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**St. Matthias...source Catholic Online.St. Matthias**

The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed.

But Jesus had chosen the original twelve. How could they know whom he would choose? One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice.

Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and...

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## St. Catherine of Siena

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

(25 March 1347 – 29 April 1380), a lay member of the Dominican Order, was a mystic, activist, and author who had a great influence on Italian literature and the Catholic Church. Canonized in 1461, she is also a Doctor of the Church.

She was born and raised in Siena, and at an early age wanted to devote herself to God, against the will of her parents. She joined the “mantellate,” a group of pious women, primarily widows, informally devoted to Dominican spirituality.<sup>[3]</sup> Her influence with Pope Gregory XI played a role in his decision to leave Avignon for Rome. She was then sent by him to negotiate peace with Florence. After Gregory XI’s death and peace concluded, she returned to Siena. She dictated to secretaries her set of spiritual treatises *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*. The Great Schism of the West led Catherine of Siena to go to Rome with the pope. She sent numerous letters to princes and cardinals to promote obedience to Pope Urban VI and defend what she calls the “vessel of the Church.” She died on 29 April 1380, exhausted by her rigorous fasting. Urban VI celebrated her funeral and burial in the Basilica of

Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome...see Wikipedia..

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### **Earth Day: Care for our Common Home**

April 22nd is Earth Day. Now the largest secular observance in the world, it is marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behaviour and create global, national and local policy changes. Churches worldwide back this movement wholeheartedly. The Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM), created in 2015, was the combination of two transformative events that would shape how the Church and humanity responded to the ecological crisis: the Laudato Si' encyclical release and the Paris Climate Agreement. For Earth Day news and resources, visit [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

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## **Bulletin 11th April 2021** **Divine Mercy Sunday**

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# Divine Mercy Sunday

Source Wikipedia

**Divine Mercy Sunday** (also known as the **Feast of the Divine Mercy**) is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter. The feast day is observed by Roman Catholics as well as some Anglicans.<sup>[1]</sup> It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church.

The feast of Divine Mercy, according to the diary of Kowalska, receives from Jesus the biggest promises of grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy, in particular that a person who goes to sacramental confession (the confession may take place some days before) and receives holy communion on that day, shall obtain the total expiation of all sins and punishment. That means each person would go immediately after death to heaven without suffering in purgatory. Additionally, the Roman Catholic Church grants a plenary indulgence (observing the usual rules) with the recitation of some simple prayers...consult Wikipedia