

PRAYERS IN THE PEW™ MONTHLY

FAITH IN ACTION CALENDAR / HIGHLIGHTS

SUNDAY JUN 2	Solemnity of CORPUS CHRISTI
MONDAY JUN 10	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
SATURDAY JUN 22	Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs

Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™

→ MONTHLY SYNOPSIS ←

June 2024 – The entire month of June is in Ordinary Time, but it is also filled with great post-Easter feast days like Corpus Christi and the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts. Let us ask the grace this month to immerse ourselves in the Church’s rich faith life and adore Christ with our reverent participation at Mass.

THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

The humble Polish nun who received the apparitions of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, from 1931-1938 had only three years of formal education. Yet, she was the originator of a worldwide movement of grace.

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy was chosen by Jesus to spread the message of His Mercy during a century that was known for its utter barbarism: two world wars, the dropping of the Atomic Bomb, and the unleashing of plagues such as abortion, pornography, and euthanasia throughout the entire world.

Jesus asked St. Faustina to write down her experiences (now known as the *Diary*) and to propagate them in the form of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, which begins ↗

— THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS —



“The Lord said to me, ‘The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.’” ~ *St. Faustina’s Diary, n. 1397*

“It is not Death that will come to fetch me, it is the good God. Death is no phantom, no horrible specter, as presented in pictures. In the catechism it is stated that death is the separation of soul and body: that is all! Well, I am not afraid of a separation which will unite me to the good God forever.” ~*St. Therese of Lisieux*

begins with the noble and beautiful prayer below. He also commanded her to have an image of Him painted (with red and white light being emitted from His Sacred Heart) so that His Mercy could be venerated by all.

THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

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, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(The participant then repeats the following petition three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

Although Sr. Faustina established the content of this devotion, it was the bishop of her local diocese, Karol Wojtyla, who is most responsible for its promotion. After he was elected Pope John Paul II in 1978, he authorized the devotion for universal use. He canonized St. Faustina in the year 2000, as the first saint of the new Millennium.

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CALENDAR OF FAITH | June

JUN 1 Sat	St. Justin, Martyr
JUN 2 Sun	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
JUN 2 Sun	Solemnity of CORPUS CHRISTI
JUN 3 Mon	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
JUN 5 Wed	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
JUN 6 Thu	St. Norbert, Bishop
JUN 7 Fri	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
JUN 8 Sat	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
JUN 9 Sun	St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
JUN 11 Tue	St. Barnabas, Apostle
JUN 13 Thu	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
JUN 21 Fri	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
JUN 22 Sat	St. John Fisher, Bishop and St. Thomas More, Martyrs
JUN 24 Mon	BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
JUN 27 Thu	St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
JUN 28 Fri	St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
JUN 29 Sat	STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
JUN 30 Sun	First Martyrs of Rome

FAITH FUNDAMENTALS



The Four Last Things

The Church always tells us what we need to hear, not always what we want to hear. This is especially true of the doctrine of the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell.

The Church wants us to think about what comes after this earthly life now before we actually come face to face with these realities at the end of our earthly lives.

Death is a certainty for all mortal beings. It is not just a physical reality but also a spiritual passage. It is that moment when our souls separate from our bodies and our spiritual destiny is fixed for all eternity.

Next comes **Judgment**. There is the immediate judgment of our souls, which the Church calls the "particular judgment". This is followed by the "general judgment" at the end of time where Christ will come "to judge the living and the dead" as we profess in the Creed.

At the moment of death, each of us will make one of two choices that will determine our eternal fate: either **Heaven** or **Hell**. Humans are endowed with free will, and our eternal destiny is fixed by our own choice. Where will you choose to spend eternity?

BIBLE BASICS



Proverbs 3:3-4 "Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man."

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

CATECHISM CONNECTION



1023 Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is, face to face".

1033 To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell".

Praying with the National Eucharistic Revival

Preparation for Holy Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of everlasting glory, behold I desire to come to You this day and to receive Your Body and Blood in this heavenly Sacrament for Your honor and glory and the good of my soul.

I desire to receive You, because it is Your desire, and You have so willed it: blessed be Your Name forever. I desire to come to You like Mary, Your most holy Mother, that I may be delivered from all my evils and embrace You, my only good.

I desire to come to You that I may be happily united to You, that I may henceforth abide in You, and You in me, and that nothing in my life or death may ever separate me from You. **Amen.**

[Prayers concerning the Eucharist can be found on the Official *Prayers in the Pew* Eucharistic Revival Edition Prayer Card.]

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