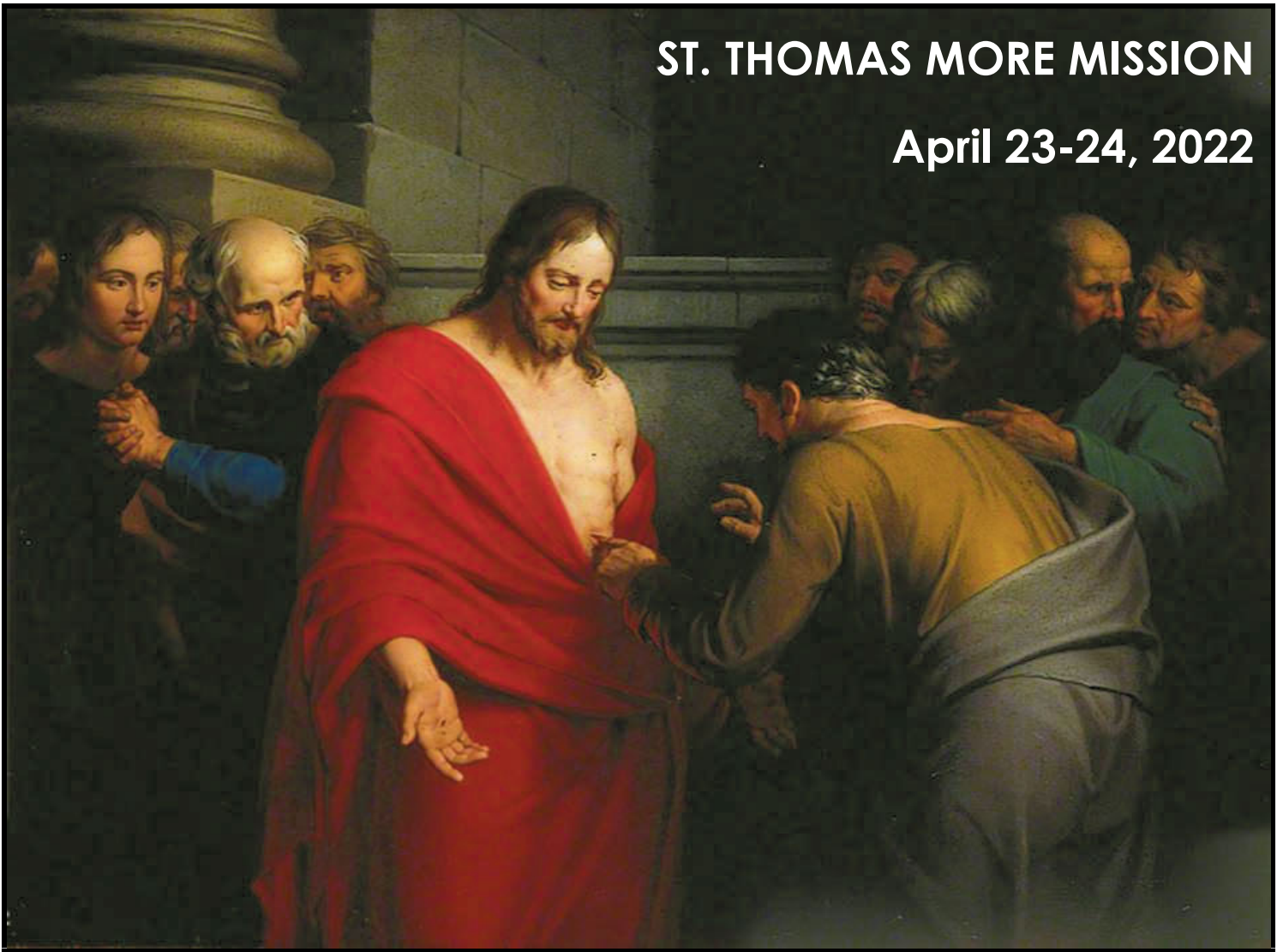


ST. THOMAS MORE MISSION

April 23-24, 2022



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23-24
3rd Sunday of Easter, April 30-May 1

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil, 4:30 pm & Sunday, 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday, 12:00 pm & Saturday, 3:00 pm

Devotions

First Friday, 12:00 pm Mass, followed by Adoration, First Friday Prayers and the Rosary.

First Saturday, 3:00 pm Mass, followed by Adoration, Marian Devotions and the Rosary

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday, 3:30-4:20 pm

Sunday, 9:30-9:50 am

Thursdays, 12:45-2:00 pm

Also, you may request an appointment for confession.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays, 12:30-2:00 pm

QUASI MODO - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Fr. Scott Haynes

Haec est dies quam fecit Dominus *"This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it!"* (Ps 117:24). For eight days already we have celebrated the Feast of the Resurrection: the perfect and unending Day of the Risen Christ, the great and glorious Pasch of the Lord! For eight days now the splendor of *"the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end"* (Rev 1:8) has flooded the Church with light and joy.

Ministry of Divine Mercy As we look at Christ with His resurrected body we behold His glorious wounds. He is the Crucified and Pierced One out of Whose open Heart flows a torrent of water and of blood. Priests are called, in a special way, to remain beneath the glorious Cross of Christ together with the Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, the other holy women, and the disciple whom He loved. And so each priest must make of his own heart an open chalice held aloft to receive the torrent gushing from the pierced side of Christ, that not a drop of it be lost. All that flows from the side of Christ must be received by the Church in the person of the priest and then distributed lavishly, applied with tenderness to every spiritual brokenness and wound. This is the spiritual ministry of Divine Mercy. The priest, in a most excellent way, is the one who applies the mercy of God to your soul, washing you in the waters of Baptism, forgiving your sins in the Sacrament of Mercy, which is Confession, and feeding you with the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

Peace Be With You In the Gospel, Jesus says to the disciples a second time, *"Peace be with you"* (Jn 20:21). Then He adds, *"As the Father has sent me, so I send you"* (Jn 20:22) So Christ's mission does not end with his death and resurrection; we are to continue the Lord's work day to day. We are to carry out His works of mercy. We are to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Church is the community of those who have experienced the mercy of the Risen Christ and known his peace. The Gospel tells us on the third appearance of Jesus doubting Thomas was present, and He says to them, *"Peace be with you."* Anything that happens three times in the Bible is rather important, so pay close attention. At this appearance the Lord breathes on them. As the Son of God breathes on them recall how God breathed the breath of life into Adam in the Garden of Eden. Imagine how the breath of the Holy Ghost hovered over Mary at the Annunciation and see how the priest breaths over the host and chalice as the bread and wine are transubstantiated into Christ's Body and Blood in the consecration. There is a life-giving power to the breath of God and so when Jesus breathes on the apostles he says, *"whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."* We show our belief in this power to forgive sins each time we profess in the Creed, *"I believe in the forgiveness of sins."*

The Balm of Divine Mercy The Church is a community of sinners trying to be held, people wounded by sin who are contemplating the glorious wounds of the Risen Christ. Our wounds are the means by which the mercy of the Risen Christ penetrates into the secret places of the soul. Remember the parable of the Good Samaritan. He stops and helps the poor wounded man lying on the roadside. Everyone else passes him by. Christ is that Good Samaritan for you and for me, for we are truly the wounded men lying on the roadside of life. In the parable the Good Samaritan pours oil into the man's wounds, this symbolizes the balm and ointment of God's mercy. It is an oil that heals, cleanses and purifies. After pouring in the oil the Good Samaritan binds up the wounds. This binding of the wounds calls to mind the charity of Christ who binds us together with Divine Charity. Those who know themselves to be wounded and who expose their wounds to the radiance of Christ's glorious wounds, experience the power of his resurrection. These alone are sent forth by Christ to carry on his work of healing mercy in the world.

Communion Antiphon When Jesus appears the third time and says, *"Peace be with you"* (Jn 20:26), it is Thomas who is torn between the desire to believe and persistent doubts, so Christ says, *"Take your finger and probe my hands. Put your hand into my side"* (Jn 20:27). That is to say, *"Put your hand into my heart, Thomas. Touch what is most intimate in me, or rather allow me to touch what is most intimate in you, that you may not persist in your unbelief, but become full of faith."* These words of Jesus are given us, designedly, as today's Communion Antiphon, to accompany the procession of those who, full of adoration, approach the wounds of Christ's glorious Body. This was the experience of Saint Faustina Kowalska, the humble woman, chosen by the Risen Christ in the 1930's to recall the Church to trust in Divine Mercy. The image of the merciful Christ by which Saint Faustina sought to draw the wounded, the doubting and the fearful to Divine Mercy reminds us to *"Never to despair of the Mercy of God"* (RB 4:74). Each of us is invited to encounter the Water and the Blood flowing from the Sacred Heart of Christ, and, like Thomas, to probe Christ's glorious wounds, to penetrate even to his Sacred Heart. Then, will the prayer of Saint Faustina — *"Jesus, I trust in you!"* — well up from deep within all of us. Then will the cry of Thomas become our own: *"My Lord and my God!"* (Jn 20:28).

PARISH INFORMATION

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Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday-Sunday - Closed

Rectory

Rev. Scott Haynes, Associate Pastor

Business Manager

Pat Lave

Coordinator of Religious Ed

Debbie Ksycki

Registration

New parishioners should register at the parish office.

Religious Goods Store

Open on the third weekend of the month.

SACRAMENTS

Visitations

Hospital or Homebound; Please contact the Parish Office at 773-436-4444 as soon as possible for Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick.

Marriage

Registered and supporting members should call the parish office. A date should not be set until consulting with the Pastor.

Baptism

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office.

Funeral

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office.

Bulletin

Please submit all requests for bulletin announcement on Mondays by 10:00 am.

A PRAYER FOR THE ELDERLY

All-powerful and living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we thank you and praise you for giving long years to N. and N., who have lived in faith and in doing good. Grant that they may have the loving support of their relatives and friends, that in good health they may be cheerful, and in poor health not lose hope. Sustained by the help of your blessing, let them spend their old age giving praise to your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY, April 24

Sunday of Divine Mercy

10:00 am Repose of the Souls of Frances Finn, Patricia & Kathleen Sheehy (Family)
Deceased Members of Ugochukwu, Ekechukwu & Madu Families
Birthday Blessings for Michael Iyoha (Aguanunu Family)

MONDAY, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

12:00 pm Patricia & Kathleen Sheehy
Birthday Blessings for Sarah Dalton
Birthday Blessings for Michael Iyoha (Aguanunu Family)

TUESDAY, April 26

12:00 pm Rich Schmuhl (Family)
Anniversary Blessings for Mr. & Mrs. McInerney (Ron & Luann Bloom & Lucille Jaskolski)
Thomas Rose (Dillon Family)

WEDNESDAY, April 27

12:00 pm For the Repose of the Souls of Paul & Kim Carrabotta & Thomas, Margaret, Tommy & Pauline Macey & the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)
Stace Mikelevicius (Ron & Luann Bloom)

THURSDAY, April 28

St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

12:00 pm Michael & Winifred Burke (Burke Family)
Dolores Pogor
Thomas J. Wren (Dillon Family)

FRIDAY, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

12:00 pm Special Intention of Quasthoff Family
Thomas Schmitz, Jr. (George & Debbie Ksycki)

SATURDAY, April 30

St. Pius V, Pope

3:00 pm Blanche Sulka (Angela Sulka)
Dolores Pogor (David & Janice Scott)
Arlene Burke (Burke Family)

(Vigil Mass)

4:30 pm For the Parishioners

- DePaul Center for Marriage/Family Counseling
Fr. Bob Rohrich, 212 E. Custer St., Lemont, IL
630-257-9235
- Catholic Charities:
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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK



Janet Abramic
Sandy Badke
Crispin Bofinger
Joseph Carrabotta
Sarah Dalton
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Sandra Halper
William & Theresa Jendzio

Daniel Jiminez
Maria Jiminez
Rebecca Jiminez
John Kniecik
Cathy Lahart
Mike Lave
Kenneth Novickis
Celeste Phifer
Louis & Jeanine

Tricia Quastholl
Walter Quasthoff
Len Reilly
Thomas Rose
Sr. Maria-Paulina
Phyllis Spizzirri
Mary Tadda
Ken Watterson

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hear us on behalf of Thy sick.*

BIBLE STUDY

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Devin Jones

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Saturdays at 3:30 pm

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I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever; and the bread that I will give, is my flesh, for the life of the world. (John 6:51)

Sunday, May 1, 10:00 a.m.

FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY INCLUDING:



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MSG Kevin Daley
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COLLECTIONS

Check back next week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

CONFIRMATION MASS

April 27, 6:00 p.m. Mass
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*St. Thomas More Confirmation Students
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Casey at St. Bede Church on April 27.*

**St. Bede Church
8200 S. Kostner Ave.
Chicago, IL 60652**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

*Congratulations
Class of 2022*

CONFIRMANDI

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Ameera Andon

Sydney Brown

Vivian Garza

Kaylan Gonzalez

Ashlyn Jacobo

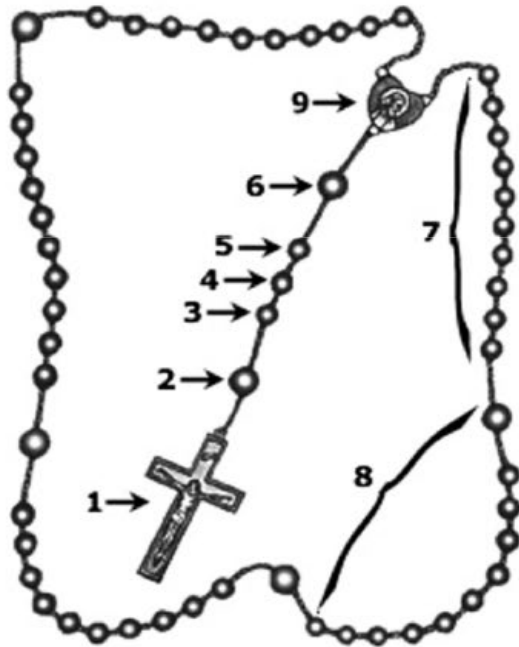
Axel Jacobo

Jonathan Jacobo

Dayhana Peralta

Christoper Phelps

The Divine Mercy Chaplet



1. Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

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.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in you!

Repeat three times

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.

4. 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.

5. 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 thence he shall 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

6. Eternal Father

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.

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the Remaining Decades

Say the "Eternal Father" on the "Our Father" bead and then ten "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion" on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Holy God

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Repeat three times

10. Optional Closing Prayer

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.

The Divine Mercy Sunday Indulgence

What is an indulgence?

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.

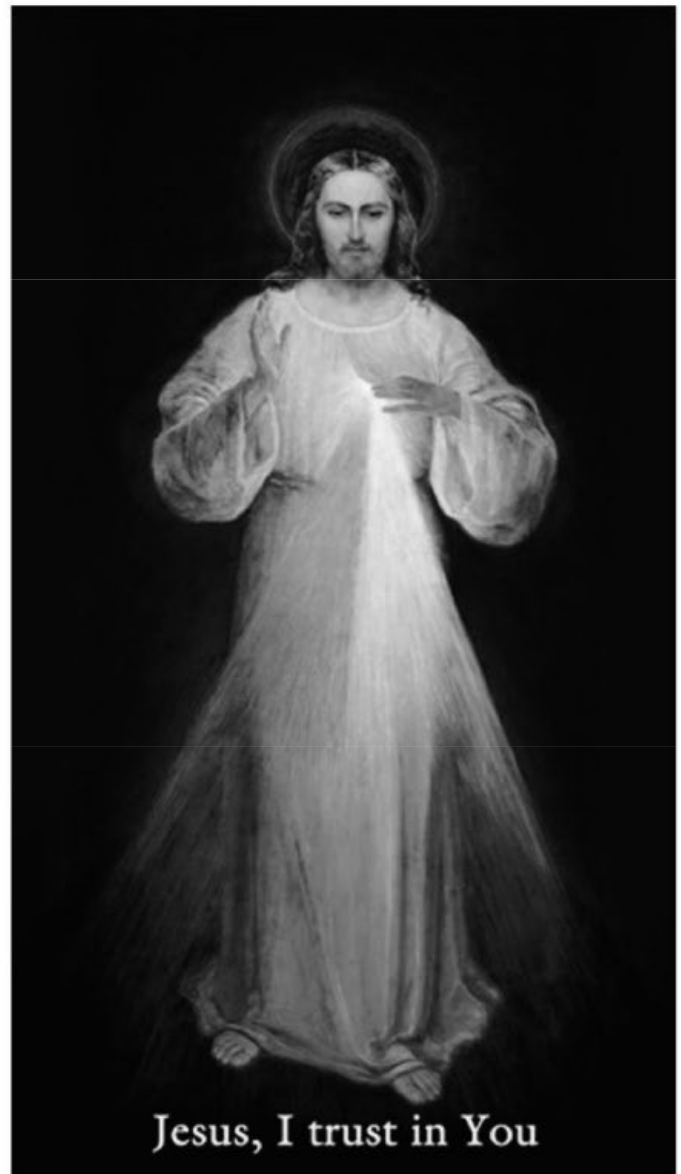
Catechism of the Catholic Church 1478-1479

What are the conditions for a plenary indulgence?

- Sacramental confession (within about 20 days before or after)
- Eucharistic communion (preferably on the day, or the days before or after)
- Prayer for the pope's intentions

What are the specific conditions for the Divine Mercy Sunday indulgence?

- On Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy.
- Or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you.").
- A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus.



The message of the Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that his mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon him with trust, receive his mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share his joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A: Ask for his mercy. God wants us to approach him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking him to pour his mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B: Be merciful. God wants us to receive his mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love

and forgiveness to others just as he does to us.

C: Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of his mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as the Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to the Divine Mercy had begun to spread. Learn more at thedivinemercy.org.

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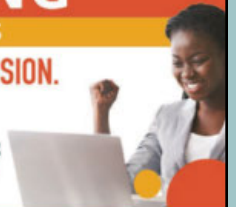
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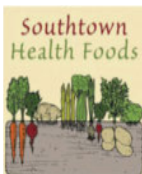
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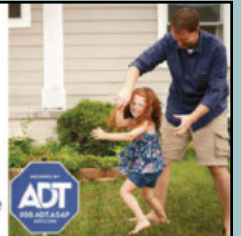
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