

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday Weekend Masses, April 23th - 24th 2022

8:15 a.m. **Thanksgiving Blessings by Gloria Vivot**
4:00 p.m. **+ Repose of the Soul Gertrude Hargreaves-Felix by children**

Sunday 7:15 a.m. (Spanish) **B/D Blessings Michael Pugh by parents**
 9:00 a.m. **+ Repose of Soul Malcolm Evans, Jr. by wife /family**
 11:00 a.m. **B/D Blessings Jayden Burke by grandparents Jean & Chris**
DAILY MASSES, April 25th - 29th

Mon. — 6:30 a.m. **Special Intention by Calista**

8:15 a.m. + In Memory of Dudley Fabio, Sr. by children

Tues.— 6:30 a.m. + **Eternal Rest Sr. Marina Picardal, ICM by Vivot family**

8:15 a.m. **+ In Memory of Leonard Rodgers, Sr. by family**

Wed. — 6:30 a.m. **+ Repose of the soul Lucille Christian by Daphne Andrews**

8:15 a.m. **B/D Blessings Andres Caesar by Andersen family**

Thurs.—6:30 a.m. - - - - -

8:15 a.m. **Wedding Anniversary Rudy & Alpha Nicholas by Flo**

Fri. — 6:30 a.m. + **Repose of the soul Eileen O'Donoghue by Nelthropp family**

8:15 a.m. + In Memory Valdez / Vivot family

Next Weekend- April 30th- May 1st

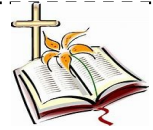
Saturday 8:15 a.m. ————— B/D Blessings Anthony Fontaine by grandma Bernadette

4:00 p.m. _____ + Repose of the soul Adrienne Bourgeois by Nelthropp family

Sunday 7:15 a.m. _____ + In Memory of Andrea, Magui & Fe Rivera by Rochi &family

9:00 a.m. ————— For The People of the parish

11:00 a.m. ————— + In Memory of Clarissa Gabriel by family



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- | Acts 5:27-33
- | Jn 3:31-36
- | Holocaust Memorial
- | Day

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St. Catherine of Siena,
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- Acts 5:34-42
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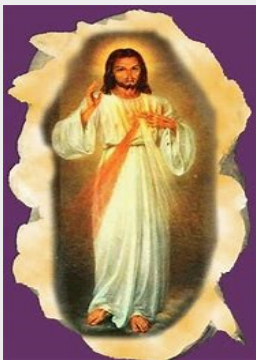
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FUNERALS: Estelle Sewer-Petersen, April 25th/ Dolorita Maria Simmonds, April 29th- 10:30 a.m.

A Blessed Easter to all!

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday



Confessions at 2:00 p.m.
Hour of Holy Mercy Service
at 3:00 p.m.
Please come and Join us!

Prayer Vigil for Victims of Abortion. Will take place on Tuesday, May 3rd from 4 to 5 p.m. in front Dr. Briscoe's abortion clinic behind Oriental Bank, Sunny Isles. Please come and pray with us.

MISSALETTES— Our April Missalette are donated in Memory of +Vicenta Belardo by her family.

The Sanctuary Candle—Is burning for a Special Intention by parishioner.

Bishop's Appeal 2022

There is still time to make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal 2022. Please support our Catholic schools, the Bethlehem Houses on St. Thomas and St. Croix, our soup kitchens on all three islands, and the evangelization efforts which promote the mission of the local Church. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. **Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas".** Please see the brochure for information. Thank You!

***** Special Collection:** This Sunday second collection will be used for Parish Insurance. Thanks for your generosity.

Segundo Domingo de Pascua

Sábado Fin de Semana del 23 al 24 de abril 2022

8:15 a.m. En Acción de Gracias por Gloria Vivot
 4:00 p.m. + Reposo del alma Gertrude Hargreaves-Felix por sus hijos
 Domingo 7:15 a.m. (Español) Cumpleaños Michael Pugh por sus papas
 9:00 a.m. + Reposo del alma Malcolm Evans, Jr. por la esposa/ familia
 11:00 a.m. Cumpleaños Jayden Burke por abuelos Jean y Chris

Misas Diarias del 25 al 29 de Abril

Lu.— 6:30 a.m. Intention Especial por Calista
 8:15 a.m. + En Memoria Dudley Fabio, Sr. por sus hijos
 Ma.— 6:30 a.m. + Eterno Descanso de Hna. Marina Picardal, ICM por fa. Vivot
 8:15 a.m. + En Memoria de Leonard Rodgers, Sr. por la familia
 Mi.— 6:30 a.m. + Reposo del alma Lucille Christian por Daphne Andrews
 8:15 a.m. Cumpleaños Andres Caesar por la familia Andersen
 Ju.— 6:30 a.m. - - - - -
 8:15 a.m. Aniversario de Bodas Rudy y Alpha Nicholas por Flo
 Vi.— 6:30 a.m. + Reposo del alma Eileen O'Donoghue por la fa. Nelthropp
 8:15 a.m. + En Memoria de las familias Valdez y Vivot

Próximo Domingo del 30 de Abril al 1 de Mayo

Sábado 8:15 a.m. Cumpleaños Anthony Fontaine por abuela Bernadette
 4:00 p.m. + Reposo del alma Adrienne Bourgeois por la fa. Nelthropp
 Domingo 7:15 a.m. + En Memoria Andrea, Magui y Fe Rivera por Rochi y fa,
 9:00 a.m. Por los feligreses de la parroquia
 11:00 a.m. + En Memoria Clarissa Gabriel por la familia

Funerales: Estelle Sewer-Petersen, 25 de abril / Dolorita Maria Simmonds 29 de abril —10:30 a.m.

Horario
RECTORIA
 Lunes—
 Viernes
 9 a 2 pm.

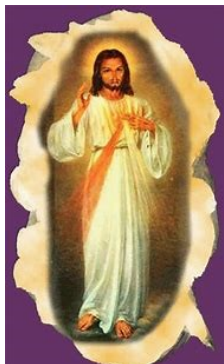
OREMOS
 Por todos los
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Grupo Hispano
 Limpieza de la
 Iglesia los segundo
 sábados de cada
 mes a las
 9:00a.m.
 Apreciamos tu
 ayuda.

Misas de la Comunidad

- En su aniversario de fallecida +Ines Ayala.
- + Por el reposo del alma Isabel Bermudez y Epifaña "Fañita" Sanchez.

Bendiciones De Pascua



Hoy!
Domingo de la Divina
Misericordia
Bienvenidos!

Confesiones 2:00 p.m.

Hora Santa de la Divina
 Misericordia 3:00 p.m.

La Vela Del Santuario *esta encendida en Acción de Gracias por un feligres.*

Los Misales de Abril estan donados en memoria de Vicenta Belardo por su familia.

Súplica del Obispo 2022 !

Todavía hay tiempo para hacer su donación a la Apelación del Obispo 2022. Por favor, apoyen nuestras escuelas católicas, las Casas de Belén en Santo Tomás y Santa Cruz, nuestros comedores en las tres islas y los esfuerzos de evangelización que promueven la misión de la Iglesia local.

El Para su comodidad, puede optar por hacer una promesa ahora y distribuir sus pagos durante varios meses.

Las donaciones se pueden hacer en forma de efectivo, cheque o tarjeta de crédito. **Por favor llene el formulario en el folleto y haga sus cheques pagaderos a la "Diócesis de Santo Tomás".** Consulte el folleto para obtener información. ¡Gracias!

- ♦ Este domingo la colecta sera para el Llamado para el Seguro de la parroquia. Gracias por tu generosidad!

Segundo Domingo de Pascua

Queridos hermanos, les damos la bienvenida a esta Santa Eucaristía, en este Segundo Domingo de Pascua llamado **«Domingo de la Divina Misericordia»**

La confirmación de la Resurrección de Jesús por parte de los apóstoles, trajo consigo el maravilloso crecimiento de la comunidad primitiva de los creyentes. El Libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos relatan los acontecimientos prodigiosos que Jesús obra en su pueblo por medio de los apóstoles. (Hechos de los Apóstoles 5, 12-16)

El salmo 117 nos invita a alabar a Dios: «dad gracias al Señor porque es bueno, porque es eterna su misericordia». En ningún tiempo como en el de Pascua tenemos más razón para expresar esta alegría agradecida, porque sigue siendo «el día en que actuó el Señor, y tiene que ser nuestra alegría y nuestro gozo».

Durante los domingos de Pascua leeremos el libro del Apocalipsis. Hoy, Cristo Resucitado se hace presente a los creyentes como el gran sacerdote del culto definitivo. (Apocalipsis 1, 9-11a. 12-13. 17-19)

Juan nos cuenta en este evangelio dos apariciones del Resucitado a los apóstoles: el «primer día de la semana», son acontecimientos que incrementaron la fe en el grupo de los apóstoles, para que, con el Espíritu Santo recibido, cumplan luego el mandato de anunciar que Cristo vive. (Juan 20, 19-31)



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Oración

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.

Sé nuestro amparo
contra la perversidad y asechanzas del
demonio.

Reprímale Dios, pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial,
arroja al infierno con el divino poder
a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos por el mundo
para la perdición de las almas.

Amén."

ORACIÓN DE GRACIAS

**Padre, todos los elementos de la naturaleza
obedecen Tu mandato. Te alabamos y
agradecemos por Tú protección durante la
temporada de huracanes.**

Te pedimos nuevamente que nos guíe a través de
este nuevo año y nos mantenga a salvo de todos los
desastres naturales y todos los actos de terrorismo.

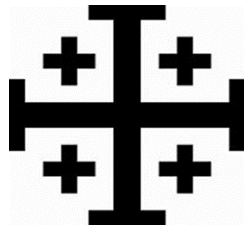
Bendice a nuestras familias y trae paz a todas las
naciones. Pedimos esto a través de nuestro Señor,
Jesucristo que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo,
un Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

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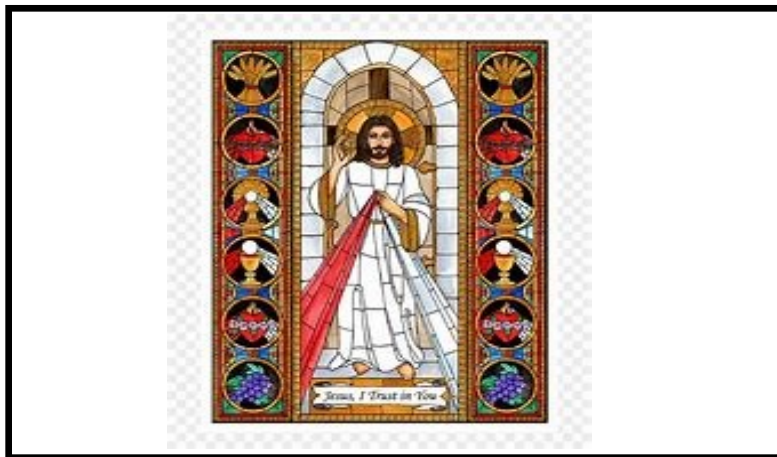
RECTORY HOURS: MONDAY- FRIDAY, 9:00 a.m. –2 :00 p.m.
(SUMMER HOURS: Monday-Friday) 9:00–12:00 noon)

MORNING DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:15 a.m.

Saturday Vigil- 4:00 P.M.

Sunday—7:15 a.m. (Spanish), 9:00 and 11:00a.m. (English)

Sacred Heart Chapel (LBJ) 9:00 a.m. (English) -Closed until further notice



**Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. ,
Sunday before Mass. Always upon request.**

Baptisms: Last Sunday of the month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Parents must take classes. Please visit the Rectory Office between 9-3 p.m. to fill out the necessary forms. **GODPARENTS/SPONSORS REQUIREMENTS*** At least 16 years old *Have themselves received the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Communion and Confirmation* Must be a practicing Catholic who attends Mass every Sunday or (Saturday night) * If married, they must have been married by priest * If single, he/she does not live with someone outside of marriage.

Communion to the Sick: Please call the Rectory

The Sacrament of the Sick:

Please call the Rectory any time— especially in an emergency

FUNERALS: No Funerals on weekends or Thursdays. Please contact Rectory. No date is to be set without consulting the Church office.

Marriage: Please see parish priest

Religious Education-CCD Classes: 9:00—10:30a.m. every Saturday,
(September to May)

Communion to Sick by Priest: First Friday of the month

Knights of Columbus: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.

Pastor –Rev. E. Patrick Lynch, C.Ss.R

Parochial Vicar- Rev. Yacob Fopa Lonfo

Deacons: Rev. Mr. David Capriola,
Rev. Mr. Vincent Colianni, Rev. Mr. Reynold
Modeste, and Rev. Mr. Benjamin Parrilla

Missionaries of Charity: (340)-473-7055
Sr. Arvind, M.C., Sr. Lourdes, M.C. ,
Sr. Jeevitha, M.C., Sr. Maria Albertha, M.C.

Parish Secretary: Ms. Serena Anduze

Business Manager: Ms. Penrose Gardiner

Office Assistant: Ms. Devlann Leonce

St. Mary's School Office: Tel: 340-773-0117 or
340-643-5915 Principal: Ms. Edna M. Thomas

PLEASE PRAY— for our sick and shut-ins:

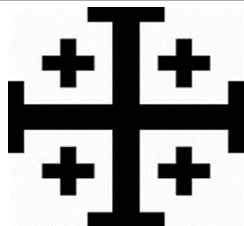
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Maynard, Maria Monell, Roy Beckles, Celestine
Royer, Patricia Willey-Lafferty, Ursula Richards,
Regina G. Gerrty, Antonio Martin, Laura Morales,
Alicia Hewitt, Marceline Steele, Alice Richardson,
Dominga Navarro, Jacinth Charles, Sylvia Brady,
Veronica Codrington, Theresa Kelly, Joseph &
Rachel Graham, Floretta Robinson, Lorraine Gibbs,
Christine Andersen-Raines, Sylvia George, Hilarena
James, Cindy Creighton, Edith Hovak, Bernadette
Palton, Sonia Smith, Artemia Viera, Leonard
Lockhart, Steven & Allen Willey, Norma Dyer,
Myrna Bonano, Maria Hernandez, Leoncita Halley,
Maria E. Mendez, Mary Walcott, Stanley Berkley,
Felicidad Guadalupe, Emmeth James, Fadia
Chipman, Louis Talbot, Linda Callwood, Roy Violet,
Sr., Veronica Rawlins, Alicia Diaz, Crescencia Castro,
Patricia & James Kelley, Christina Long, Kevin Val-
entine, Tarika Bynoe, Jeff Denner, Joseph Michael,
Lenore Gonzalez, Amelia Guardiola, John Christian,
Nalda Henry de Lugo, Lew & Diana James, Unita
Alexander, Joseph Moses, and Curtis McArthur.

♦ Please notify the Rectory Office (773-7564)
in the event of recovery or death of shut-in.
*Remember in prayer all those in the Armed
Forces and all those affected by natural
disasters.*

♦ **ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament—
On Thursdays here at Holy Cross after the
8:15 a.m. Mass, Holy Hour until 5:00 p.m.

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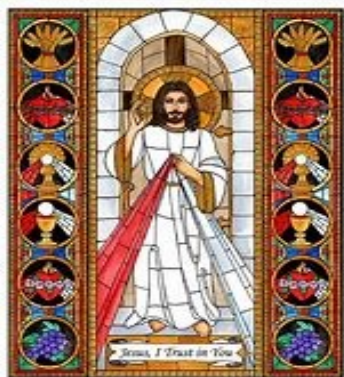
HORARIO Rectoria: LUNES- VIERNES, 9:00 a.m. -2 :00 p.m.

Horario del Verano: Lunes-Viernes 9:00-12:00 p.m.

MISAS DIARIAS DE LA MAÑANA - Lunes - Viernes 6:30 -8:15 a.m.

Sábados-Vigilia -4:00 p.m.

DOMINGOS—7:15 a.m., Español, 9:00 y 11 a.m., Inglés
Capilla Sagrado Corazón (LB) 9:00 a.m., Inglés- Cerrada hasta nuevo Aviso



Confesiones: Sábado, 3:30 p.m. , Domingos antes de Misa y siempre a petición.

Bautismos: El ultimo domingo del mes despues del la Misa de las 11:00 am. Tres clases para el bautismo son requeridas para los papas. Favor de llamar la Rectoria de 9:00 a 3:00 p.m. durante la semana para llenar los papeles necesarios. **REQUISITOS** para los padrinos* Deben tener 16 años de edad *Deben tener los Sacramentos del Bautismo, Reconciliación, Comunión y Confirmación* Deben de ser Católicos practicantes—el cual asiste a Misa todos los domingos o los sábados (vigilia)
 * Si eres casado, deben haber sido casado por un sacerdote * Si eres soltero, usted no de debe de estar viviendo con alguien fuera del matrimonio.

Comunión a Los Enfermos: Primer Viernes del mes

El Sacramento a los Enfermos:

Favor de llamar la Rectory a cualquier hora— especialmente en caso de emergencia

FUNERALES: No habran Funerales los fines de semana ni los Jueves debido a la Adoracion y Benedición al Sagrado Sacramento. No separen fecha sin haber consultado con la oficina de la Rectoria. **Bodas:** Favor de verse con el sacerdote

Educación Religiosa-Clases CCD: 9:00—10:30a.m. Todos los Sábados durante el año escolar, (Septiembre - Mayo)

Caballeros de Colón: 1er y 3er Jueves del mes, 6:00 p.m.

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Vicario Paroquial- Rev. Yacob Fopa Lonfo

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Misioneras de la Caridad: (473-7055)

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*** Favor de Orar por los Enfermos—**

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*Favor de notificar la Rectoria (773-7564) si hay mejoras o muerte.

*Recordemos en oración aquellos en Las Fuerzas Armadas y aquellos afectados por los desastres naturales.

ADORACION del Sagrado Sacramento—Los Jueves aqui en Holy Cross despues de la Misa de las 8:15 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m.

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♦ *Easter Break: April 13-22*

♦ *Registration coming soon!*

**Please keep our Catholic Schools
in your Prayers**

ALL Participants must wear a protective face mask in Church until further notice from the Bishop.

TODOS los participantes deben usar una máscara facial protectora en la Iglesia. Hasta nuevo aviso del Obispo

HURRICANE THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father, all the elements of nature obey Your command. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the hurricane season.

We ask You again to guide us through this new year and keep us safe from all natural disasters and all acts of terrorism.

Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

AVAILABLE Sanctuary Candle:

May 1- 7, and May 8- 14

July 10-16, July 17 and July 24-30

Please call or visit the rectory office to reserve.

THAT MAN IS YOU: Meeting every Saturday morning at 7AM. All men are welcome. Hot breakfast and coffee served. If you have any questions, contact Jeff Jones at jeffbmttx@gmail.com

The family of Bob and Mary McKenna send their best wishes to their friends at Holy Cross Church on St. Croix.

Additionally, they ask your prayers for the loss of their son Bill McKenna on January 4, of this year. Bill was taken from his family due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bob, Jr. McKenna, Pat McKenna, Dan McKenna, Mike Kenna and Mary Vogel

ALTAR GUILD

Our Altar Guild society is looking to upgrade the sacred items used for enhancing the celebration of Holy Mass: altar cloths, processional candles, altar servers' cassocks, surplices and flowers for Mary. Your generous donation can help. Envelopes will be distributed and also placed in the back of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

FLOCK NOTE: Please sign up for our parish email/text notification list. Let's keep in touch! Get important updates via email and text. Here is how to sign up
TEXT hccstx to 84576

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Victoria's Kitchen feeds the less fortunate here at Holy Cross on Thursdays. Your donations help support this worthy cause. You can place your check in the collection basket payable to Holy Cross Church, Attention "VICTORIA'S Kitchen". God Bless!

The Second Sunday of Easter

has been declared Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul II. It proclaims the wonderful mystery of Divine Mercy, directing humanity to God's boundless mercy and love manifested in all its richness by Christ, our Risen Lord. It proclaims with joy and confidence that *merciful and gracious is the Lord (Ps 111:4), who, out of great love with which He loved us (Eph 2:4) and out of unspeakable goodness, gave us His Only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, so that through the Death and Resurrection of this Son He might open the way to eternal life for the human race, and that the adopted children who receive His mercy within His temple might lift up His praise to the ends of the earth*

Jesus wants Divine Mercy Sunday. He revealed this in an apparition to Sr. Faustina... *"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 [on this day] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*

"On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity."

Jesus told Sr. Faustina: *"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to Divine Mercy... 'On that day priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy. Hardened sinners will repent on hearing their words ...To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak.'"*

Our response to God's offer of merciful love must be one of trust in Him and in the extraordinary grace promised by Him to those who receive Him sacramentally on this day and who do not neglect to do works of mercy.

Jesus promised St. Faustina that those who received Holy Communion in a state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday would receive *"the complete remission of sins and punishment"*

The extraordinary grace available to those who receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday was promised directly by Jesus, through St. Faustina. In addition, our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has granted a plenary indulgence to those who take part in "prayers and devotions in honor of Divine Mercy" on that day

"The spiritual good of the faithful demands that they know what graces they can obtain and under what conditions through the reception of Holy Communion on the Feast of Divine Mercy ..."

"When Jesus appeared to St. Faustina on February 22, 1931, He requested that she paint an image according to the pattern you see, and asked that the image be venerated throughout the world in connection with the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina saw two rays of light shining from the heart of Jesus and illuminating the world. Jesus related the meaning of the rays with the deep symbolism of water

and blood which, according to the Gospel of St. John (19:34-37), flowed from the side of Christ. In the light of the entire Gospel of John, the water and blood flowing from the pierced side of Christ symbolize the graces of the Holy Spirit who was given to us as a result of Christ's death. The two rays on the image of the Merciful Jesus ultimately possess this same profound meaning"

Jesus requested that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. *"The novena of Divine Mercy Chaplets unites within itself, on the one hand, the promises of Jesus dependent on the recitation of this Chaplet and, on the other hand, those attached to celebrating the novena prior to the Feast of Divine Mercy. Jesus said: Through this novena, I will bestow all possible graces upon souls....Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what*

Living Divine Mercy Day Daily: Some suggestions:

- Show mercy to others by doing whatever spiritual and corporal works of mercy we can, depending upon our own personal circumstances:
- Pause for prayer during the 3 o'clock hour;
- Make a continuous novena to The Divine Mercy;
- Play audio or video tapes that focus on mercy;
- Read the Diary of St. Mary Faustina, the encyclical *Rich in Mercy*, or other materials about Divine Mercy and Mercy Sunday.
- Distribute leaflets about The Divine Mercy;
- Tell others about God's mercy, especially as it has touched you in your own life;