3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
    where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears,

    then you too will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

[Alternate: First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 5:6b-8]

## **SEQUENCE:** *Victimae paschali laudes*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

    Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems;

    Christ, who only is sinless,

    Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

    The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

    What you saw, wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, who is living,

    The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;

Bright angels attesting,

    The shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;

To Galilee he goes before you.”  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9*

On the first day of the week,  
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,  
while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.  
So she ran and went to Simon Peter  
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,  
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,  
and we don’t know where they put him.”  
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.  
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter  
and arrived at the tomb first;  
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there,  
but did not go in.  
When Simon Peter arrived after him,  
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,  
and the cloth that had covered his head,  
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.  
Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed.  
For they did not yet understand the Scripture  
that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Alternate: Luke 24:13-35]

[Other Alternate: Matthew 28:1-10]

**Sunday, April 12**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) - Year A**

**FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles      2:42-47*

They devoted themselves

to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life,  
to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone,

and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common;

they would sell their property and possessions

and divide them among all according to each one's need.

Every day they devoted themselves

to meeting together in the temple area

and to breaking bread in their homes.

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart,

praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.

And every day the Lord added to their number those who were  
being saved.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
or: Alleluia*

**SECOND READING**

*A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,

and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you  
who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith,  
to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.  
In this you rejoice, although now for a little while  
you may have to suffer through various trials,  
so that the genuineness of your faith,  
more precious than gold that is perishable even though  
tested by fire,  
may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor  
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
Although you have not seen him you love him;  
even though you do not see him now yet believe in him,  
you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,  
as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation  
of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31*

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."  
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
Jesus said to them 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.  
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,

and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.”  
But he said to them,

“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands  
and put my finger into the nailmarks  
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Now a week later his disciples were again inside  
and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked,  
and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.”

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see  
my hands,  
and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”

Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

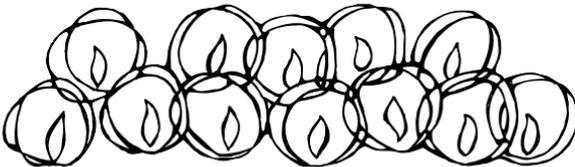
Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have  
seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples  
that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,  
and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.



**Sunday, April 19**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A**

**FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*      2:14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,  
raised his voice, and proclaimed:

“You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem.  
Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.

You who are Israelites, hear these words.

Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God  
with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs,  
which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.

This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge  
of God,  
you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.

But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death,  
because it was impossible for him to be held by it.

For David says of him:

*I saw the Lord ever before me,  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.  
Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted;  
my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,  
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,  
nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.  
You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

“My brothers, one can confidently say to you  
about the patriarch David that he died and was buried,  
and his tomb is in our midst to this day.

But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an  
oath to him

that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,  
he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ,  
that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld  
nor did his flesh see corruption.

God raised this Jesus;

of this we are all witnesses.

Exalted at the right hand of God,

he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father  
and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”

The word of the Lord.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

*or: Alleluia.*

## **SECOND READING**

*A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter 1:17-21*

Beloved:

If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially  
according to each one's works,  
conduct yourselves with reverence during the time  
of your sojourning,  
realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct,  
handed on by your ancestors,  
not with perishable things like silver or gold  
but with the precious blood of Christ  
as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world  
but revealed in the final time for you,  
who through him believe in God  
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are in God.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35*

That very day, the first day of the week,  
two of Jesus' disciples were going  
to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus,  
and they were conversing about all the things that  
had occurred.

And it happened that while they were conversing and debating,  
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them,  
but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

He asked them,

“What are you discussing as you walk along?”

They stopped, looking downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply,

“Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem  
who does not know of the things  
that have taken place there in these days?”

And he replied to them, “What sort of things?”

They said to him,

“The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene,  
who was a prophet mighty in deed and word  
before God and all the people,  
how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over  
to a sentence of death and crucified him.

But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel;  
and besides all this,

it is now the third day since this took place.

Some women from our group, however, have astounded us:

they were at the tomb early in the morning  
and did not find his body;  
they came back and reported  
that they had indeed seen a vision of angels  
who announced that he was alive.

Then some of those with us went to the tomb  
and found things just as the women had described,  
but him they did not see.”

And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are!  
How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!  
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things  
and enter into his glory?”

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets,  
he interpreted to them what referred to him  
in all the Scriptures.

As they approached the village to which they were going,  
he gave the impression that he was going on farther.

But they urged him, “Stay with us,  
for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.”

So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table,  
he took bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and gave it to them.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,  
but he vanished from their sight.

Then they said to each other,  
“Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures  
to us?”

So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem  
where they found gathered together  
the eleven and those with them who were saying,  
“The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”

Then the two recounted  
what had taken place on the way  
and how he was made known to them in the breaking  
of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Sunday, April 26**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year A**

**FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41*

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,  
raised his voice, and proclaimed:

“Let the whole house of Israel know for certain  
that God has made both Lord and Christ,  
this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart,  
and they asked Peter and the other apostles,  
“What are we to do, my brothers?”

Peter said to them,

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is made to you and to your children  
and to all those far off,  
whomever the Lord our God will call.”

He testified with many other arguments, and was  
exhorting them,

“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

Those who accepted his message were baptized,  
and about three thousand persons were added that day.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

*Or: Alleluia.*

## **SECOND READING**

*A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter 2:20b-25*

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good,  
this is a grace before God.

For to this you have been called,  
because Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example that you should follow in  
his footsteps.

*He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

When he was insulted, he returned no insult;  
when he suffered, he did not threaten;  
instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,  
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed.

For you had gone astray like sheep,  
but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian  
of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:1-10*

Jesus said:

“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate  
but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.

But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of  
the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice,  
as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads

them out.

When he has driven out all his own,  
he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him,  
because they recognize his voice.

But they will not follow a stranger;  
they will run away from him,  
because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.”

Although Jesus used this figure of speech,  
the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you,  
I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and robbers,  
but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved,  
and will come in and go out and find pasture.

A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;  
I came so that they might have life and have it  
more abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



MAY  
GOD'S  
PEACE  
GUARD  
YOUR HEARTS  
AND MINDS

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Or:

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

### PREPARATION OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### MEMORIAL (ACCLAMATION)

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Savior of the world,  
or by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## **CONCLUDING ACCLAMATION**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

## **THE COMMUNION RITE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.

## **SIGN OF PEACE**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ...for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

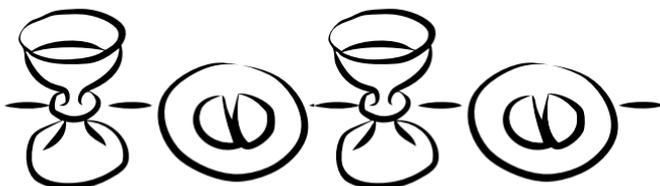
Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.



## **COMMUNION**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.

Communion minister: The Body of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

Communion minister: The Blood of Christ.

Communicant: Amen.

## **PRAYER OF SILENCE OR SONG OF PRAISE**

### ***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***

#### **THE CONCLUDING RITES**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.  
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
Go in peace.

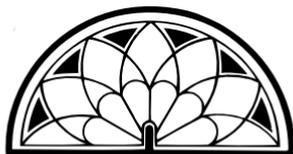
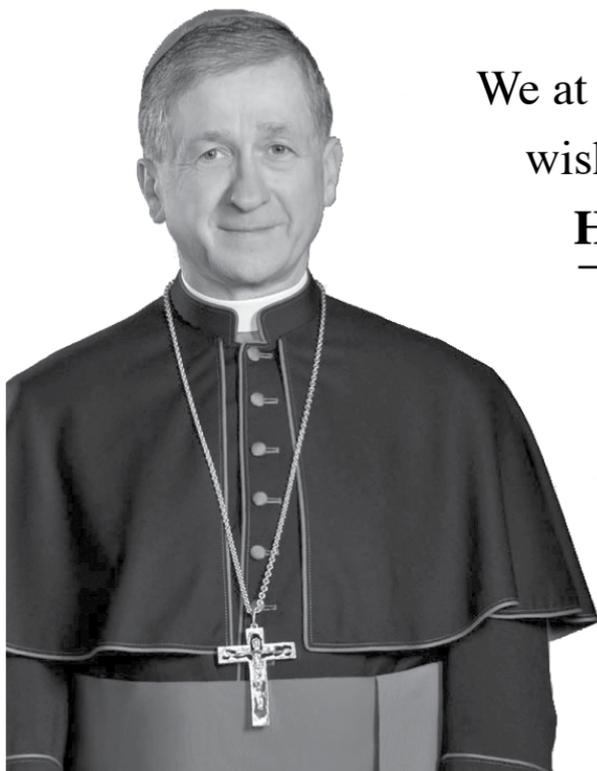
People: Thanks be to God

# HAPPY EASTER



Please join Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
on Sunday, April 5, 2026  
for Sunday Mass at Mercy Home's  
special one hour Easter Mass  
from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. WGN TV Channel 9

We at Mercy Home  
wish you a very  
**Happy Easter**



SUNDAY  
**Mass**  
AT MERCY HOME

*Easter Mass at Mercy Home  
April 5 at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
WGN TV Channel 9*

# TV Mass Notes

**Easter Mass with Cardinal Cupich will air on Easter Sunday, April 5th at 9:00 am to 10:00 am on WGN-TV**

**See what Sunday Mass has to offer online!**

- NEW TIME Sunday Mass broadcast now at **9:00 AM CT**
- Missed the live Mass? Watch the Mass each week at your convenience.
- Watch recent homilies.

Make a gift by credit card. Simply enter **[www.MercyHome.org/Mass](http://www.MercyHome.org/Mass)** in your browser or scan the QR code below.

1. Open the camera on your cell phone
2. Point at the QR code
3. A pop-up with a link to Sunday Mass will appear
4. Tap the pop-up link to be directed to Sunday Mass



SINCE 1887



**MERCY  
HOME**  
FOR BOYS & GIRLS

**1140 W. Jackson Blvd. • Chicago, IL 60607**

**Mission of Our Lady of Mercy • 1-877-MERCY55 (1-877-637-2955)**

**[www.MercyHome.org/Mass](http://www.MercyHome.org/Mass)**