



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL
 ST. THOMAS A BECKET CHURCH

April 12, 2026

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Directory
Mass Schedule ▪ Press 1

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Our Pastor | Father James Callahan
Press 3

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Mass Schedule	
Saturday	Sunday
4PM St. Thomas A Becket	8AM St. Joseph's Chapel 10:30AM St. Thomas A Becket
Daily Mass ▪ Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	
9AM ▪ St. Thomas A Becket Daily Masses are canceled when school is delayed/canceled due to weather	
Confession ▪ Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturday ▪ 3PM ▪ St. Thomas A Becket Or by appointment	
Eucharist Adoration	
Tuesday After 9:00AM Mass In the event a cancellation is necessary it will be announced	
Rosary Group	
Tuesday ▪ 6:45PM ▪ St. Joseph's Hall For more information contact Liz via voice or text 774.364.2158	

Sunday of Divine Mercy
" Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting."

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 12, 2026

Apr 11	SATURDAY 7:30PM	PASTORS' INTENTIONS
Apr 12	SUNDAY 8:00AM	SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (+) Deceased Members of The Aliquo Family Req by: Rosemary & Joe
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (+) Joseph & Beatrice Jannette and Deceased Members of Their Family Req by: The Family
	SUNDAY 2:00PM	CONFESSIONS & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET St. Thomas A Becket Church
Apr 13	MONDAY 9:00AM	NO MASS
Apr 14	TUESDAY 9:00AM	NO MASS
Apr 15	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM	NO MASS
Apr 18	SATURDAY 7:30PM	(+) Gordon & Barbara Young <i>Req By: The Family</i>
Apr 19	SUNDAY 8:00AM	(+) Kenneth, Sarina & Nunzio Celona <i>Req by: The Family</i>
	SUNDAY 10:30AM	(+) Shirley & John Armendo <i>Req by: Joe & Linda Tomaino</i>

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There are few saints who have such widespread popularity as Francis. His simple, absolute devotion to the Gospel and to poverty has indelibly shaped Christian spirituality, and his work to renew the church has borne fruit far beyond the limits of his life on earth. Francis had dreams of becoming a knight on the battlefield. Around 1202, Francis was part of a military campaign against the neighboring city-state of Perugia and was taken captive. In their prison, he ended up a broken and disillusioned young man. It was after his return from prison, and during the recovery that followed, that Francis' life was changed. He began to reconcile his ideals of winning honor and glory in battle with a deeply-felt call to give away everything he had in order to follow Christ. When Francis took up with his friends again, he was noticeably distracted and distant. People would remark that Francis must be very deeply in love. **"YES," HE WOULD REPLY, "I AM GOING TO TAKE A WIFE MORE BEAUTIFUL AND WORTHY THAN ANY YOU KNOW."**

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Parish Weekly Collection Week of: April 5, 2026	
Envelopes	\$1,044.00
Anonymous Cash	\$762.00
Loose Checks	\$915.00
On-Line Giving	\$826.75
Total	\$3,547.75
Special Collections That Stay in the Parish	
Fuel	\$155.00
Maintenance	\$70.00
Easter	\$1,018.00
Parking Lot	\$5.00
Mass Stipends	\$60.00
Total	\$1,308.00
Additional Collections That Leave the Parish	
Good Friday/Holy Land Shrines	\$464.00
Total	\$464.00
Total Collection	\$5,319.75

Thank You for Your Generosity 



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord made possible through the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Thank you to those who have made a gift to the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal of \$31,000.


To date 35 families have responded, with gifts totaling \$17,275!

We need everyone's support to be successful. If you have not yet completed a gift envelope, please complete one found in the pews and return in the collection basket. Gifts may also be made at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!



**TUESDAYS AFTER
9:00AM MASS**

**EUCHARISTIC
Adoration**



NO CLASS SUNDAY APRIL 19 SPRING BREAK

**ELEMENTARY GRADES MEET
SUNDAY MORNINGS ON AN
ALTERNATING SCHEDULE**

Regular Class Sun Apr 12

**MS/HS/CONFIRMATION PREP GRADES
MEET SUNDAY EVENINGS**

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION
www.saintfrancisofassisparish.com



SATURDAY, APRIL 18 • 8AM - 12PM

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

Don't miss our Multi-Family Indoor Yard Sale Saturday April 18th from 8am to 12pm.

This is your chance to find some great deals.

Some of the treasures you can find: glass bottles, baskets, Christmas decorations, pots for plants, clothing, books, glassware, cushions, racks, odds & ends plus a Nordic Track, Large Exercise Ball and Much More. Coffee, Muffins and Donuts will be for sale too.

FOR ALL OF US YARD SALE FANS WE CAN GET THE THRILL OF A DEAL WHILE STAYING WARM AND DRY INSIDE!

As a faith community we are here to share each others experiences and lift each other in prayer.

TO BE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LINE CONTACT

Vickie King 978.355.4830 vickieking99@gmail.com
Linda Tomaino 978-355-9057. tomainol@verizon.net

PRISCILLA MCGLYNN IS OUR PARISH OUTREACH COORDINATOR

One of her responsibilities is sending cards to parishioners experiencing illness, hospitalization or loss. Please call Priscilla at 508.882.3128 to let her know who may need a card (please include their address) so they know that they are in our thoughts & prayers.

The Divine Mercy Sunday Indulgence

2pm Sunday, April 12
St. Thomas A Becket Church

What Is Divine Mercy?

The message of Divine Mercy is simple: God loves all of us! Jesus wants us to realize that his mercy is greater than our sins so we will trust in him, receive his mercy, and let it flow through us to others. The Divine Mercy devotion is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, a twentieth-century Polish nun who received revelations from Jesus about his mercy. Learn more at thedivinemercy.org.

How Is it Connected to Holy Week and Easter?

Jesus demonstrated God's love and mercy by dying and rising to free us from our sins and give us eternal life. The Divine Mercy image shows the Risen Christ with rays of red and white light emanating from the wound in his side, representing the Blood and water that flowed from his Heart on the Cross. Thus, the Divine Mercy novena, which is one aspect of the devotion, begins on Good Friday and concludes before the last day of the octave of Easter, which is called Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day, the Church makes a plenary indulgence available to the faithful. Find the novena online: thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.

What Is an Indulgence?

When God mercifully cancels the eternal punishment of our sins, temporal punishments remain. We can be purified through suffering, penance, prayer, the works of mercy, and indulgences. If we have the proper disposition and meet certain conditions, the Church dispenses to us the merits of Christ and the saints, canceling out our temporal punishments. We can also gain indulgences for the dead. A partial indulgence removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin, while a plenary indulgence removes all of it.

How Can I Gain the Divine Mercy Sunday Plenary Indulgence?

Go to Confession within about 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12, 2026).

Receive Holy Communion (preferably on the day, or the days before or after).

Prayer for the pope's intentions: popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy.

All Parishioners and non-parishioners are invited to partake in a holy hour at St. Thomas A Becket Church on 398 Vernon Avenue, Barre MA. from 2pm to 3pm where confessions will be made available. At the end of the Holy Hour, we will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet, pray for the Pope's Intentions, and offer benediction.

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A complete job description is available upon request.

Office of Healing & Prevention

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester.

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, we encourage you to come forward and speak out. The Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette. A report can be made by phone to a confidential line, 508-726-2880 or by email jaudette@woresterdiocese.org. If the report is made by mail, please send it to: Judith Audette, Victim Assistance Coordinator, The Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609



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