# 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?



▲ convert to Catholicism tells the story A 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 wonderfulit 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

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[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** 



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

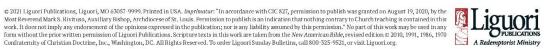
APRIL 16 Easter Weekday Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15

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





### Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission

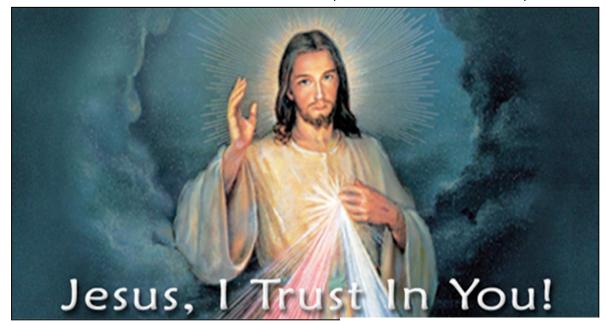
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#### **Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions**

Week of April 10 – April 16

Sat 6:00 pm †Margaret Dunfield

Sun 11:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased

6:00 pm †Robert Robbins

Mon 8:00 am NO MASS

8:00 am †James M. O'Neil Wed 8:00 am †James M. O'Neil 8:00 am Marianne Weinzierl 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