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## DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

### BISHOP OF CHARLESTON

The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone

### PASTOR

Rev. Daniel R. Papineau

#### OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 8:30AM – 2:00PM

#### ST. MARY'S SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Adoration 9:00AM - 3:00PM  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00PM

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15PM  
Tues., Wed., and Thurs. After the 6:00PM Mass

#### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30PM St. Mary's Church  
Sunday 9:00AM St. Joseph's Church  
Sunday 11:00AM St. Mary's Church

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Tues., Wed., Thurs. 6:00PM  
Friday 12:10PM (except First Friday)  
First Friday Mass 6:00PM  
First Saturday 8:00AM

## SAINT'S CORNER



### SAINT MARK

Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. When Saint Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother.

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus's rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. Probably written for gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark's Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal": a crucified Messiah.

Evidently a friend of Mark—calling him "my son"—Peter is only one of this Gospel's sources, others being the Church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots), and the Church at Antioch (largely Gentile).

Like another Gospel writer Luke, Mark was not one of the 12 apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there is believed to contain his remains.

A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures to the evangelists.

### REFLECTION

Mark fulfilled in his life what every Christian is called to do: proclaim to all people the Good News that is the source of salvation. In particular, Mark's way was by writing. Others may proclaim the Good News by music, drama, poetry, or by teaching children around a family table.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

## BOOK CLUB

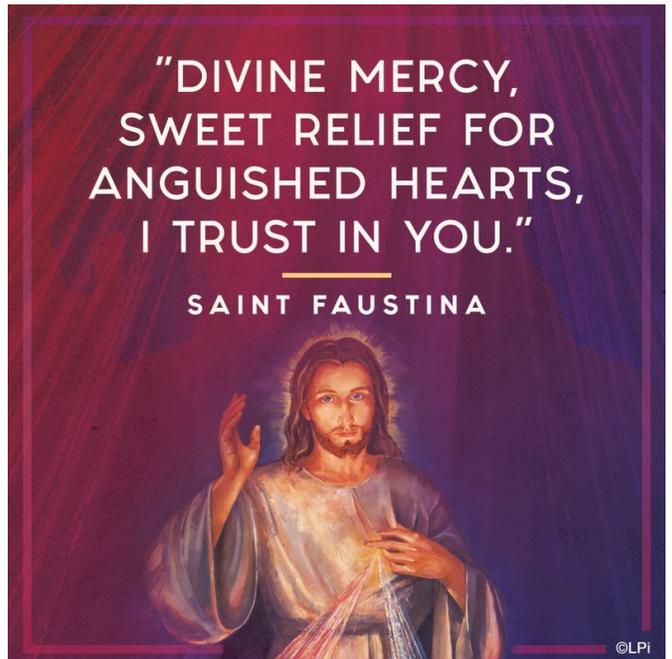
We are reading another selection from a popular author with the Book Club, Mitch Albom, titled *The First Phone Call from Heaven*. In this magical novel, a small town's residents start receiving phone calls and the voices say they are calling from heaven. Soon the town and outsiders are gripped with "miracle fever". Mitch Albom takes readers on a breathtaking ride of frenzied hope. Our next meeting is after Tuesday evening Mass on May 10.

## CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

This Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church will be open for anyone who wishes to join with other parishioners in praying the Chaplet at 3:00 PM.

"DIVINE MERCY,  
SWEET RELIEF FOR  
ANGUISHED HEARTS,  
I TRUST IN YOU."

SAINT FAUSTINA



## Commentary on the Readings for April 24, 2022

### The Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday

Sometimes our faith is lifted by certain events or liturgical celebrations and we get a spiritual rush or "high." Last week was certainly one of those times. If we have truly participated in the liturgies of the Easter Triduum, we earned that Joy of the Resurrection. But now that it has passed, we might settle back into our routine schedules where we experience doubts and the "lows." In fact, this Sunday used to be called "Low Sunday" for that very reason. We need to keep up our Lenten resolutions and, in prayer, ask Jesus to bless us with a mature faith that carries us through all of our emotions.

The **First Reading** is from the *Acts of the Apostles (5:12- 16)*. This scene is after the first Pentecost when the Apostles received the Holy Spirit and were infused with faith to the point of being daring. Their preaching and working of miracles attracted many to the faith. What a change from just a short time before when some of these same people must have shouted "**Crucify Him!**" Emotions play a significant part in our everyday life, but our spiritual life should be strong enough to sail smoothly through the physical emotions.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is (*118:2- 24*). This is the same psalm from Easter Sunday. It is an important liturgical poem to both Jews and Christians alike. It recalls how the Israelites implored the God of Israel for help during a time of suffering and how God came to their rescue. The psalmist, speaking on behalf of the whole community, goes on to offer praises of thanksgiving and acknowledging God's divine benevolence. The Church uses this psalm in its celebrations to acknowledge God's rescuing us from spiritual death through the death and resurrection of His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The **Second Reading** is taken from the *Book of Revelation (1:9-19)*. This passage describes how John, the visionary of this writing, was "caught up" in the spirit and taken to heaven where he "saw" the Glorified Jesus. Can you imagine the emotional rush he must have had? Little wonder that he fell on his face as if dead. But Jesus comforts him and explains His eternal existence and power. We might never be as fortunate as John (at least during our lifetime), but through prayer we can deepen our relationship with Jesus and be ready whenever and wherever He calls us.

The **Gospel Reading** is from the *Gospel of St. John (20:19- 31)*. Put yourself into this scene. It is the night of the Resurrection, and Jesus appears in all His divine Glory before the apostles. Can you imagine the joy after the shock subsides? They must have been bouncing all over the room. Then Thomas, who wasn't there, throws cold water on that event when he learns about it but refuses to believe. It takes another appearance of Christ to convince Thomas who then utters the great phrase of humility: "**My Lord and my God!**" Do you have doubts like that? It is natural, but we must not harbor them for long. Prayer is the answer.

Emotions and doubts are not wrong or sinful, but to leave them as such without doing anything about them is wrong. Sometimes God puts doubts into our head in order for us to get moving toward finding the truth through prayer or study or both. Something to think about during your prayer time this week! **MFB**

# How to Pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. (Optional\*) Pray,

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. "Our Father,"

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

"Hail Mary,"

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

"The Apostles' Creed."

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead....

...I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

4. On the Our Father beads pray,

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.

5. On the Hail Mary Beads pray,

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

6. Pray three times,

4. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Optional\*)

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.

Close with the Sign of the Cross.

Jesus' promise to St. Faustina:

"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy...."

"...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."

\*Optional Prayers are taken from *The Diary of St. Faustina*. Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.

