

April 11, 2021 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY

Monday–Friday 9:00 am & 5:30 pm
Main Church

WEEKEND

Saturday 9:00 am Main church
5:00 pm (English)
7:30 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 9:00 am (English)
11:00 am (Spanish)
1:15 pm (French / Creole)
3:30 pm (Spanish)

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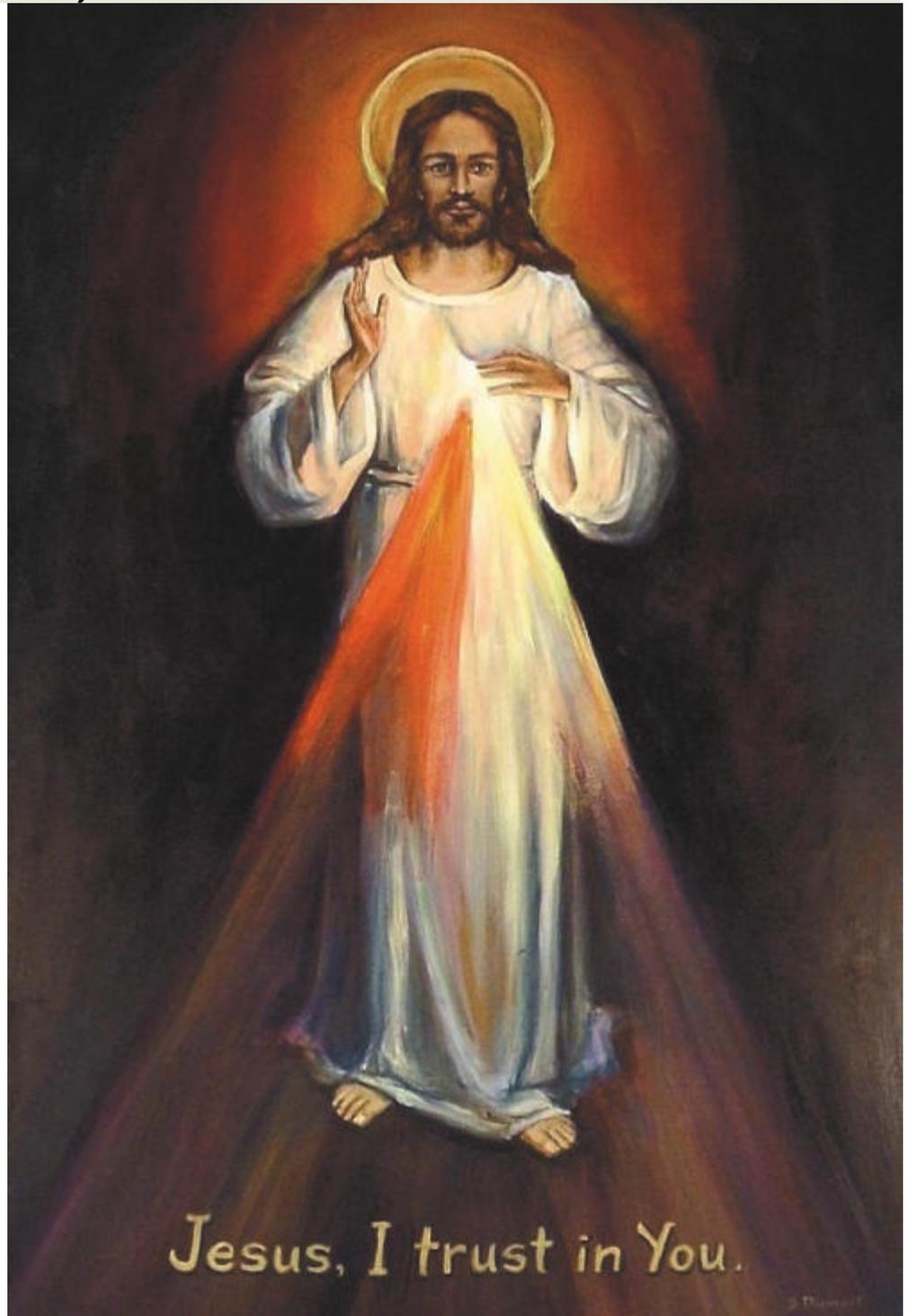
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What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

When and why did the church begin celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday?

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina's diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind [sic] will experience in the years to come."

This article appeared in the May 2011 issue of U.S. Catholic (Vol. 76, No. 5, page 46).

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prayer for the sick

Loving God, I pray that you will comfort me in my suffering, lend skill to the hands of my healers, and bless the means used for my cure. Give me such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when I am afraid, I may put my whole trust in you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday Mass Readings for April 11 2021, Divine Mercy Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

1st Reading	Acts 4:32-35
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
2nd Reading	1 John 5:1-6
Alleluia	John 20:29
Gospel	John 20:19-31

MASS INTENTION

Sunday, 04.11.21	9:00 am	+Vincent Nicoletti + Roger Desamour
	11:15 am	+ Manuel Vigilio Lema Lema Morocho (T)
	1:15 pm	Multiple Intentions
Monday, 04.12.21	9:00 am	+Mr. & Mrs. Luc Celestin Lumanie & Graziella Justafort (B)
	5:30 pm	+ Anne Marie & Armel Heriveaux + Margareth Jean Francois
Tuesday, 04.13.21	9:00 am	Medgine McCullum & Fam (T)
	5:30 pm	+ Jean Malebranche Attimy
Wednesday, 04.14.21	9:00 am	Christine Ridore Boursiquot (B) Roseland Astrel Germeus (B)
	5:30 pm	Eli Salnave Sistrat (B) Yolaine Matino (B) +Luccio Seraphin
Thursday, 04.15.21	9:00 am	Joshua Charles Pierre (B) + Denise Larose
	5:30 pm	+ Calixte Jean Francois
Friday, 04.16.21	9:00 am	+ Rose Louis
	5:30 pm	All the Clergy
Saturday, 04.17.21	9:00 am	+ Emile David
	5:00 pm	+ Christopher & Jerry Suggs + Jeffrey Tveit
	7:30 pm	+ Jose Antonio Santa Maria

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Saint Faustina received visions of our Lord, in which, Jesus instructed her to tell the world of His infinite Love and Mercy. She recorded these visions in her diary; later published under the title *Divine Mercy in My Soul: The Diary of St. Faustina*. Here, St. Faustina writes of Jesus' desire to establish a solemn feast dedicated to spreading the Divine Mercy of Christ to all humanity:

"On one occasion, I heard these words: 'My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.'"

Our Lord's will was indeed done. At St. Faustina's canonization Mass, her fellow countryman Saint John Paul II noted her witness as the Apostle of Divine Mercy:

*"Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: 'My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified', Jesus will ask Sr Faustina (Diary, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love's 'second name' (cf. *Dives in misericordia*, n. 7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness? ... [M]y joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God"*



Prayer of Gratitude for Divine Mercy

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

from St. Faustina's Diary

On October 5, 1938, a young religious by the name Sister Faustina (Helen Kowalska) died in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland. She came from a very poor family that had struggled hard on their little farm during the terrible years of WWI. Sister Faustina had had only three years of very simple education. Hers were the humblest of tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or the vegetable garden, or as a porter. On February 22, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to this simple nun, bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind.

In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, **'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'** (Diary 47)* Some time later, Our Lord again spoke to her:

"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls... These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross...." (Diary 299)

THE UPCOMING WEEK

MONDAY- 4/12 Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY- 4/13 Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY-4/14 Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY 4/15 Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY-4/16 Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Year with St. Joseph

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us (after each line)
Saint Joseph,

Renowned offspring of David,
Light of Patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Foster-father of the Son of God,
Diligent protector of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most strong,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of artisans,
Glory of home life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,

Solace of the wretched, Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of His house:
R. And ruler of all His substance.

Let us pray: O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.
Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Wednesday Dedication to St. Joseph

The Church traditionally ascribed focal points for reflection to each day of the week. As Saturdays were and still are devoted to Our Lady, Wednesdays were once devoted to St. Joseph. This year, consider giving your Wednesdays to St. Joseph and focus on learning about him and asking for his intercession for your family and home. March: Month of St. Joseph if devoting every Wednesday to St. Joseph doesn't work for you and your family, consider focusing on him for the month of March and including the devotions and celebrations tied to his feast day.

Why Do We Honor St. Joseph

"He is Holy Joseph, because according to the opinion of a great number of doctors, he, as well as St. John Baptist, was sanctified even before he was born. He is Holy Joseph, because his office, of being spouse and protector of Mary, specially demanded sanctity. He is Holy Joseph, because no other Saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God incarnate, and Mary, the holiest of creatures."

St. John Henry Newman



Prayer to St. Joseph,

suggested by Pope Francis, Patris Corde
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;

with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Memorare to Saint Joseph

Remember, O most pure Spouse of the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph my beloved patron, that never has it been heard that anyone invoked thy patronage and sought thine aid without being comforted. Inspired by this confidence, I come to thee and fervently commend myself to thee. Ah, despise not my petition, dear Foster Father of our Redeemer, but accept it graciously. Amen.

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 .

Stay tuned for
Friday Devotional Livestream

9:00 am Mass
followed by Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
12:00 Noon Angelus
3:00 pm Divine Mercy

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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.

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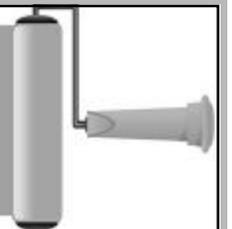
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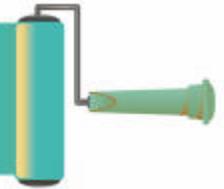
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