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ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon No Mass
Tue 8:00 a.m.
Wed 6:30 p.m.
Thu 8:00 a.m.
Fri 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat 4:00-4:45 p.m. Wed 6:00-6:15 p.m.

Or by request

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Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."



If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least <u>six months</u> in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.





WEEKLY EVENTS

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions—Sunday 3:00 p.m. Church

GASPP-Monday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass

Altar Society Bake Sale—Saturday and Sunday after all masses



Next weekend's collection will be for the Building & Maintenance Fund. Please be generous.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse,

Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Lois Leonard, Donald Paul & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Molly Hymel, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm, Andriana Richard, Landon Jeffrey

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 8

(Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, April 9

(Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15)

8:00 a.m. Riley Richard

Wednesday, April 10

(Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, April 11

(Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36)

8:00 a.m. Yvette & Al Bowman

Friday, April 12

(Acts 5:34-42: Jn 6:1-15)

8:00 a.m. Thomas Mason

Saturday, April 13

(Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/ Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Sarah Stokes, Eleanor Strickland, George & Meritha Laughlin†, Robert Jenevein†, Earline Garitty†, Lawrence Otillio†, Augie Guth, Joyce Morgani†

Sunday, April 14

(Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48)

7:00 a.m. George† & Gabriel Dickerson

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Glen Parker†, Larry & Barbara Laughlin, Brenda Dehm, Earline Garitty†, Bonnie Aguilar†, Riley Richard & Family, Cathy Downey, Sondra & Augie Paretti

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



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POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

TRULY FAVORED

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

What an interesting choice of words from the Angel Gabriel - "favor with God." This has to be where Mary's fullness of grace comes in because if I was told I had favor with God and then my life went on the roller-coaster ride that Mary's did, I'm not sure I would believe the Archangel Gabriel nor share the same definition and understanding of "favor."

Here in the Annunciation, we hear these profound words spoken to Mary, along with the astounding news that God has chosen her to bear His beloved Son. Although I try to place myself in that room, hearing those words, I simply cannot fathom the depth of Mary's emotions in that very moment, that unique experience that the Blessed Virgin Mary alone has been graced to experience.

This "favor" that was found to be with Mary becomes increasingly harder to imagine as the rest of the story of Mary's life with Jesus unfolds — in what we, who are not full of grace, might see as a complete unraveling of God's favor. As a woman, I know how I would perceive this journey if I were to put myself in Mary's situation. Mary is the ultimate model of trust and faith because we have no evidence that she lost these gifts, as I would have if my expectations were seemingly twisted completely around.

These are a few of the events and situations I wouldn't expect if I had received the news I was expecting the Son of God:

I would not have expected to travel to help out a slightly more pregnant cousin right after finding out I, too, was to have a baby, especially if that child was the Messiah!

I would have expected to have the baby at home with my mom and maybe some women from Nazareth to help out, not in a barn all the way in Bethlehem with only my husband's assistance.

After my son's unexpected birth in a manger, I would have expected to return back to Nazareth, again to the comfort of my home and my family and community to help me raise my new son. I would have never expected this urgent, I am sure, frightening escape from Bethlehem into Egypt.

In the end, it is irrefutable (to me, at least) that Mary has truly found favor with God. This grace may not align with our thoughts and understanding of 'favor,' but I continue, like her, to ponder all these things in my heart, praying that if the day ever arrives for me to be greeted by an angel with a great message from God, I too will answer, "May it be done to me according to your Word."

By Allison Gingras

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Special graces can be obtained this day. With the canonization of Saint Faustina, Pope John Paul II, now Saint John Paul II, declared that the "Second Sunday of Easter, henceforth throughout the Church will also be called Divine Mercy Sunday." From the diary of Saint Faustina, Our Lord said, "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life (Holy Communion) on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." To receive the special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday:

- Place complete trust in God's mercy
- Repent of all your sins and go to Confession within a reasonable time before or on the Feast (during Lent suffices)
- Celebrate God's mercy by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion always, while in the state of grace (no mortal sin) on Divine Mercy Sunday or on the vigil
- Venerate the image of The Divine Mercy
- Be merciful to others, by our actions, words, or prayers

PEACE BE WITH YOU

Chapter 20 of the Gospel of John emphasizes Peace and the Holy Spirit abiding within us. Christ's first word following His death is "Peace". I do not find that I am naturally a peaceful person. I tend to get easily distracted and upset by life not being "fair", or agitated when things do not go exactly as I had planned. I am flawed. Yet so much greater than this is that I am also loved. Above all else, Christ has laid down his life for me. I owe it to Him to do my best to try to find an inner peace. It is often a battle. My mind races at night, dwelling on what might go wrong. It is by listening to the word of God that I calmed down and am reminded of who I really am. Through dedicating my time to Him in prayer and good deeds, He will rejuvenate me, like the Living Water He declares to the Samaritan woman.

Again and again we must acknowledge that the Holy Spirit resides in each of us, guiding us, and that in each passing moment we can become more like Christ. Pope Benedict XVI explained, "Every person carries within himself, a project of God, a personal vocation, a personal idea of God, on what he is required to do in history to build His Church, a living temple of His presence." I have a calling, a reason for why God has created me, I was chosen for this life to share God's glory with those around me. We may not always know where we belong or how each passing moment might unfold. While I may not be at peace on my own accord, with God's grace, He will remain in me as a source of peace through the Holy Spirit. He will help me find the way.

"Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me".

Author Unknown

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

PASTOR'S CORNER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Since this weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday, I thought it would be good to have answers to common questions about the feast. They are taken from ZENIT in Rome written by Father Edward McNamara, who is professor of liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum University in Rome.

Q: Would you please clarify what is "special" about Divine Mercy Sunday, and what the faithful and priests have to do in order to obtain the special grace associated with this day? According to the priests that I have spoken to, the same graces can be obtained at reception of Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday as on any other day when Communion is received by a communicant in a state of grace, i.e., a plenary indulgence. So what is different about Divine Mercy Sunday and how should

the liturgy be properly celebrated so that the faithful may receive the special graces associated with it? - J.C., Ballina, Ireland.

A: The devotion to the Divine Mercy stems from the revelations made to the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) over a number of years and at several convents, including the one in Krakow where she is buried.

There are several elements involved in this devotion. One is the image of the merciful Jesus based on a vision of February 1931. In it Our Lord is pictured in the act of blessing, with two rays, one red and the other pallid (representing blood and water), shining from his heart. The words "Jesus, I trust in thee" are placed at His feet.

Other elements are the hour of mercy, at 3 in the afternoon, in which the Passion is meditated upon and certain prayers recommended by the revelations are recited. As well as this, there is the chaplet of Divine Mercy with its attendant litany. It is recited using rosary beads but substituting other prayers such as "Through your sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the entire world" on the beads of the Hail Mary.

A special request of these visions was that the first Sunday after Easter should be the feast of Divine Mercy and that on this day the Divine Mercy should be proclaimed in a special way.

The spirituality of Pope John Paul II was deeply influenced by the devotion to the Divine Mercy, and he dedicated his second encyclical, "Dives in Misericordia," to this theme. As archbishop of Krakow he promoted the beatification of Sister Faustina and on the occasion of her canonization in April 2000 announced that henceforth the second Sunday of Easter would be the feast of Divine Mercy.

John Paul II writes, "The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. They clearly understand the supreme benefit, indeed the duty that the People of God have to praise Divine Mercy with special prayers and, at the same time, they realize that by gratefully performing the works required and satisfying the necessary conditions, they can obtain spiritual benefits that derive from the Treasury of the Church. 'The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world' (Encyclical Letter 'Dives in Misericordia,' n. 7)

"Indeed, Divine Mercy knows how to pardon even the most serious sins, and in doing so it moves the faithful to perceive a supernatural, not merely psychological, sorrow for their sins so that, ever with the

help of divine grace, they may make a firm resolution not to sin any more. Such spiritual dispositions undeniably follow upon the forgiveness of mortal sin when the faithful fruitfully receive the sacrament of Penance or repent of their sin with an act of perfect charity and perfect contrition, with the resolution to receive the Sacrament of Penance as soon as they can. Indeed, Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us in the parable of the Prodigal Son that the sinner must confess his misery to God saying: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son' (Lk 15,18-19), realizing that this is a work of God, "for [he] was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found" (Lk 15:32).

There are "Three conditions for the plenary indulgence" a plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or 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, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!); "A partial indulgence, granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation "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.

Effectively, there is no difference between the plenary indulgence granted on Divine Mercy Sunday than any other act to which a plenary indulgence is attached. The Church has simply added this grant to the list as another means of obtaining the grace of an indulgence.

In conclusion the answer to the question is, after all, no plenary indulgence can be more plenary than others. A plenary indulgence is itself special and even though it may be obtained every day, the indulgenced acts always require some degree of spiritual exertion beyond normal Christian devotion.

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'THE SOURCE AND
SUMMIT OF THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE'"
-CCC #1324

"OUR LORD IS HIDDEN
THERE IN THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT, WAITING
FOR US TO COME AND
VISIT HIM, AND MAKE
OUR REQUESTS TO HIM."
-ST. JOHN VIANNEY

"AND BEHOLD, I AM
WITH YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE END OF
THE AGE."
-MATTHEW 28:20

IDEAS TO INCREASE YOUR DEVOTION:

WHEN PASSING A CHURCH
MAKE THE SIGN OF THE
CROSS AND SAY,
"MY LORD AND MY GOD"
MAKE AN EFFORT TO
SPEND TIME WITH
JESUS IN THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT (EVEN IF IT'S
JUST 5 MINUTES)

PRAY ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OR ANIMA CHRISTI PRAYERS

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
REFLECT ON QUOTES
BY THE SAINTS ON THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT



MY FLESH AND
DRINKS MY BLOOD
REMAINS IN ME
AND I IN HIM"
-JOHN 6:56

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Left: Father Kevin carrying the Holy Eucharist in the Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Margaret Mary.

Right: Brynn Leake played the part of Mother Mary in the Tupa-Tupa that was held at the St. Joseph Altar on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.





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