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St. William

SECOND SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

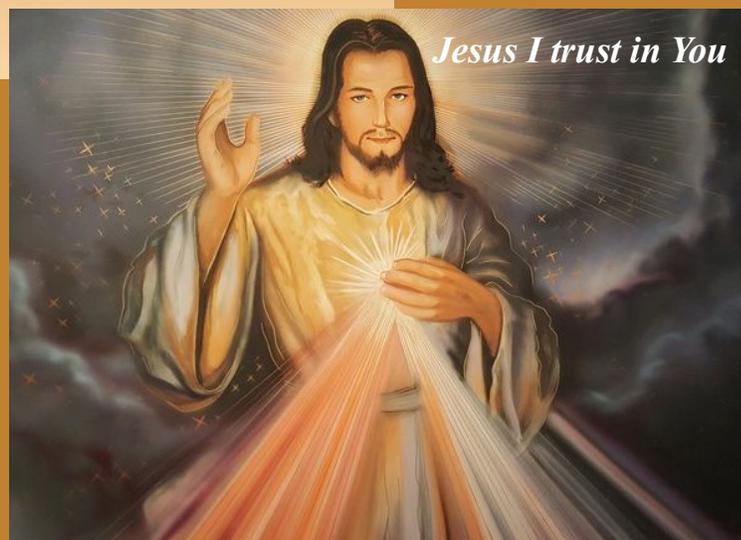
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 19, 2020



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Jesus said to Thomas,  
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”



*Jesus I trust in You*

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# Church of St. William

6200 Rising Sun Avenue  
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## Second Sunday of Easter

### Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

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(postponed)

**BAPTISM** (Lower Church)

Spanish: 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00PM  
English: 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00PM

**Pre-Baptismal Instructions (Rectory Basement)**

Spanish: 2nd Wednesday 7:00PM  
English: 1st Sunday at 1:00PM

For information or scheduling a Baptism, please email Deacon Bill Moser (English) or Sister Rose (Spanish) at the following:

deaconmoser@churchofstwilliam.com  
s.rose@churchofstwilliam.com

#### CONFIRMATION

Bishops are Ordinary ministers of Confirmation.

#### RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH

Saturday: 4:00—4:45PM  
Eve of Holy Days: 4:00—4:45PM  
Eve of First Fridays: After 12:00 Noon Mass only  
For personal request, contact the Rectory.

#### MATRIMONY

Weddings are scheduled on Saturdays at 11:00AM, 1:00PM, or 3:00PM in the Upper Church; 2:00PM in the Lower Church. Couples intending marriage must contact our Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage. Contact: [pastor@churchofstwilliam.com](mailto:pastor@churchofstwilliam.com)

For required marriage preparation contact the rectory or [PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com](http://PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com)

For wedding music contact Ken Houser, Music Director at [music@churchofstwilliam.com](mailto:music@churchofstwilliam.com).

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sacrament of healing and God's blessings for those who are sick or in serious condition. Parishioners in serious illness, please contact our parish priests. Anyone unable to attend Mass due to illness may call the Rectory to make arrangements to receive Communion in their home.

**FOCUS:** We are reconciled to God, in his Divine Mercy, through his Son.

The Church continues to celebrate and give thanks for the mystery of the Resurrection. God has anointed his only Son as our Savior and Redeemer. So with hearts full of hope, joy, and faith, let us be reconciled to God in his Divine Mercy and share that mercy with the world.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Saint Luke describes the early Christian community, as they devoted themselves to prayer, the communal life and the breaking of bread. Peter's letter stresses the living hope that believers now have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In John's Gospel, the resurrected Jesus appears to his disciples, saying, *Peace be with you* and showing them his wounds. He breathes on them, and says, *receive the Holy Spirit* and grants them the authority to forgive sins. Later, he convinces Thomas of the truth of the Resurrection.

**REFLECTION:** Thank God for Thomas! We're happy he was there to voice our rational doubts. We are also happy that the church, those new, Spirit-animated disciples, didn't give up on their recalcitrant member. Let's hope we modern Christians stay true to our call to be a forgiving community and also a healing one for those hurting in spirit and body.

#### So we ask ourselves:

- ◆ Who are the people who most influenced us in our faith in Jesus Christ?
- ◆ What current stumbling block currently limits a deeper faith in Jesus?

#### Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

1. Begin with Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, The Apostles Creed.
2. On *Our Father* beads, say:  
**Leader:** Eternal Father, I offer You the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ  
**Response:** in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On Hail Mary beads, say:  
**Leader:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,  
**Response:** have mercy on us and on the whole world.
4. Conclude with the following saying 3 times:  
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Closing Prayer: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life.

In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.

St. John Paul II explains: This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

~ Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his

heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

Divine Mercy Sunday amid a Global Crisis for those, who have been wondering, whether or not, if, it is still possible to receive the special Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday, this answer is, most definitely, yes!

In the original Vatican decree, establishing the plenary indulgence, in June of 2002, there is a special provision to still obtain the plenary indulgence without attending Mass. It is in the last section of the decree, titled "For those who cannot go to church or the seriously ill."

The document, which has perpetual force, clearly states that "all who for a just cause cannot leave their homes" "may obtain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday." We must remember, this does not remove the 3 conditions, which must be fulfilled, to receive the plenary indulgence, which are:

- ◇ a sacramental confession
- ◇ a Eucharistic communion
- ◇ and a prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff

The decree clearly states that these must be done "as soon as possible." The decree reads, as follows: "if totally detesting any sin, as has been said before, and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you)."

The decree also has many other special provisions, including "the sick and those who nurse them." The decree goes even further by saying "If it is impossible that people do even this, on the same day, they may obtain the Plenary Indulgence, if, with a spiritual intention they are united with those carrying out the prescribed practice for obtaining the Indulgence, in the usual way, and offer to the Merciful Lord a prayer and the sufferings of their illness and the difficulties of their lives, with the resolution to accomplish as soon as possible the three conditions prescribed to obtain the plenary indulgence."

There is no doubt, that Pope St. John Paul II, was guided, by the Holy Spirit, when he established this very special plenary indulgence, with every possible provision, so that everyone can obtain the incredible gift of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment.

### Sunday Collections

#### **March 29, 2020**

Sunday \$2,592  
E-Giving \$760  
Easter E-Giving \$200

#### **April 5, 2020**

Sunday \$2,765  
E-Giving \$560  
Easter E-Giving \$80

#### **April 12, 2020**

\$3,802 includes Easter, Easter flowers, Good Friday and Rice Bowl  
E-Giving \$420

*Thank you for your continued support of the parish, even while we are not together in church. We are sincerely grateful for all that you continue to do for the parish.* Fr. Al, Pastor

Listed below are sites where families can pick up free meals during this pandemic.

**Food for the family**

- Sites open Mondays (canned food / dry food) and Thursdays (produce) from 10:00am to 12:00 noon
- Families receive a box with food
- No identification is needed

**Some sites near St. William Church**

- Shekinah SDA 531 W. Chew Ave. (19120)
- Keep the Faith Ministries 1906 Harrison St. (19124)
- Philadelphia Citadel 5830 Rising Sun Ave. (19120)
- Feast of Justice 3101 Tyson Ave. (19149)



**Food for students**

- Sites open Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 12:00 noon
- Each child receives 4 breakfasts and 4 lunches
- Children are eligible at any center; no identification is needed

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- Benjamin Franklin School 5737 Rising Sun Ave. (19120)
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**For more information:  
www.phila.gov/COVID-19  
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**St. Helena's Food Cupboard**

Collection of non-perishable food items will take place this Sunday between 12:00 and 3:00pm at the Rising Sun Avenue entrance of St. William Church.



Please DO NOT leave any food donations outside of the Church, Rectory or Convent. Items can be left in a bag or box by the table in our church's Rising Sun Avenue Narthex (vestibule).

Thank you for supporting this ministry. St. Helena's Food Cupboard serves those in need within our own parish boundaries. May God bless you for thinking of others during this difficult time.

**Masses for the week of April 19, 2020**

Sunday, April 19

- 5:00pm (Vigil) Michael Staub (18th anniversary)
- 7:30am Betty Wilson (3rd anniversary)
- 9:00am Paul Kent (10th anniversary)
- 10:30am Marcial Vera (10th anniversary)
- 12:00pm Eleanor Parker
- 8:00pm Special Intention

Monday, April 20

- 6:30am Residents of PPH
- 12:00pm Donna Lydia

Tuesday, April 21

- 6:30am All Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00pm Catherine Duffy

Wednesday, April 22

- 6:30am St. Charles Seminarians & Faculty
- 12:00pm Paul Corbett

Thursday, April 23

- 6:30am IHM Sisters at Camilla Hall
- 12:00pm Jorgelina DeGil (11th anniversary)

Friday, April 24

- 6:30am People suffering with Coronavirus
- 12:00pm Steven Cosme

Saturday, April 25

- 8:00am Mary Anne Falasco (2nd anniversary)
- 5:00pm Mark Czyzewski

*Please keep the sick in your prayers.*

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Mike Montgomery          | Christopher Browne |
| Clifford Browne          | Joe Fenuto         |
| Shawn Downey             | Irene Coyle        |
| Stephanie Morgan         | Jeffrey Jubelirer  |
| Sher Anne Shea-Jubelirer | Michael Griffin    |
| Richard Shea             | Conor F. Donnelly  |
| Matthew Koreck           | Anne Krause        |
| Carmella Dick            | Donna Griffin      |
| Patricia Jordan          | Michael Wilson     |
| Loretta LaBarge          | Elizabeth Junod    |
| Betty Harding            | Francisco Perez    |
| Monroy Redondo           | Walter Aguilar     |
| Avila Aguilar            | Paula Lopez        |
| Nelson Hernandez         | Norberto Palanco   |

*Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed.*

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| Maria Efigenia Rodriguez | Carolyn Steele    |
| Ernest Trotter           | Reymond Applegate |
| Octavio Riuz             | Joseph Reinhardt  |



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- Live Divine Mercy Chaplet weekdays at 3pm CT
- Live Rosary 7:00pm CT



# Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia

## LA CORONILLA DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

(Se utiliza un rosario común de cinco decenas)

**1.** Comenzar con un Padre Nuestro, Avemaría, y Credo.

**2.** Al comenzar cada decena (cuentas grandes del Padre Nuestro) decir:

**"Padre Eterno, te ofrezco el Cuerpo,  
la Sangre, el Alma y la Divinidad  
de Tu Amadísimo Hijo,  
Nuestro Señor Jesucristo,  
para el perdón de nuestros  
pecados y los del mundo entero."**

**3.** En las cuentas pequeñas del Ave María:

**"Por Su dolorosa Pasión,  
ten misericordia de nosotros  
y del mundo entero."**

**4.** Al finalizar las cinco decenas de la coronilla se repite 3x

**"Santo Dios, Santo Fuerte,  
Santo Inmortal, ten piedad de  
nosotros y del mundo entero."**

### Del Diario de Santa Faustina Kowalska:

“Hoy, tráeme a toda la humanidad y especialmente a todos los pecadores, y sumérgelos en el mar de Mi misericordia. De esta forma Me consolarás de la amarga tristeza en que Me sume la pérdida de las almas.”.

**Roguemos para que Dios se digne mostrar Su Misericordia a toda la humanidad.**

“Jesús tan misericordioso, cuya naturaleza es la de tener compasión de nosotros y de perdonarnos, no mires nuestros pecados, sino la confianza que depositamos en Tu bondad infinita. Acógenos en la morada de Tu muy compasivo Corazón y nunca nos dejes salir de Él. Te lo suplicamos por Tu amor que Te une al Padre y al Espíritu Santo.”

**Oh omnipotencia de la Divina Misericordia,  
Salvación del hombre pecador,  
Tú eres la misericordia y un mar de compasión, Ayudas a  
quien Te ruega con humildad. Amén.**

## SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE PASCUA DOMINGO DE LA MISERICORDIA

"JESUS SE PUSO EN MEDIO Y LES DIJO:  
LA PAZ ESTÉ CON USTEDES "!

El mundo moderno y científico nos hace desconfiar de todo lo que no sea probado, o verificado. Existe gran desconfianza y duda de todo lo que trasciende respecto de la fe y aún de Dios mismo. Es el problema de la fe, en creyentes y mucho más en los no creyentes. Lo dijo Tomás, el incrédulo : "si no veo en sus manos, la señal de los clavos," etc..no creo"! Cristo desmorona nuestros planteamientos de ver antes de creer. Cuánta desconfianza e incredulidad se da en muchas personas. Jesús nos dice hay que "creer" para "ver"! Por el don de la fe, Dios ilumina la mente y el corazón y nos concede la gracia de "ver" a Jesús. La fe va creciendo y desarrollándose poco a poco. Es una conquista que va unida al amor. Los primeros cristianos eran una comunidad de fe, oración y amor! Vivían la presencia de Cristo Resucitado! Y Jesús dió el poder a los apóstoles y a sus sucesores de perdonar los pecados. Quienes se confiesan experimentan la misericordia del perdón y la alegría de la reconciliación ! "JESÚS, YO CONFÍO EN TÍ " le enseñó Jesús a Santa Faustina. Así, podemos vivir el mensaje de la misericordia. Pongamos siempre mucha confianza en la Misericordia Divina! 'Señor, ten misericordia de nosotros'..!

### Comida para la familia

- Sitios abiertos **los lunes (alimentos secos) y jueves (frutas y verduras) de 10 a.m. a 12 p.m.**
- Los residentes pueden recoger una caja por hogar.
- Los residentes no necesitan identificación

### Algunos sitios cerca de St. William:

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### Comida para los estudiantes

- Sitios abiertos **los lunes y jueves de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m.**
- Cada niño recibirá 4 desayunos y 4 almuerzos
- Cualquier niño es elegible en cualquier sitio.
- No necesitan identificación.

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