

ST. LAMBERT PARISH  
*Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord*

April 19, 2020



*Sunday of Divine Mercy*

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### Sunday Offertory Collection

#### April 11-17, 2020

Sunday Envelopes:	\$2,872.00
Sunday Loose:	785.00
Give Central Sun.	<u>1,690.00</u>
Total:	\$5,347.00

Easter Envelopes:	\$2,160.00
Give Central Easter:	<u>430.00</u>
Total Easter:	\$2,590.00

Misc. Extraordinary:	\$268.00
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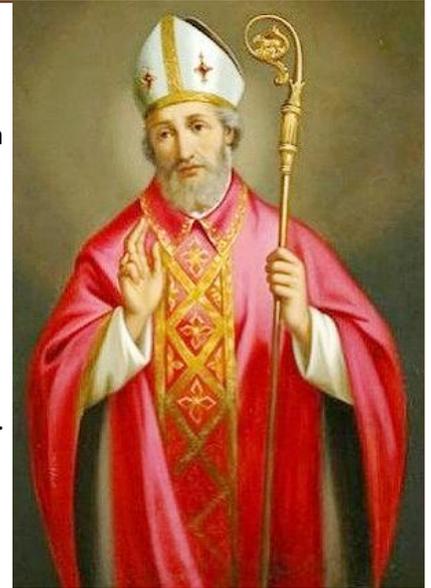
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### SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109)

#### April 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed church-state issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule's balanced "prayer and work," this monk-scholar, called from his abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today's *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: "Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!" "Faith seeking understanding" was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also led personal leaders, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed "A Prayer for My Friends" and "A Prayer for My Enemies," reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.

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**St. Lambert**



Dear Friends:

I sure wish I knew when this would be over and when we could start celebrating mass and the sacraments together again. Somehow Easter managed to happen and a lot of people celebrated the feast through the increasing presence of Catholic Media. I think the way in which so many people have taken responsibility for their own spiritual lives is truly impressive. I guess the old song is true, *“Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone.”*

I imagine that when we can worship the Lord together and receive the Holy Eucharist again it be all the more wonderful for its absence. We are learning to worship the Lord despite the obstacles. Someone called in to the show that I do on Relevant Radio simply distraught that she would not be able to celebrate the feast of the Divine Mercy this coming Sunday. It occurred to me that of course she could celebrate.

I know that at Relevant Radio we will do a special presentation at 3PM Central time in honor of the divine mercy. I'm not trying to do a commercial for the radio station, but I realize that this Sunday could be the biggest celebration of the Divine Mercy in the history of the devotion.

We've all gone to celebrations in different parishes, but this Sunday's celebration will be a coming together at 3PM of people throughout the country and the world. I really believe that at this time when we need God's mercy so desperately, there will be a great coming together of voices around the whole country and beyond, crying out together for mercy from the Heart of Christ.

Heaven has a plan and I really believe that even this pandemic can be used by the Lord. I suspect that for the faithful it is an invitation to renew our purpose, our desire to be the followers of the Lord in a world that wants to forget Him. I am looking forward to being part of a wave of prayer, a spirit of petition (***Zechariah 12:10***) ***I will pour out... a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.***

I look forward to praying the Divine Mercy chaplet with all of you on Sunday. Though we cannot be in the same place, we will still be together.

Fr. Simon

# 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.

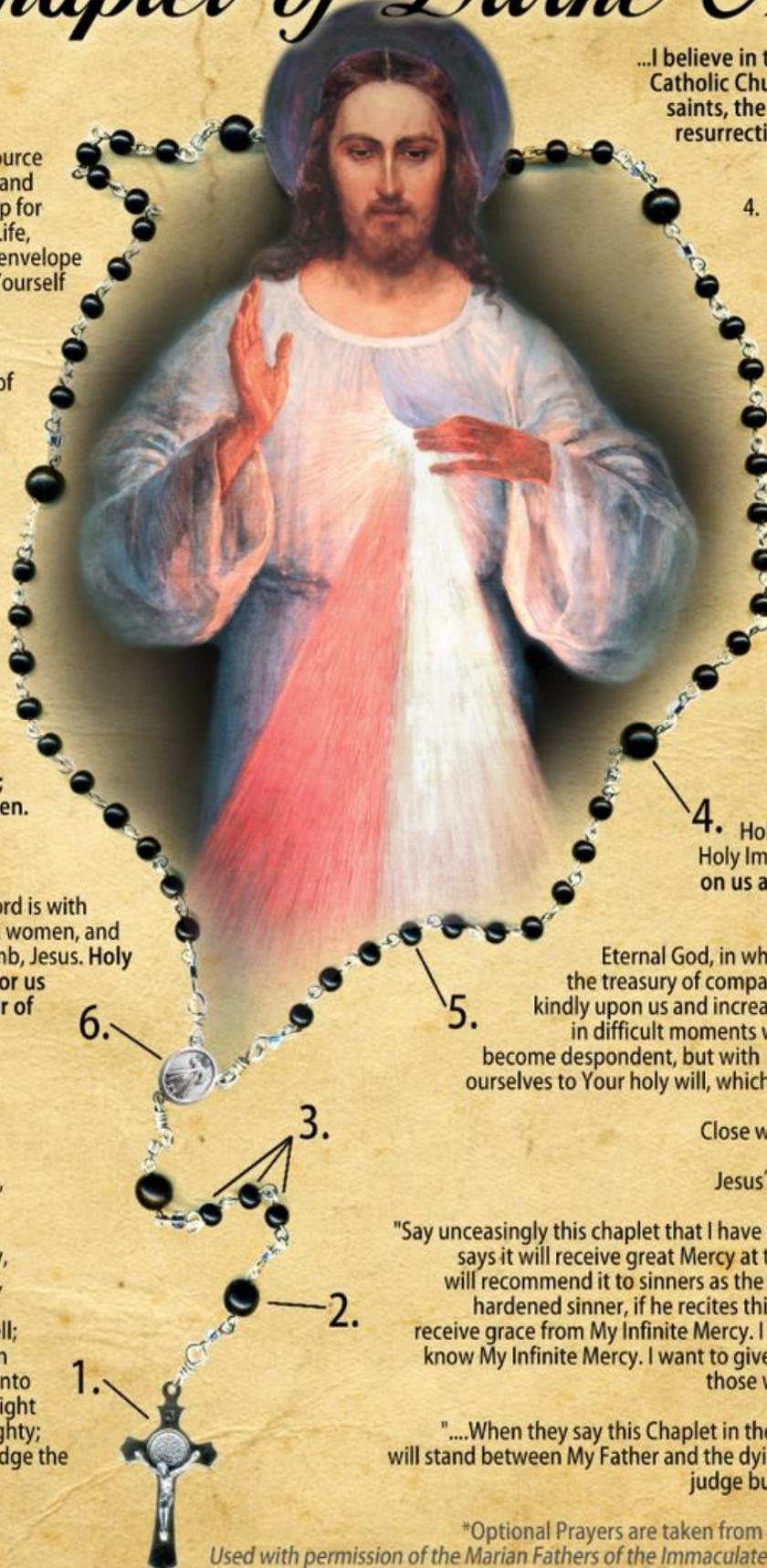
Jesus' promise to St. Faustina:

"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*.

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## What the church offers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020

For generations, the influenza pandemic of 1918 was merely an event in our history books - something that happened during a world war, a time when people lived very different lives and modern medicine had not yet been invented. This pandemic too, will be registered in the history books.

How humbling it is for our technologically advanced, well-educated and highly mobile culture to be brought low, frozen in place by a primitive lifeform. How disruptive to our illusions of control to see the collective knowledge of humankind fall tragically short.

What can we as a church offer to those making decisions that affect millions? What can we say to each family, each person about the hard choices and possibly painful experiences facing them?

We offer a faith- and values-based framework for making the difficult decisions inevitable in a crisis. Firmly grounded in a reverence for all human life, we implore the nation's leaders to act swiftly without self-interest or self-regard to equip and safeguard our heroic healthcare workers.

And we offer our prayers for those who stand at the bedside of the sick, often imperiling themselves. We offer our compassion and solidarity with those charged with maintaining the peace and keeping



the lifelines of food and mail delivery, social services and other essential community functions open.

We offer our support to all those keeping our children and young people focused on their studies under imperfect and stressful conditions. These include parents, grandparents and guardians pressed into service as teachers, aides and study hall monitors. They are providing a measure of normalcy and teaching life-forming lessons in perseverance.

We offer our commitment to fulfill the community outreach missions of our parishes and agencies. As Pope Francis asked, "Let us make our closeness felt to those who are alone and to those who are most stricken." Numerous workers and volunteers have responded. We will, to the fullest extent possible, continue to feed, clothe and shelter those in need.

And we offer our deepest condolences to those who suffer the loss of loved ones and the added heartbreak of being deprived of healing rituals and the comfort of friends. With our fervent prayers we commend the dead to the merciful embrace of God, whose love is everlasting.

As a church, we are a humble instrument for God's grace and God's message of hope and love to all people. We may find it difficult to grasp why this crisis should deprive us of the usual means of grace in the public celebration of Mass and the other sacraments. This is especially so in these days of Holy Week and Easter, when we renew our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Yet throughout history, Christians have been deprived of the sacraments by rulers and governments. Countries in Eastern Europe provide a particularly vicious example. This deprivation did not and does not have to mean

that faith and devotion cease. It often increased.

In our situation today, this deprivation is not imposed. We are choosing it out of love of neighbor and because we value human solidarity, which is itself an act of worship. And, like our forebears, we are not deprived of uniting hearts and minds in prayer.

Pope Francis has invited us to join in what he calls "the universality of prayer, of compassion and tenderness." The Holy Father's words speak to many well beyond our own Catholic family. Everyone is invited to cultivate hope in their hearts - including those who do not believe.

"We are all children of God, and he watches over us," says Francis. "Even those who have not yet met God, those who do not have the gift of faith, can find their way through the good things that they believe in. They can find strength in their love for their children, their family, their brothers and sisters. Someone might say: 'I cannot pray because I do not believe.' But at the same time," he concludes, "we can believe in the love of the people we have around us, and there we can find hope."

What this pandemic reveals about our society is already becoming clear. How it shapes our future is in our hands.

We pray that the choices we make today will be remembered as serving the common good. And we hope in the end it will yield a clearer vision of what is truly important in all our lives.

Please know that all of us who serve the archdiocese are praying for you, our community and country and everyone in the human family around the world. We very much need and appreciate your prayers and support.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31 LPs 2:1-9 Ljn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37 LPs 93:1-2, 5 Ljn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26 LPs 34:2-9 Ljn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33 LPs 34:2, 9, 17-20 Ljn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42 LPs 27:1, 4, 13-14 Ljn 6:1-15
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14 LPs 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 L Mk 16:15-20
Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33 LPs 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 L 1 Pt 1:17-21 L Lk 24:13-35

# Hallow

A Catholic meditation app to help you find peace and grow in your spiritual journey.

## BRING PEACE TO YOUR QUIET

Find peace in silence through guided Meditation, Lectio Divina, Examen, or Rosary sessions.

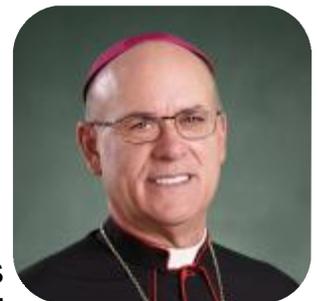
## PRAY YOUR OWN WAY

Choose what works for you across different methods, lengths, guides, music, and themes.

<https://hallow.app/>

*Hallow is an excellent resource for people searching for deeper spiritual lives, especially the younger generation of Catholics today. It helps make clear that a relationship with God is and can be extremely personal and can be a great source of peace, joy, and strength.*

Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades  
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend



## Divine Mercy Kids

Can you find all of the words in the Chaplet prayer?

FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION, HAVE MERCY ON US  
AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD!

M R O Q H A V E D S  
L E H Z I N F I J A  
Y C R W S D U P S K  
P B T C U O L B C E  
A Y H S Y N P O Q O  
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St. Faustina

My name is Sister Faustina Kowalska. I was born in Poland! I have nine brothers and sisters. When I was young, I tried to be obedient to my parents, I prayed with my family and I visited the poor. When I was 20, I became a nun. In the convent, even though I was only a cook, a gardener and a doorkeeper, Jesus appeared to me. He wanted me to tell you that you must help everyone you meet with your actions or words - or just by praying for them. This is called the message of Divine Mercy. If you are merciful to others, Jesus will be merciful to you! I was made a saint on April 30, 2000 by Pope John Paul II.