

# Divine Mercy Sunday



## What is the meaning of Divine Mercy Sunday?

During the course of Jesus' revelations to St. Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be

celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day concern the institutions of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina in 2000. In the decree the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the 2nd Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

## When Should the Divine Mercy be prayed?

Just as the Image can serve as a reminder of the "ocean of Divine Mercy," as well as its price, so can the daily remembrance of the Divine Mercy at the hour of Christ's death. Jesus asked St. Faustina, and through her us, to celebrate the Hour of Great Mercy, promising tremendous graces for those who do so, both for themselves and for others.

At 3 o'clock, implore My mercy,  
Especially for sinners; and, if only for  
a brief moment, immerse yourself in  
My Passion, particularly in  
My abandonment at the moment of agony.  
This is the hour of great mercy...  
In this hour I will refuse nothing to  
the soul that makes a request of  
Me in virtue of My Passion.

*(Diary 1320)*

Jesus' Mercy is incomparable. He wants—more than anything—for us to come to Him, to live with Him in Heaven. His Love, manifested on the Cross is the reason that the Chaplet is so powerful.

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## What is the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

Using the Marian Rosary, begin with the Sign of the Cross, then the group of 3 beads, the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostles' Creed. On the beads of the 5 decades, say the following: on the Hail Mary beads—"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." Repeat for all decades. Conclude with (three times) "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world."

## Why is St. Faustina important?

St. Faustina had unwavering faith in Jesus and was obedient to Him. Through her Diary, the world has come to better understand the Divine Mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



## Pope Francis on Divine Mercy Sunday: Beware of the Virus of 'Selfish Indifference'

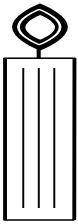
Humanity could be struck by "an even worse virus" after the coronavirus crisis, that of "selfish indifference," Pope Francis said as he celebrated Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th. He said we risk forgetting the poor as we eagerly await the end of the pandemic.

"Now, while we are looking forward to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, there is a danger that we will forget those who are left behind. The risk is that we may then be struck by an even worse virus, that of selfish indifference. A virus spread by the thought that life is better if it is better for me, and that everything will be fine if it is fine for me."

"In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly," he said, "like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet."

To those frustrated by falling time and time again, the pope said: "The Lord knows this and he is always ready to raise you up. He does not want us to keep thinking about our failings; rather he wants us to look to him. For when we fall, he sees children needing to be put back on their feet; in our failings he sees children in need of his love."



**Padre Pio**

Devotional Candle Burning  
In Loving Memory of  
John Nave  
(100th Birthday)  
Requested By  
Marty

**LET US PRAY**

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish and all those in hospitals, nursing homes and the home bound.

Christopher Aldrich, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Rosaria Campolo, Robert Capria, Grayce Costantini, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Joni Uva DelGiorno, Gen DiMento, Ginny and Erin Donovan, Aaron Doty, Jenny Emmi, Mary Ann Felicia, Marilyn Ferretti, Beverly Frey, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Keith Horton, Josephine Indelicato, Mary Isgar, Dory Jones, Shirley Kerr, Jane Kwasigroch, Rosemary Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Maria Luisi, Diane Mackey, Norm MacKenzie, Peggy Miccinelli, Diane Moro, Jean Padden, The Pavia Children, Philomena Piraino, Joe Ruggeri, Cathy Galutz Sacco, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Anthony Sobon, John Sobon, Timothy K. Suppes, Barbara Traino, Maryann Vigliotti, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins and Fred Wheeler.

**The Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, our donations help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it is not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Please contact Fr. Dan if you have any questions about our parish finances.

**OLP/St. Peter Collection:**

April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday \$7,960.00  
THANK YOU!!

**SJ/HT Collection:**

April 17, 2022 TBA

*May God Bless You on Your Birthday*

Happy Belated Birthday to Lorraine Marinelli who celebrated on April 13th. Best wishes from your fellow parishioners!!

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

(from the Office of Family Life Education)

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's Gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

**VOCATIONS**

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The Lord Jesus needs faithful men and women to go out and convert nations, just like the early disciples. Have you considered the priesthood or the religious life?

Call Fr. Jason Hage at 315-470-1468 or write: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org) for more information.

**BEREAVEMENT**

Please remember in your prayers, Anita Vassallo, Nga Le, and Michael Canestrare whose funerals we celebrated this week. Our deepest sympathy to their families. ***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace.***

**HOLY NAME  
50/50 RAFFLE  
Call for your ticket!!**

Remember you cannot win if you don't purchase a ticket for the 50/50 Raffle sponsored by the Holy Name Society. If you have not purchased your ticket yet, consider doing so because there are **only 4 - 6 tickets left**. Here's your chance to contribute to our fundraiser and maybe win something too!!

Tickets are still available for you to purchase and they are only \$50.00 each. The drawing will be on **May 11, 2022 (think spring!)**. You may want to give a ticket (or two) as a gift!

Please Larry Cimino, 315-430-5645 or Joey Cimino at 315-430-0338 if you want a special number, it will be on a first come, first served basis. We thank you for your support.

**KENTUCKY DERBE PARTY  
A Special Event Benefiting Fr. Champlin's  
Guardian Angel Society**

You are invited to join in the fun on May 7th at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown in the Grand Ballroom from 5-10 pm. Guests will be called to the post to view the race live, dress up in fancy hats and bowties (optional) and dance the night away to the legendary band Atlas. There will be a Derby-themed Buffet, whiskey bar and mint juleps, basket raffles, pick-a-pony and best dressed/hat contests. To purchase: call 315-422-7218 or visit: [GuardianAngelSoc.org](http://GuardianAngelSoc.org). For more information please contact Jill at [jill@GuardianAngelSoc.org](mailto:jill@GuardianAngelSoc.org). Sounds like fun!!



**The Miracle of Spring**

This is the glorious Springtime,  
the season of rebirth,  
God's promise of eternal life,  
everywhere on earth.  
The time of resurrection,  
the miracle of Spring,  
beauty all around us,  
o make our hearts just sing.

Ruth M. Gilmour



**LENTEN FRIDAYS...THANK YOU**



Where can we ever start to thank everyone that made our Lenten Fridays such a huge success!!!!

The cooks, the bakers, the donors, the volunteers preparing, serving and cleaning up, the curb side team, the kids art work on place mats, and of course all of you that believed in us and ordered meals. We have had wonderful reviews from so many and we are so grateful to everyone that put so much effort (and finances) into each week!!

We served over 1,000 meals in the 6 Fridays and raised \$8,000. Thanks to all of you!!!

This effort was a team effort in so many ways and as hard working everyone was throughout the 6 weeks, the friendships and fun were just as wonderful. We hope everyone on the committee (we like to say team because that's just what it was) knows who they are and feels the gratitude we want you to feel. Your answer to our parish and school is an incredible testament to who you are and to your incredible love for God, His church and His people!!!

From the bottom of our 's ...thank you!!

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who made this Palm Sunday & Easter celebration so amazing. There are too many to list here that made it possible but they all have our sincere appreciation for an outstanding job.

You are all in my prayers, please keep me in yours.

Fr. Caruso