

APRIL 07, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY



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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29 and concludes Saturday, April 6. In private revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Some copies of this novena are available at the foyer.

Alternatively, the novena can also be accessed online at

<https://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/divine-mercy-novena.pdf>

St. Maria Goretti Parish will host a Divine Mercy Service - APRIL 7, 2024 following the 11:30 Mass

All parishioners from all parishes are welcomed to attend.

"It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But I must!" Pope Francis
Following the Divine Mercy Service, please join us for light luncheon provided by the St. Maria Goretti Catholic Women's League

Sick? Shut-in?

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.

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2nd Sunday of Easter – April 7, 2024

1st Reading: Acts 4, 32-35

2nd Reading: 1 John 5, 1-6

Gospel: John 20, 19-31

Eternal Contemplation of God's Mercy

Saint Faustina writes in her Diary:

“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. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy” (Diary #699).

What will it be like to contemplate the love and mercy of God for all eternity? To some, this might not at first seem that appealing. Won't it become boring if all we do for all eternity is contemplate God's mercy? If that is a question that resonates with you, then the reason this idea initially lacks appeal is because you cannot fathom how fulfilling and glorious this will be. Jesus said, “My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

God willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents.

When Jesus says that our eternity will be spent contemplating His Mercy, He doesn't only mean that this is something we will do after we die. True, the fullness of the revelation of His Mercy will be set before us when we enter into the Beatific Vision and contemplate God forever. But “eternity” includes today. It includes the here and now. Therefore, our contemplation of The Divine Mercy must be the single most important goal in our life today. When it is, everything else in life will fall into place in support of this goal.

In order to make the contemplation of The Divine Mercy the most important goal of your life, you must begin to understand it. That's why we were given this special day, this most solemn Feast of Mercy. Therefore, use this day as an opportunity to deepen your contemplation of this Gift. Begin by reading about God's Mercy as it was revealed to us through Saint Faustina. Try to spend time reading Jesus' words, His explanations, descriptions and revelations about His Mercy. As you do, if you find that it remains incomprehensible, don't worry. It is incomprehensible! However, since Jesus promised us that our eternity would be spent in contemplation of His Mercy, then we must believe that the more deeply we enter into that contemplation now, the more glorious our lives will become. If we can truly taste of this Mercy, gain a small glimpse of its grandeur, and comprehend even a small aspect of its meaning, then we will truly find much satisfaction in this endeavor. (mycatholiclife.com)

MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

Mass Intentions for this week

Date	Intention
6 Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family members, Living & Deceased
7 Sun	Savoie and Schumacher Families - Living & Deceased
8 Mon	For all the souls in Purgatory
10 Wed	Rest of the Soul of Lorraine Blanchette R.I.P.
14 Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Laura Blanchette