



Sunday, April 23, 2017

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened" (Diary 699).

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration 3 to 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, including a short teaching on Saint Faustina, the messages she received from Jesus, and why Saint John Paul II declared the first Sunday after Easter the Feast of Divine Mercy. We will adore the Blessed Sacrament and venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy as we sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Parish Small Group Celebration after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Sanctuary

Following the 5:30 Mass, we will sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Refuge band. Afterwards, hear from some of your fellow parishioners who participated in small groups during Lent, journeying through *Matthew 26-28: Jesus' Life Giving Death*. Learn how it impacted their lives and how you can join a small group to study *Acts: The Good News of the Holy Spirit*. Refreshments and group photos will follow in the Parlor.

Divine Mercy Novena: Good Friday through Saturday, April 22

The Divine Mercy Novena Prayer followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed for nine days in a row from Good Friday through Saturday in the Octave of Easter. Bring your rosary to the Cathedral Worship Space and pray this beautiful Novena with Cassi Griswold-Lintz. Good Friday at 2:15 p.m., Holy Saturday at 1 p.m. Easter Sunday at 2:15 p.m., Easter Monday through Easter Saturday, 7:30 a.m. each day.

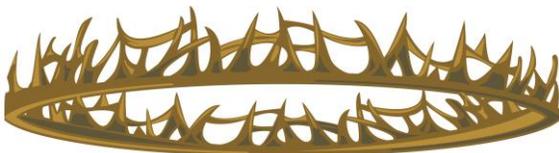


Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary 699). He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy" (Diary 1109).

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday," April 23. We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith! The image of the Divine Mercy, which Our Lord

requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said, "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary 341,48).

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You" (Diary 327). It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day. The Church allows for one to go to confession for up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.



Divine Mercy Sunday is presented by the Spiritual Life Commission.

Join us every First Saturday to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m.

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