

Second Sunday of Easter

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A Note from Deacon George

This Sunday is the Octave of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. If you unfamiliar with the Solemnity of Divine Mercy, it had its start with a simple and uneducated young Polish woman, Helena Kowalska, who became a nun named: Sr. Maria Faustina. In the 1930's, Sr. Faustina began to receive visions of Jesus and Mary.

In these visions, Jesus revealed to Sr. Faustina a message of mercy that she was told to spread throughout the world. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for God's plan of mercy for the world.

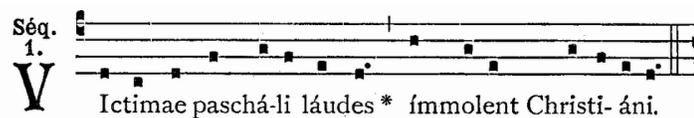
Her entire life was to be a sacrifice, a life lived for others. Through her personal sufferings she was to make up for the sins of others; in her daily life she was to become a doer of mercy, bringing joy and peace to others; and by writing about God's mercy, she was to encourage others to trust in Him and thus prepare the world for His second coming.

Sr. Faustina did not think that she was worthy of this task, but nevertheless, for four years she recorded all the revelations and mystical experiences that she received from Jesus and Mary, along with her own thoughts and prayers. In 1938, she died of tuberculosis and then her writings were revealed to the world at large.

The key message of her revelations is that God is a God of Mercy, who loves us all and is ready to forgive us for the wrongs that we have done. All we need do is ask God for His Mercy. In return, God asks us to be merciful. In her visions, Jesus revealed to Sr. Faustina, three new ways to ask for mercy: the Chaplet of Mercy, the Novena of Mercy and prayer at 3 O'clock hour (the hour of Jesus' death). We are, also, asked to completely trust in God. The more we trust God, the more we will receive His graces.

Easter Sunday Traditions: *Victimae Paschali Laudes*

As the joy of the Resurrection extends throughout the week of the Octave of Easter, the Church presents us with a few exceptions for the usual celebration of the liturgy of the Eucharist – for example the Gloria is sung or recited every day of the week of the Octave of Easter. Another particularity of the Easter liturgy is that the Church prescribes a Sequence, which is an ancient hymn to be sung or recited in the liturgy before the Alleluia. This Sequence, titled *Victimae Paschali Laudes*, is mandatory on Easter Sunday, and optional throughout the Octave of Easter. The other liturgical day in which a Sequence is mandatory is on Pentecost Sunday (*Veni Sancte Spiritus*).



Victimae Paschali Laudes ("Christians to the Paschal Victim") is a poem ascribed to Wipo of Burgundy and presumably written in the 11th century. Although there are several musical settings of this poem (and more than one in our hymnals), the one we often hear, both at N.E.T. Catholic and in other churches, is the Gregorian setting. As a trivia, because of the heavy folkloric influence in the aesthetic of liturgical music in Latin America, I had not had any contact whatsoever with the Gregorian setting until I later moved to the United States and went to Music school – that said this setting is the one I have found to be the most beautiful in my career as a pastoral musician.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II, canonized Sr. Faustina and officially made the first Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. The Pope was always devoted to teachings of Divine Mercy, and he was himself beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2011.

In many ways, St. Faustina is the perfect saint during this Covid-19 pandemic. As I stated earlier, God told her that her entire life was a to be a sacrifice, a life lived for others, and through her personal sufferings she was to make up for the sins of others, and be a doer of mercy, bringing joy and peace to others. Can we do the same?

This year is unlike any year we have experienced, we cannot gather physically to pray together on Divine Mercy Sunday, but I invite you to pray in your homes this Sunday at 3pm. The Chaplet is said on a regular Rosary. It begins with an Our Father, a Holy Mary and the Apostles Creed. Then on the "Our Father" beads, one says "Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On the "Hail Mary" beads, one says "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." At the end of the rosary, one repeats 3 times "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

THIS is the time for mercy. THIS is the time to heal wounds. THIS is a time for us to be merciful and to let our joy bring peace to others. I pray that you and your loved ones are all well and stay healthy, and that soon we will be able to gather again in prayer and community.

God Bless you,
Deacon George

Like many symbols of the Church, the Sequence is filled with layer upon layer of historical and spiritual meaning. Let us take, for example, the line "Tell us, Mary: say - what thou didst see upon the way." As we heard in the Gospel of Easter Sunday (and other stories throughout the Octave of Easter), one of the first witnesses of the Resurrection was Mary Magdalene, the person who in other Gospel stories was forgiven and turned to God from her previous life of sin. I dare say that this is an invitation to us, the people of God, to bear witness of this immense show of love from our Father: by Christ's resurrection from the dead, our Father has granted us "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven" (1 Peter 1: 4), and we are now called to bring others this message of Good News.

The last Gospel-based line of the hymn, "Christ, the Lord, has risen, and goes before us to Galilee," circles back to a promise he had made to the disciples – the Gospel of Mark presents us with a promise from Jesus himself to his disciples: "You will fall away... but after I am raised up I will go before you to Galilee." The Risen Jesus comes to our lives where we are at, persecuted, afraid, and maybe even angry at God for the suffering we have endured. Yet, from that place filled with death and so many unknowns, he comes and meets us there, offering new life, and encouraging us to follow the ministry of turning to the other, and sharing the same Good News with our sisters and brothers.

Musically,
Emmanuel

As counterintuitive as it sounds, practicing gratitude in these difficult days is a healthy coping skill. Practicing gratitude at any age cultivates joy and positivity, key feelings that help us get through tough days. Here are some easy ways to start building your gratitude muscles:

Gratitude Prompts

Use one of these a day in journaling, reflection, or as a discussion starter during a family meal.

1. A strength of mine for which I am grateful is...
2. Something money can't buy that I'm grateful for is...
3. Something that comforts me that I'm grateful for is...
4. Something that's funny for which I'm grateful for is...
5. Something in nature that I'm grateful for is...
6. A memory I'm grateful for is...
7. Something that changes that I'm grateful for is...
8. A challenge I'm grateful for is...
9. Something interesting that I'm grateful for is...
10. Something beautiful I'm grateful for is...

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt for Kids of All Ages

1. Find something outside you enjoy looking at
2. Find something that is useful for you
3. Find something that is your favorite color
4. Find something you know someone else will enjoy
5. Find something that makes you happy
6. Find something that tastes good
7. Find something that smells amazing
8. Discover something new
9. Find something that makes you feel safe
10. Find something that makes a beautiful sound
11. Find someone you are grateful for
12. Find something that is unique to you
13. Find something that makes you laugh
14. Find something in the night that you enjoy
15. Find something in the morning that you enjoy
16. Find a friend/pet that you enjoy spending time with (in person or virtually)
17. Find your favorite place in your home to spend time alone
18. Find something that reminds you of the people you love
19. Find something that you enjoy doing outside
20. Find a place that you love

IT'S NOT JOY
THAT MAKES US

Grateful

IT'S GRATITUDE
THAT MAKES US

joyful

This week in our Parishes

Because we care about your wellbeing and ours, at this time your attendance at all services will be **ONLY ONLINE**, through our website www.netcatholic.org, our Facebook: www.facebook.com/netcatholic and our YouTube Channel (search on YouTube for: N.E.T. Catholic)

Sat. Apr. 18	MASS (Sunday Vigil) 4:30 pm Join us Online
Sun. Apr. 19	MASS 8:30 am Join us Online MASS 10:30 am Join us Online
Mon. Apr. 20	MASS 9:00 am Join us Online Regina Caeli 12:00 noon Join us Online Adoration and Benediction 8:30 pm Join us Online
Tue. Apr. 21	MASS 9:00 am Join us Online Regina Caeli 12:00 noon Join us Online Adoration and Benediction 8:30 pm Join us Online
Wed. Apr. 22	MASS 9:00 am Join us Online Regina Caeli 12:00 noon Join us Online Adoration and Benediction 8:30 pm Join us Online
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Fri. Apr. 24	MASS 9:00 am Join us Online Regina Caeli 12:00 noon Join us Online Adoration and Benediction 8:30 pm Join us Online
Sat. Apr. 25	MASS (Sunday Vigil) 4:30 pm Join us Online
Sun. Apr. 26	MASS 8:30 am Join us Online MASS 10:30 am Join us Online

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As you all know, our parishes are on very tight budgets. The reality of not having public Masses with a collection is gravely impacting our finances — even through this lockdown our campuses still need to be maintained, our utilities paid, and salaries must continue.

We encourage you to use our online giving options from our website: www.netcatholic.org/donate, in order to donate to the Church. If you need assistance setting this up, please call the office at 607-241-0821. The most helpful thing would be for everyone to make their donations online: Since we have no counting teams right now and employees are working from home, Father has to gather, count and deposit all collections you mail in, on top of doing everything else. If you absolutely insist on not transitioning to WeShare you can mail your contributions to us:

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We understand that some families will face unprecedented financial challenges at this time and will not be able to contribute to the church financially, please be at peace and contribute by keeping us in your prayers.

If you and your family have been blessed with sufficient financial resources please consider not only keeping up your regular donations to the church but also making some additional donations to help us make up for the possible loss of income caused by this crisis.

Thank you very much!



Saint Anthony

PLEASE DONATE we are **\$1,003 short** of our goal of \$9,813, we have to pay the full amount no matter what. You can donate by using the CMA envelopes in the back of the church, online at: www.dor.org/giving/contribute-to-the-cma/

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Mass Intentions

Saturday (April 18), 4:30 pm
For Donald Kane, by Saint Anthony's Choir

Sunday (April 19), 8:30 am
For William Yantz, by the Yantz Family

Sunday (April 19), 10:30 am
For Violet S. Buckenmeyer, by Nancy Brown and Family

Monday (April 20), 9:00 am
For Dick Fagan, by Doreen Dineen

Tuesday (April 21), 9:00 am
For Brian Kenworthy, by Linda and Howard Bonavia

Wednesday (April 22), 9:00 am
For Violet S. Buckenmeyer, by Nan Lisk

Thursday (April 23), 9:00 am
For George and Anna Beckwith, by the Beckwith Family

Friday (April 24), 9:00 am
For the Intentions of Miguel Eduardo Marte, by Emmanuel Berrido

Saturday (April 25), 4:30 pm
For Sally Corcoran, by Vicki and Marty Conner

Sunday (April 26), 8:30 am
For Mary Callan, by the Finney Family

Sunday (April 26), 10:30 am
For Chuck Benson, by Fran and Heidi Kallfelz

Liturgical Calendar for this week

Sunday:

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER White
 Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31

Monday: of the Second Week of Easter White
 Acts 4:23-31 / John 3:1-8

Tuesday: of the Second Week of Easter White
 Acts 4:32-37 / John 3:7b-15

Wednesday: of the Second Week of Easter White
 Acts 5:17-26 / John 3:16-21

Thursday: of the Second Week of Easter White
 Acts 5:27-33 / John 3:31-36

Friday: of the Second Week of Easter White
 Acts 5:34-42 / John 6:1-15

Saturday: Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist Red
 1 Peter 5:5b-14 / Mark 16:15-20

Next Sunday: White
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35



The Altar Bread and Wine at **Saint Anthony** are offered between **January 1** and **May 31** for the intentions of **Kathleen Martin**.



praying
together

For Health Care Professionals and First Responders

We thank you Lord for their generosity in service at this difficult time and we pray that you keep them safe and give them strength and peace.

Kiersten Chambers - police officer in NYC, Nurses Brandi Senter and Kelie Oliver; Public Health Planner Stephanie Notar, Niki Cornelius and all the health care workers at Guthrie Medical in Cortland, and Mikayla Perkins, RN at Cayuga Medical Center. Also Anne Cornelius RN, Dr. Tim LaFrance, Dr. Russ LaFrance, Richard

LaFrance PT, Jussie Street PT, Dr. Michelle Carley, Dr. Brian Nicholas, nurse Melissa Carley, Matt Youngs hospital worker. Ben Cramer, Phil Thomas, Markus Hardt, Connor Moore, Johnelle Keck, Chris Keck, Susan McCarthy, John Nolan, Ellen Nolan, James Lafler, Maggie McDonald, Carrie McCollester, Kevin McCormick, James Mona Dali and all the staff at Cayuga Medical Center, Megan Drake and Rebecca Drake, Carrie Stock, Katie Stevens, Don and Maria Gentry, Dr. Brendan Barrett, Jonathan Burdick, Patricia Brown, Mark Romond.

"Let us pray for them and their families. I thank God for the heroic example that they have given us in their care for the sick," —Pope Francis

For Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Angelo Alaimo, Jane Baldwin, Grant Bonavia, Ginny Bradshaw, Chrissy Bravo-Cullen, Karen Brown, Phyllis Campbell, Ian Charles, Donna Cocca, Paul Conklin, Robert Deely, Jerica Duso, Lois Fahey, Pat Fairbank, Mary Falise, Gordon Gladden, Amy Grosser, Francis Hertel, Kirsten Hess, Angela Hughes, Nimr Ibrahim, Jeremiah, Autum Kenyon, Steve Kletjian, Valerie Kuramoto, Mr. Liggett, Marcus Martinez, Leah Mayor, Emma Mazingo, Joe McCarey, Betty McCarey, Lee McGill, **Chavonne McKenna**, Fred Mellberg, Sara Morse, Dennis Osika, Jim Oswald, Kathy Pumphrey, Karen Randolph, Geraldine Rankin, Emilie Searle, Eleanor Sorbello, Lucy Steger, Phyllis Stewart, Robert Stewart, Ethel Thomas, Melanie Toolan, Vicky Toro, Maria Unterreiner, Ellen VanSlyke Batzer, Sharon Vincent, Tom Walpole, Richard Weiss, Ryan White, Jocelyn Woods, Bob and Agnes Zavaski, and several Special Intentions.

Please keep our area servicemen & women in your prayers.