

# St. Clare

236 S. Beach Boulevard



# Catholic Church

Waveland, MS 39576

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**“My Lord and  
my God!”**



**W**hy wasn't Thomas with the other apostles the first time Jesus appeared to them? Maybe Thomas was so discouraged that he just wanted to be alone, or perhaps he was hiding somewhere else. Whatever the case, he didn't believe that Jesus had really appeared to the disciples that night (John 20:25). He had to see the risen Christ for himself.

Jesus knew this, so exactly one week later, he appeared again, this time to all the apostles. When Jesus invited Thomas to put his hand in his wounds, Thomas exclaimed, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

What an appropriate Gospel passage for Divine Mercy Sunday! In his great mercy, Jesus deeply desired that Thomas believe that he had truly risen—so much so that he may have come back especially for him.

The Gospels are filled with examples of Jesus' mercy, from his healing of people who were blind or sick to his compassion for

those who were far from home and needed something to eat. Of course, his greatest act of mercy was his self-offering on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

“Tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy.” That's the message Jesus gave to the Polish nun Sr. Faustina Kowalska in 1931 (*Diary*, 699). This is a mercy that knows no bounds, that longs for every single person to receive it and be saved, no matter how far they have strayed. We have trouble conceiving it because it is so unlike anything we have ever encountered here on earth!

No matter how long we've followed Jesus, we are all in need of his mercy and compassion. Even Thomas, his very own apostle, needed it! Today make time to gaze on the Divine Mercy image of Jesus and ask him to give you the grace to believe in the depths of his mercy. Then exclaim with Thomas, “My Lord and my God!”

~ *The Word Among Us*

## **Our Mission:**

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**Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday**

- ◆ 1st Reading— Acts 4: 32-35
- ◆ 2nd Reading— 1 John 5: 1-6
- ◆ Gospel Reading— John 20: 19-31

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**Church Office Hours:**.....  
 Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Holidays change these days and hours.)

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays - 1 hour before 4:00 PM  
 Vigil Mass, by appointment, or anytime during office hours.  
 Call the office ahead to schedule a time.

*In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:** **\$5,507**  
**Holy Thursday \$453.00** **Good Friday \$585.00**

**Pope Francis gives 3 reasons to pray the rosary.**  
 † First, he said that the Rosary is a "compendium of the entire history of our salvation."  
 † Then, the Pope noted, the "Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil."  
 † Finally, the Pope said, it is "an effective means of obtaining true peace in our hearts."  
 All are welcome to stay and pray the Rosary after morning Mass and after the 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Weekend Masses, the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before Mass.



The Altar Flowers are a great way to honor and remember loved ones.  
 Gayle Probus is the contact person to have your special arrangement done.  
 228-342-3025

Intentions available for the living (SP) or Deceased (+). Check with the office for date availability.



*Mass Intentions*

<b>Monday, April 8</b>	No Mass	Laura Arnold +
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	8:30 a.m.	Bill Bradford +
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	6:00 p.m.	Gerry Boelte +
<b>Thursday, April 11</b>	8:30 a.m.	Benton & Persis Williams +
<b>Friday, April 12</b>	8:30 a.m.	Madonna Boos +
<b>Saturday, April 13</b>	4:00 p.m.	Des Bourgeois +
<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	8:30 a.m.	Sick of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	Bill Bradford +
	5:30 p.m.	Erwin Laviolette +



April 7	Pope Francis
April 8	Fathers Bernard Papania & Daniel Patino
April 9	Fathers Dominic Vu Xuan Pham & Thang John Pham
April 10	Fathers Tomasz Powroźnik & Ken Ramon-Landry
April 11	Father Donbosco Puthiyakunnel
April 12	Father Mark Ropel
April 13	Fathers Alwin Samy & Jacob-Matthew Smith, OFM



Alan Thomas, Alice Richardson, Alice Rosemann, Allan & Marilyn Murphey, Angie Leggett +, Ann Mendro, Ann Vanderslice +, Ava Hirstus, Beverly Emerick, Bill & Mary Gillen, Bruce Cranmer, Bruce Necaie, Carlene Albert, Casey Holfus, Caspian Smith, Cathy Smith, Cherie Carlson, Cooper Dupiere, Courtney Smith +, Crysta Schoonmaker, Damian Colato, Dan & Barbara Squillante, Dann7 & Daren Reinhart, Dave & Laurie Stepro, David Wynot, Debbie Lee, Debra & Charles Smith family, Diane Perkins, Dominic Porter, Eileen & Derek Knight, Eleanor Lott & family, Ellen Roche; Ellen, Claire, Austin & Tyler Palmer; Erin, Amanda & Preston Cloyd, Faye Monti, Gloria Duvieilh, Harry Saale, Helen Simpson, Jan Shinskie, Janeal McKee, Jill Taylor, Jimmy Ferry, Joey Marshall +, Johanna Lae; John, James, Joseph & Michael; Jolene Joachim & family, Joseph C Algero, Jr. +, Judy Finley family, Judy Gomila, Kathleen Thriffeley Sammons, Katie Maxwell, Kay Wingate, Kolwe family, Kyle & Marca Stephens, Laura F White, Laurie Lusk, Lisa Menne, Liz Lirette, Loretta Hunter, Lou Samuels, Louis Bourgeois, Louis Smolensky, Lynn & Cookie Naquin, Maddie Monnerjan +, Marcy Morreale, Margie & Brian Schmitt, Marie Beaugez, Marilyn Grillo, Marilyn Hingle, Marilyn Smith, Mary Ann Ferry, Mary Lou & Gene Ferry, Melissa Weking, Michael Hunter, Michael L, Nona Mumme, Paddy Cook, Pam Dedeaux, Pat Cuevas & family, Pat Maness, Patty LaBranche, Randall Shanks, Rebekah Arrington, Rex Probus, Ricardo James Saeja, Richard Deidrich, Jr., Robert Britton, Rose Cooper, Rose Marie Ginn, Roxanne Colson, Rusty & Mary Waldrep, Ruth Anne Ragusa, Sara S Ford, Scott Fayard, Sharon & Gilbert Tosso; Shawn, Arden & Addie Quigley, Sissy Favre, Steve Carlson, Steve Landry, Tiffany Garvey, Tom & Darlene Lundin, Tom Worrel, Vivian & Eugene Piergalski family, William Caddell, Wyatt.

*“Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects” (James 5:16-17).*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$5.00 membership.

**BAPTISM:** To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call the Church Office at (228) 467-9275. Parents and godparents should also attend a Baptism class.

**CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY:** Meets each Friday at 10:00 a.m., a group meeting to study the Diary of St. Faustina & incorporate with Scripture and the Catechism. Contact Suzan Cox at (601) 209-6811 or [suzan713@gmail.com](mailto:suzan713@gmail.com).

**GRIEF MINISTRY:** Meets to support, encourage and equip those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, leave a message at the Parish Office or contact Sherry at (228) 332-0256.

**HOME BOUND:** Volunteers bring Communion to the Home Bound. Volunteers must be trained as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Contact Paul Pitts, Jr. for more information (228) 216-0091.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/LADIES AUXILIARY:** Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—6:30 meeting. The Assembly meet on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting. **Ladies Auxiliary** meet every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

**MARRIAGE PREP:** Please contact Leslie and Terry Asher (228) 467-9275 if you are engaged and wish to be married at St. Clare. Marriages must be scheduled 6 months in advance.

**OVER 50'S GROUP:** All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). Luncheons 2nd Wednesday & Bunco 3rd Tuesday. Call Janis for details (228) 324-8715.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST CLARE CONFERENCE:** (228) 342-4117/[stclaresvdp1@gmail.com](mailto:stclaresvdp1@gmail.com). Utilities help and limited food pantry available. In-person interviews Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am-1 pm.

**WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:** We invite all parishioners to join St. Clare as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or [lwalden855@gmail.com](mailto:lwalden855@gmail.com).

# PARISH NEWS



The Hallow App we had free access to during Advent and Lent has now expired. If you provided a credit card number to Hallow and do not wish to be billed, please be sure to cancel your 'paid' subscription. Many thanks to those who worked to make this resource available to us during the seasons of Advent and Lent!

Fr. Jacob-Matthew will attend the Priest's Retreat April 8—10, therefore a Communion Service will be held Tuesday 4/9 in lieu of the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Regular daily Masses will resume Wednesday, 4/10 at 6:00 pm.



Do you need a statement from St. Clare of your 2023 tithing (donations) for your tax preparer? The deadline is quickly approaching to file taxes!

Please send an email including your name to [finance@stclare-catholic.com](mailto:finance@stclare-catholic.com) requesting a statement be sent as soon as possible.

**The tax filing  
deadline is**



The **Over 50's** group is open to anyone aged 50 or older. This group has been meeting for years to fellowship over lunch, an afternoon of BUNCO and Sunset at the Waveland lighthouse each month. There is the occasional 'field trip' also. Please join us!

- \* Wednesday, April 10 at Yun Long Buffett for a dutch lunch at 11:30 a.m.
- \* Tuesday, April 16 at St. Clare for BUNCO at 2:00 p.m. The cost is just \$2 to play. Bring a snack!
- \* Sunday, April 28 at the Waveland Lighthouse at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and relaxation. Bring a chair, a snack and your beverage of choice. Outdoor games are also welcome!



**Glenn Melville, Lana Noonan,  
Charles Whitmore, Troy Tallent,  
Dawn Frommeyer,  
Camryn Peterson, Diane Perkins,  
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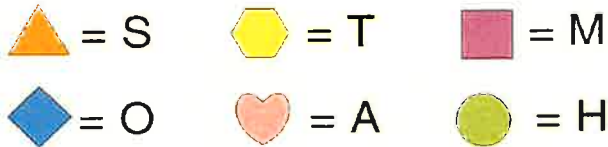
**Hello all, Coastal Charm  
is here again!**

Holy Trinity Catholic School is so grateful to everyone that supported us last year. This year, if you'd like to be a part of the fun, the theme is Coastal Charm in Oahu: A Sunset Soiree Celebrating the Beauty of the Hawaiian Islands! The \$10,000 prize this year is a magical vacation and flights for up to four people to Disney's Aulani Resort in Hawaii. Page Harder Forrest will be here April 6 & 7, selling tickets as well as selling chances to win a \$100 ticket.

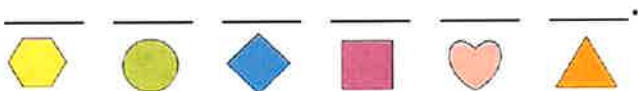
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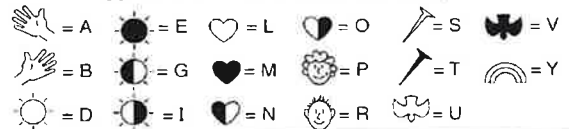
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Thomas was not with the disciples that night, so they told him what happened. He said that he needed to see the nail marks to believe it.

A week later they were together again in a locked room. Jesus came and stood among them again.

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Jesus said to Thomas,



Thomas said,



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More Details to come---stay tuned to the Church Bulletin &  
St Clare Seafood Festival Facebook Page

## Senior Friends Luncheon

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at St. Clare Parish Center

Lunch is at 12:00 Noon

Mexican lasagna, corn and dessert

Remember the 50's?

Dress like you were still a teenager – prizes given!

The current 'grocery list' for the **SVDP** food  
pantry is as follows:

**Jelly, Syrup, Sugar, Pancake Mix,  
Instant Mashed Potatoes,  
Crackers, and Spaghetti Sauce.**

SVDP is always thankful for those who contribute to  
the success of our ministry! Your time, talent and  
treasures are greatly appreciated.

## The Wisdom of the Saints—365 Days of Inspiration

**April 7**—"Your accumulated offences do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies: your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skill." ~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**April 8**—"That you may be able to know God, first know yourself." ~ St. Cyprian of Carthage

**April 9**—"Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you the strength." ~ St. Philip Neri

**April 10**—"Read some chapter of a devout book. God speaks to you when you read." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

**April 11**—"Without work, it is impossible to have fun." ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

**April 12**—"He who loses an opportunity is like the man who lets a bird fly from his hand, for he will never recover it." ~ St. John of the Cross

**April 13**—"The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course."

~ St. Boniface of Mainz

# Diocese of Biloxi Stops\*\*

Monday June 10	Tuesday June 11	Wednesday June 12	Thursday June 13	Friday June 14
Our Lady of the Gulf 10 AM Mass  5 PM Exposition/ Holy Hour	Mass at OLG 7 AM  Walk to Holy Family Parish begins at 8 AM  Adore Event 6—8 PM at Holy Family	Mass at St. Paul's Chapel in Pass Christian at 6 AM  Walk to St. Thomas Long Beach  Adoration 12-1 PM	Mass at St. Thomas in Long Beach  Walk (9 miles) to St. James in Gulfport.	Mass at St. James in Gulfport at 8 AM  Walk to St. Alphonsus in Ocean Springs following Mass.

**\*\*Please be informed there could be changes in this schedule of events/days/time/locations.**

## Pilgrims Walking Training

In preparation for the upcoming Diocese of Biloxi Pilgrimage tour activities, St. Clare would like to put together a group of parishioners interested in being part of the activities during the week of June 10—14. In addition to learning more about the weeklong activities, there will be the opportunity to do some walking training. More information will be provided closer to this time, but feel free to contact Michelle in the Church Office to add your name to the list to lead walking groups. [Michelle@stclare-Catholic.com](mailto:Michelle@stclare-Catholic.com) or 228-467-9275.

It is not too late to order your T-Shirt for the upcoming Eucharistic Revival and the pilgrimage tour that will happen along the Gulf Coast during the week of June 10—14, 2024.

All T-Shirt sizes are \$20.00. A sample T-Shirt is displayed in the Gift Shop. Order forms are available to order your size if not readily available. Terry Calhoun is the point of contact for T-Shirt purchases and orders.



Do you want to experience your faith more deeply and live it in your daily life? To enrich your relationship with God, no matter how strong it may be right now? Are you looking for a faith journey? Do you want to become more confident in and enthusiastic about your faith and in sharing it in the secular world? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then Cursillo is for you. Applications are available on the table in the hallway.

**Men’s Weekend—April 25—28, 2024** Contact Charles Walden at [cwaldensr1@gmail.com](mailto:cwaldensr1@gmail.com).

**Ladies Weekend—June 27—30, 2024** Contact Shelby Miserendino at [samiserendino22@gmail.com](mailto:samiserendino22@gmail.com).



- ✠ Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ✠ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the chapel 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ✠ **Adorers are needed for Wednesday.**
- ✠ Contact Terry Callhoun at 228-671-8063.

The Gospels recount how those who encountered Christ when he walked the dusty roads of Galilee had their lives changed forever.

People are still coming face to face with Jesus, and his presence continues to convert sinners. Only this time his disciples are gazing upon him in the form of bread, contained in a gilded vessel placed on an altar.

“Nonbelievers will tell you you’re wasting your time, and you have to explain to them, ‘I actually believe that piece of bread there has been mystically transformed into the body and blood of Jesus. There is a reality there,’” said Michael Schmidt, 30, of El Paso, Texas.

“Modern society can be very superficial, but there is nothing superficial about going to church and sitting or kneeling for an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament, because you couldn’t do that if you didn’t believe it,” Schmidt said. Whether he is praying the Rosary or reading a spiritual book, Schmidt said spending time with the Blessed Sacrament has changed his life for the better.



## An Opportunity to Find True Healing and Forgiveness

*Rachael's Vineyard* is a ministry that provides healing and forgiveness for women who have had abortions, and also for women and men who have suffered the effects of an abortion. And the Diocese of Biloxi will be offering this program. Rachel's Vineyard is a three-day retreat facilitated by both laypeople and clergy. The team also includes a mental-health professional to help monitor and guide the participants as they deal with a number of emotions and feelings. The participants of this wonderful weekend are able to experience the true healing touch of Jesus.

**The next retreat weekend is April 19—21, 2024**

If you have had an abortion or know of someone who has, go to [biloxidiocese.org/Rachel](http://biloxidiocese.org/Rachel) for more information on when the weekend retreats will be offered. You can also call the private, secure number, **1-228-702-2169** for details.



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One disciple was not there.

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His name was

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Thomas was not with the disciples that night, so they told him what happened. He said that he needed to see the nail marks to believe it.

A week later they were together again in a locked room. Jesus came and stood among them again.

Use the code to fill in the blanks below.

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 ○ = D    ♠ = I    ♥ = N    ○ = R    ♣ = U

Jesus said to Thomas,

Stop

doubting

and believe

Thomas said,

My Lord

and my God

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# Saint

## Of the Week

### St. Zeno

Bishop and Patron of Newborns  
and Fishermen

**Feast Day: April 12**

**M**ost scholars agree that Zeno was born in Africa about the year 300. He received a Latin education and was made Bishop of Verona in 362. Little else is known about his life, but many of his sermons survived.

Bishop Zeno fervently fought Arianism, a school of thought which held that Jesus was not fully God but was created by God the Father. Even after Arianism was condemned at the Council of Nicaea in 325, it continued to have many supporters.

Arianism was especially strong in Zeno's neighboring diocese of Milan, where an Arian bishop held office from 354 to 374. It is said that Zeno triumphed in fighting the Arians in Verona, and it is widely believed that he was able to successfully convert and baptize a large number of pagans.

### *Charity Toward All*

**W**hen his congregation grew, Zeno built a larger church, financing it through contributions of some wealthy citizens. Zeno never tired of preaching charity, urging his parishioners to reach out and support others. He was so convincing in his pleas, it is said that none of his countrymen ever had to ask for help because it was always freely offered by the Christians of Verona

**I**n his sermons, Zeno praised his flock for their kindness and generosity, assuring them that they would find their reward in heaven, "for who can be richer than a man to whom God is to acknowledge himself debtor?" Zeno asked. Personally, Zeno chose to live in poverty, setting a vivid example for both Christians and others.



**S**ome scholars say that Zeno was persecuted and died a martyr on April 12, 371. But St. Ambrose, one of Zeno's contemporaries, wrote that he died a "happy death."

O Glorious God - Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit –  
we thank you for the life  
of your servant,  
Saint Zeno of Verona.  
May we emulate his  
virtues of humility,  
courage and fidelity.  
In following his example,  
may we always assist in  
teaching the Faith of  
the Church to those whom  
we come in contact with.  
By his heroic witness,  
may we grow in holiness  
and offer our lives back  
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Saint Zeno of Verona,  
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-Pedro de la Cruz

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brothers, sisters & deacons who  
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Kingdom. Give them Peace in  
this life and the Joy of eternal  
life, when they enter your  
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through Christ our Lord, Amen

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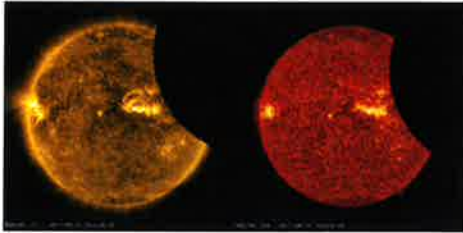


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## Monday, April 8, 2024



### WHY DOES NASA STUDY ECLIPSES?



Credit: NASA/SDO

Eclipses aren't just beautiful—they're great for science. For over a century, solar eclipses helped scientists decipher the Sun's structure and explosive events, find evidence for the theory of general relativity, and discover helium. Today eclipses help NASA predict the structure of the Sun and its impact on Earth. Total eclipses are a unique opportunity to study the Sun because they allow scientists to see a part of the Sun's atmosphere – known as the corona – that is key to answering fundamental questions about how heat and energy are transferred from the Sun out into the solar wind, the constant stream of particles that the Sun scatters into the solar system.

### WHAT IS A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE?

For a **total solar eclipse** to take place, the Sun, Moon, and Earth must be in a direct line. The people who see the total eclipse are in the center of the Moon's shadow when it hits Earth. The sky will darken, as if it were twilight. Weather permitting, people in the path of a total solar eclipse can see the Sun's corona, the outer atmosphere of the Sun. A total solar eclipse is the only type of solar eclipse where viewers can watch without their eclipse glasses – and they can only remove them when the Moon is completely blocking the Sun.

A **partial eclipse** happens when the Sun, Moon, and Earth are not exactly lined up. Only a part of the Sun will appear to be covered. During a total or annular solar eclipse, people outside the Moon's inner shadow see a partial solar eclipse.



Credit: AAS

### SAFETY

Except during the total phase of a total solar eclipse, do not look at the Sun without special eye protection. **BEFORE EACH USE:** Check the front and back of each lens for damage such as scratches, pinholes, or separation from the frame. **DO NOT USE IF DAMAGED!** Cut glasses into small pieces and discard. **DO NOT** attempt to clean or disinfect eclipse glasses except with a soft, dry, nonabrasive tissue or cloth.



You can see the Sun and an eclipse with special eclipse or solar viewing glasses. **NEVER** look directly at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun without appropriate eye wear. Sunglasses are not safe to view an eclipse. For more information, visit: [go.nasa.gov/EclipseEyeSafety](https://go.nasa.gov/EclipseEyeSafety)

### ECLIPSES THROUGH THE EYES OF NASA

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America creating a path of totality.



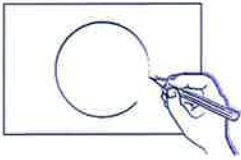
Credit: Michala Garrison and the Scientific Visualization Studio (SVS), in collaboration with the NASA Heliophysics Education Activation Team (NASA HEAT), part of NASA's Science Activation portfolio. Eclipse calculations by Ernie Wright, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

To find out where to watch, how to watch, and eclipse duration in your area, explore [go.nasa.gov/Eclipse2024](https://go.nasa.gov/Eclipse2024)

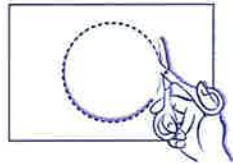
## PREDICT THE CORONA

Long before there were cameras or telescopes, eclipse watchers recorded what they saw in the sky in words, drawings, and paintings. Now NASA scientists use instruments like coronagraphs to study eclipses to make new discoveries about the Sun, Earth, and our space environment. You can have fun creating your own picture of a solar eclipse with chalk, paper, and scissors! You can do this activity before an eclipse to predict what you'll see, or after to record what you saw.

First, trace a large circle template on stiff paper.



Carefully cut out the circle.



Place the template on dark paper and hold or tape it down. Draw a thick circle or lines with chalk around the template a few times – it doesn't need to be neat!



Holding the template in place, smudge the chalk away from the center of the circle using a finger to create the corona of the Sun.



When you are done smudging, remove the circle template and add words, pictures, or fun designs.



**You've made total solar eclipse art!**



The whole family can get involved in learning about eclipses! Morgan (age 11) and Chelsea (age 8) drew these dazzling coronas.

Compare your coronagraph art to that of early to modern scientists. Which does yours most closely resemble?



Left: Drawing of the 1860 solar eclipse. Credit: G. Tempel  
Center: A coronagraph simulates a solar eclipse, blocking the Sun to reveal its outer atmosphere. Credit: NASA/ESA SOHO  
Right: Ancient rock art in Chaco Canyon may depict a total solar eclipse in 1097. Credit: National Park Service

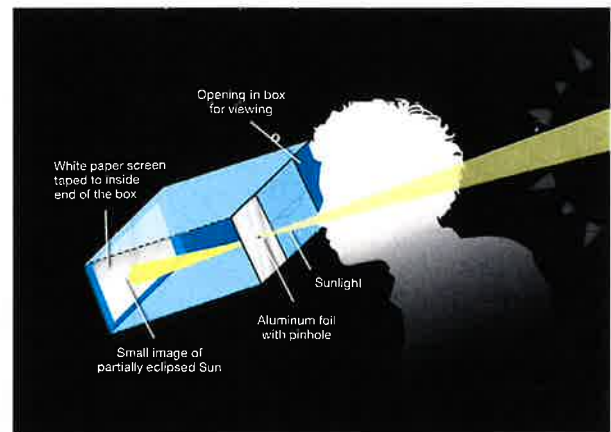
Download this activity and the Predict the Corona Cake Art extension at [science.nasa.gov/learn/heat/resource/predict-the-corona-activities](https://science.nasa.gov/learn/heat/resource/predict-the-corona-activities)

## EXPECTATION VS REALITY



The left image is a highly processed composite, assembled using a multitude of images. One may expect to see something like this; however, it is unrealistic for direct viewing. Credit: S. Habbel, M. Druckmüller, and P. Aniol. The right image is more representative of what you could expect to see if you were in the path of totality. Credit: NASA/Nat Gopalswamy. We suggest taking in this awe-inspiring moment without a device in front of you.

## MAKE YOUR OWN ECLIPSE PROJECTOR



Credit: NASA

You can make this simple eclipse projector with almost any cardboard box, paper, tape, and foil. The longer the distance from the pinhole to screen, the larger the image of the Sun will be.



Credit: NASA HEAT/J. Patrick Haas

Pinhole projectors allowed early scientists to view the shapes of illuminated objects, like the Sun, by shining the light from the object through a very small hole, projecting the image of the object onto the ground, wall, or other flat surface. These are a great method for safe solar viewing. Be sure that when using, the Sun is always behind you. Explore the 2D paper cut and 3D printed versions of the total eclipse pinhole projectors and activity. **Find More:** [nasa3d.arc.nasa.gov/detail/usa-eclipse-2024](https://nasa3d.arc.nasa.gov/detail/usa-eclipse-2024)



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Updated resources for eclipse safety, NASA science, and history.

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# THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

In the liturgical traditions of both the Eastern and Western Churches, the feasts honoring Mary hold a special place between the celebrations of the great events of Jesus' life and the commemorations of the saints and other anniversaries. When Christmas was assigned to December 25 in the 4th century, it was predictable that March 25 (9 months earlier) would eventually become a celebration of Jesus' conception. Evidence indicates that this feast originated in Jerusalem about the year 550. Its biblical foundation occurs in the Gospel of Luke (1:26-38).

Luke's infancy narrative emphasizes the theological significance of Jesus' conception and birth and presents the gospel message through them. Gabriel, the same angel who previously announced the fulfillment of God's salvation plan to the prophet Daniel (Dan 9:20-27), now announces to Zechariah the birth of John the Baptist (Lk 1:5-23) and to Mary the fulfillment of God's new salvation plan through Jesus.

The angel greets Mary as God's wonderfully graced one. He then reveals that she is to bear a son who will be a powerful Davidic king and, in fact, God's own son. Mary questions how this can be, but Gabriel replies that God's power, the Holy Spirit, will come upon her and create this new life in her. Thus, the divine initiative and origin of Jesus' earthly history is affirmed.

This feast celebrates the wondrous event that binds God and humanity forever. God's eternal son is enfleshed in the womb of Mary, who thus becomes both the mother of Jesus and the mother of God. Her "yes" begins God's work of salvation through Jesus' life, death and resurrection which will finally establish God's new, evil-free creation.

May we imitate her generous and trusting commitment by which she entrusts herself fully to God and God's mysterious ways. As with Mary, who opens her spirit, soul and body to the mystery and Word of God, so may we also conceive and nurture God's life in us.



*"What good is it if Mary gave birth to the son of God fourteen hundred years ago if I do not also give birth to the son of God in my time and culture?"*

—Meister Eckhart, OP (1260–1328)  
German theologian and preacher

## The Marian Rosary

The Marian rosary (from the Latin: *rosarium*, a rose garden, because gardens were used to designate specific places for meditation) is a Scripture-based prayer that dates back to the Middle Ages, when first German Carthusian monks and then the Dominicans popularized the practice for the laity of saying 150 *Hail Marys* instead of the 150 psalms that monks sang each week.

Pope St. John Paul II called a “compendium of the Gospel” since it draws from the Gospel both its main prayer formulas and the presentation of the mysteries for contemplation. *The Lord’s Prayer or Our Father*, which Jesus taught to his disciples (Mt 6:9-13; Lk 11:2-4) introduces each mystery. The first part of the *Hail Mary* prayer combines the angel’s words announcing Christ’s birth (Luke 1:28) and Elizabeth’s greeting to Mary (Luke 1:43). In 1569, St. Pius V officially added the second part of our Hail Mary. The *Glory Be* is a short Trinitarian formula of praise (a doxology) reminding us that all our prayer is directed to God.

While saying these prayers, one would meditate on certain biblical events referring to Jesus or Mary (the three sets of Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries still used today along with the addition by Pope St. John Paul II of the Luminous Mysteries recalling Jesus’ ministry.) To keep track and count these prayers, special strings of beads were introduced consisting of a crucifix, six large beads (for the *Our Fathers*) and fifty-three smaller ones divided into groups of ten (for the *Hail Marys*) with each group separated by a large bead.



## SAYING “YES” TO GOD

We all need to be told that God loves us, and the mystery of the Annunciation reveals an aspect of that love. But it also suggests that our response to this love is critical. Mary’s “How can this be?” is a simple yet profound response. Like any of the prophets, she asserts herself before God, saying, “Here am I.” Mary proceeds—as we must do in life—making her commitment without knowing much about what it will entail or where it will lead. I treasure the story because it forces me to ask: When the mystery of God’s love breaks through into my consciousness, do I run from it? Or am I virgin enough to respond from my deepest, truest self, and say something new, a “yes” that will change me forever?

—Kathleen Norris  
*Amazing Grace*

## MARY, MODEL OF PRAYER

At the Annunciation Mary is so open, so free, so trusting. She is completely willing to hear words that go far beyond her own comprehension. She knows that the angel’s words come from God. She seeks clarification, but she does not question their authority. She senses that Gabriel’s message will radically interrupt her life, and she is afraid, but she does not withdraw. She responds with a complete surrender and thus becomes not only the mother of Jesus but also the mother of all who believe in him. Mary’s “yes” to God’s love summarizes the deepest possible response to God’s loving action within us. God wants to let the Holy Spirit guide our lives, but are we prepared to let it happen?

—Henri J.M. Nouwen  
*The Road to Daybreak: A Spiritual Journey*

## FIAT—LET IT BE!

At the annunciation, Mary gives her assent and shows her obedience in faith. This assent, her *fiat*, is the key moment. The mystery of the incarnation is a divine mystery yet a human mystery. God’s coming is fulfilled through human action and through the obedience of faith. We too are urged by grace to have the inner attitude of faith and expectancy of all those who have waited on the Lord, all those who have believed and loved Jesus. This approach enables our faith to become vibrant as we constantly meditate and feed upon his word, which becomes the first and fundamental point of reference for our spiritual life which must be nourished by prayers of adoration and praise to God.

—Pope St. John Paul II  
*Draw Near to God*