

Dear Padre,

I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic “obsession” (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?



A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic’s decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, “What do you think about Mary?” The new Catholic smiled and said, “I think she’s wonderful, don’t you?” The friend responded with an embarrassed “Yes, but....”

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus’ mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the “God-man” in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis



[The disciples] had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus’ love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

Calendar

Monday
APRIL 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday
APRIL 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday
APRIL 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

Thursday
APRIL 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

Friday
APRIL 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

Saturday
APRIL 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21

Sunday
APRIL 18
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13–15, 17–19
1 Jn 2:1–5a
Lk 24:35–48



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2021



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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of April 10 – April 16

Sat 6:00 pm †Margaret Dunfield
Sun 11:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased
Sun 6:00 pm †Robert Robbins
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
Tue 8:00 am †James M. O’Neil
Wed 8:00 am †James M. O’Neil
Thr 8:00 am Marianne Weinzierl
Fri 8:00 am †Paul Bahnick, Sr.

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of April 10 – April 16

Sat 4:00 pm †Elizabeth Byrd
Sun 9:15 am Falcone & Johnson Family
Tue 6:00 pm †Souls in Purgatory, esp. Falcone & Johnson Family

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment
1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm
at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick’s Chapel
Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm