

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Sunday of the Divine Mercy**

**April 11, 2021**

**Our Mission Statement:** St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community strives to be an instrument of peace and love in Amherst County through fellowship in the Eucharist and service to the poor, the youth, the stranger and the un-churched, in cooperation with other Christian churches.

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## Readings

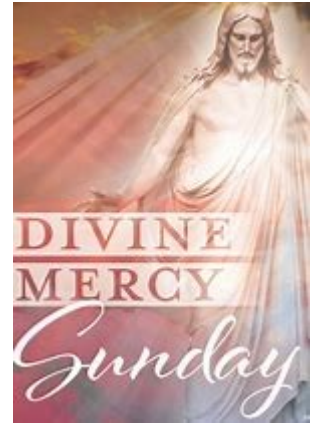
**Reading I:** Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

**Psalm:** Psalm 118

**Response:** "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting."

**Reading II:** 1 John 5:1-6

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31



## Mass Intentions

Sat., April 10 Marie Camper for Good Health and Blessings req. Marie Camper  
Sun., April 11 Birthday blessings for Sasha Swift Bogdewic req. Marlene Swift  
Wed., April 14 Birthday blessings for Leonardo Infante req. Marlene Swift

## Prayer List

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD...**Becky Baudaillier, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Brian Miles, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Angus Topfer, Kevin Williams, and Tillie & George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

## Gospel Message

The timely recollection of the 'eight days after,' which is the Sunday after the Resurrection, permits us to tie our reflection to one of the most significant Eucharistic hymns composed by another Thomas, St Thomas Aquinas. In the *Adore Te Devote*, which refers to the Eucharist, we read: '*Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgement of you. But hearing suffices firmly to believe*'. Combining these words with today's Gospel we can justly affirm that the experience '*to see*' was not denied to us, but it is in contrast with the Apostle Thomas' physical experience, who was able to put his own finger into the holes in Christ's hands and side, whilst we can only comprehend it in the faith which is guarded and transmitted by the Church, our Mother and Teacher.

That which we *'have not seen'* is therefore the glorious Body of the Risen One. However, today we have the ability to *'listen'* to the Word of God and the Magisterium of the Church and so we can *'see'* the real Body of Christ which is the Eucharist. We can *'see'* His Mystical Body which is the Church. We can *'see'* Him in our lives and in the lives of our many brothers who, after meeting the Lord in a real but mysterious way, are united to Him in His Spirit! <http://www.clerus.org/Congregation for the Clergy>

### St. Francis News and Notes

⇒ The VA Health Dept. is giving out COVID vaccines at 301 North Main St., (old Food Lion) Gretna VA. on April 15 and 22. Please call Lisa at 434.432.3271 for an appointment. A parishioner told us she was able to get either the J&J, Moderna, or Pfizer vaccine.

### April Birthdays

Faith Dione	1
Patricia Meznarich	6
Marlene Swift	7
Phil Greenwood	15
Isabel Newcomb	19
Nancy Goulde	20
Nancy Herr	24
Rose Marie Hieber	25
Amanda Douthat	25



**Mass Times:** Wed. 1:05 pm, Sat., 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am; **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.

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