



Jesus, I trust in You

### Divine Mercy

Eugeniusz Kazimirowski (1873-1939)

What is the Octave of Easter?

By Philip Kosloski, April 24, 2019 (updated April 1, 2021)

*Easter Sunday and the following seven days present a special time to bask in the glory of the resurrection.*

The Octave of Easter is one of the lesser known liturgical celebrations in the Catholic Church. It includes Easter Sunday and the seven days that follow, culminating in the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as the Second Sunday of Easter).

8 Days of Feasting

Starting from at least the 3rd or 4th century, Christians began to extend certain feasts beyond the initial day. **This meant that the joyous celebrations of Easter Sunday were prolonged and lasted a full eight days.**

**In fact, Christians treated each day in the octave as if it were Easter Sunday.** This tradition has been preserved by the Roman Rite and many of the Eastern Rites, where the liturgical readings and actions of each day mimic what happened on Easter Sunday.

The *St. Andrew Daily Missal* further explains the connection the Easter Octave had to the newly baptized members of the Catholic Church.

*The Octave of Easter, during which formerly no servile work was done, was one continual feast. Each day the neophytes attended Mass at a [different church in Rome], at which they received Holy Communion. In the evening they went to Saint John Lateran for the Office of Vespers.*

**Furthermore, the newly baptized would wear their baptismal gowns during the entire octave.** According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, the Second Sunday of Easter "was consequently known as *dominica in albis (deponendis)*, the

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## Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

16 April 2023



Sacred Heart, Ronan  
Immaculate Conception, Polson  
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo



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*This week's office hours:*

Tuesday & Thursday 2-5 pm;

Wednesday & Friday 10 am-12 pm

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am  
Confessions are available at 10:00 am

April 16

Celebrant: Fr. Craig Hightower, SJ

April 23

Celebrant: Fr. John Robertson

**No weekday Masses available until further notice.**

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Mass times for other locations nearby:

St. Ignatius Mission at 9:00 am & 5:00 pm on Sundays

St. John Paul II at 4:30 pm on Saturdays;  
8:30 am & 10:30 am on Sundays

### Congratulations to the children receiving First Holy Communion!

Anthony Avila  
Henry Bartel  
Colton Brown  
Bill Brownell  
Keplan Cross  
Samuel Hauge  
Ryleigh Heitzman  
Miles Lewing  
Elaina Lozar  
Claire Rice  
Sadie Taylor

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Sunday of the (laying aside of the) white garments."

While these particular baptismal traditions are no longer practiced by the Catholic Church, the Octave of Easter remains a celebratory time for Christians around the world and is meant to be a joyous time to remain in the beauty of the Lord's resurrection.

As with the way Christmas is celebrated in the Catholic Church, **the Easter season only begins with Easter Sunday.** It is a season for feasting, praising God and enjoying the company of family and friends.

Gone are the fasting days of Lent! (Even the weekly Friday abstinence, which many Catholics practice all year long, is suspended on Easter Friday.) Now is the time to feast!

From Aleteia.org



### *April Events:*

April 16<sup>th</sup> - Divine Mercy Sunday:  
2nd Grade Class First Communion  
Brunch served downstairs after Mass  
Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song at 3:00 pm

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - High School Confirmation at 4:00 pm  
Risen Christ, Kalispell

#### **Food Pantry Necessities**

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.



#### ***Humbly asking for your prayers***

Marcy Bishop, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Teresa Cullis, Bud Cheff, Jr, Donna Radtke, Barbara Morin, Bill Rueth, Lois Ellis.

*Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.*

***Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2***

#### **The Holy Father's prayer intention for April**

**For a culture of peace and non-violence:** We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



#### ***Please pray for our seminarians!***

Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Alex Olmes, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Deacon Kyle Tannehill, Carter Anderson, Matt Keck, Anthony Olmes, Jack Peed, James Semling, and Kaleb Mitchell.

#### **Second Sunday of Easter**

Entrance:

*Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

Collect:

*God of everlasting mercy,  
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever*

Readings:

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

*R. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

1 Pt 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

*The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: "All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks." Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation: "So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven." (CCC 1816)*





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**406-901-8980 or [mamabearmission@gmail.com](mailto:mamabearmission@gmail.com).**

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## Catholic Social Services of Montana

will host its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual charity golf tournament on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Bill Roberts Municipal Golf Course in Helena. All funds raised benefit CSSM's adoption and family support ministries across Montana. Teams of 4 can register before July 7<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee includes 9 or 18 holes of golf, lunch, player gifts, a small donation to CSSM, and a fun day at the course with opportunities to win great prizes! For more details, including online registration, visit <https://cssm-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com>.

**Come have fun playing a round of golf and support a wonderful Catholic charity serving Montana!**



## The 5 Divine Mercy Devotions

### The Image

"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47)."

### The Feast of Mercy

"I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity... tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near." (Diary, 965)

### The Hour of Great Mercy

"At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (Diary, 1320).

### Chaplet

"Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you (1541). Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (687). When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior (1541). Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy (687). I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (687). Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (1731)"

### Novena

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw ... strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death." (Diary, 1209).

Excerpts from *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*

## A Prayer for Divine Mercy

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy—to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out: Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You, anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming—that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven (*Diary*, 1570). Amen.

### ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital  
Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm  
Friday at 9:00 am



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### Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Immaculate Conception**  
\$120,604 of \$175,000 (69%)  
**Sacred Heart/St. Joseph**  
\$26,826 of \$44,500 (60%)



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Legendary Adventure Camp integrates the raw, intense, and difficult wilderness experience with the foundations of our faith in the context of a 6-day backpacking adventure. We will celebrate mass each morning and dig into our rich Catholic tradition each evening while covering 5-7 miles of wilderness trail, climbing mountains, catching cutthroat trout, and learning wilderness survival skills during the day.

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*For youth entering grades 9-12*

