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April 11, 2021



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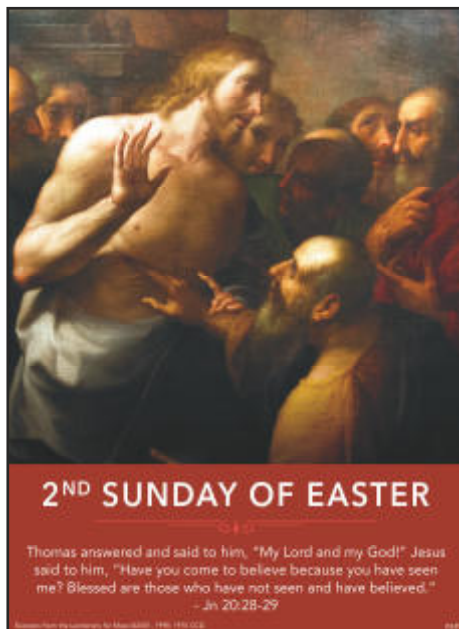
A Vicarious Descant

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Latin Choral Mass is at noon instead of the usual 9:30, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary. Adoration will close at 4:00 PM with Benediction. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung at 3:00 PM. Confessions will be heard from after Mass until 3:00 PM.

Many of you have read part or all of the Diary of St. Faustina which is titled, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. If just one paragraph could summarize what Jesus asked St. Faustina to do, perhaps it would be paragraph 47. If one paragraph could summarize what we must do, it would probably be the next paragraph, paragraph 48. And if one paragraph could summarize what the Church would one day do, it would probably be paragraph 699.

This is St. Faustina writing in paragraph 47: In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world."

And this is paragraph 48—what we must do: The Lord told St. Faustina, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image



will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory."

This all took place on February 22, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. A day when we honor the first Holy Father, St. Peter, when he was the bishop of Antioch—a city which became the center of the Eastern Church. The Lord revealed the image of Divine Mercy to St. Faustina on the one day that is uniquely about the primacy of St. Peter—that is, the office of the Holy Father—and the inseparable connection between the Eastern and Western Churches—a unity that has been wounded since the 11th century—July 16, 1054. On that day 200 years later, the Blessed Mother would appear to St. Simon Stock and confer upon him and later the entire Church the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

And the one paragraph that applies especially to this day: how the Church would solemnly promulgate the message of Divine Mercy to the world. Paragraph 699, reads,

"On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy (that is today) 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 grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. 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" (699).

This indulgence from Our Lord is handed on to us in this way: A plenary indulgence is granted to those who take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or in the tabernacle, recite one Our Father and the

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, - April 12, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Theresa Carp (D)

Tuesday, - April 13, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Neil Martin (D)

Wednesday, - April 14, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Darlene Kucel (L)

Thursday April 15, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Mary Decker (D)

Friday, - April 16, 2021

7:30 a.m.– Jes Flores (D)

Saturday, -April 17, 2021

7:30 a.m. – The Faithful Departed in the Grotto Cemetery

4:00 p.m. – The Twomey Family (L)

Sunday, April 18, 2021

6:30 a.m. – Special Intention

9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. – Triduum Mass

“I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it.” (Diary 1273)

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b -9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Mass Servers

Saturday, April 17, 2021

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

Sunday, April 18, 2021

6:30 a.m. R. Jacek, M. Pomeroy.

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & W. Remski, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch



“I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was open wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice.” (Diary 1572)

Three O’ Clock Prayer

You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an 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 fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.

“My child, know that the greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and an exaggerated anxiety. These will deprive you of the ability to practice virtue. All temptations united together ought not disturb your interior peace, not even momentarily. Sensitiveness and discouragement are the fruits of self-love. Have confidence, My child. Do not lose heart in coming for pardon, for I am always ready to forgive you. As often as you beg for it, you glorify My mercy.” (Diary, 1488)

Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus. Those who for a just cause cannot get to church can gain the same indulgence by reciting one Our Father, the Creed, and a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus before an image of the Divine Mercy (from Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter Liturgical Ordo 2021).

The rest of the roughly 1828 paragraphs of the diary relate Our Lord’s words to St. Faustina about Divine Mercy. Her diary also includes an account of many of St. Faustina’s trials, but also of her many joys and consolations as she lived a brief, but miraculous life as a religious sister in a small convent in Krakow Poland on the eve of World War II.

Later, our Lord said, “Write, speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Penance]. There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one’s misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated. Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no [hope of] restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God’s mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late” (1448).

Jesus asks us to show mercy to others. He told Faustina, “I need sacrifice lovingly accomplished, because that alone has meaning for Me. Enormous indeed are the debts of the world which are due to Me; pure souls can pay them by their sacrifice, exercising mercy in spirit.” 1317 ... “But write this for the many souls who are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy.

Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul. If a soul does not exercise mercy somehow or other, it will not obtain My mercy on the day of judgment. Oh, if only souls knew how to gather eternal treasure for themselves, they would not be judged, for they would forestall My judgment with their mercy.” 1317.

It was the first Divine Mercy Sunday—a week after the first Easter Sunday—when Jesus appeared to Thomas. On that first Divine Mercy Sunday Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” To this day, it is through the wounds of Christ that we believe. The wounds that caused his death are the very means of believing in his resurrection. The Blood and water which flowed from His side are indeed a fountain of mercy.

May the Divine Mercy of Jesus be poured out upon us and upon the whole world.

Grotto St. Vincent de Paul Helpers

Parishioners who are in need of help may contact Jeff Cline at 586-242-1959.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Any parents whose child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion this year, please contact the rectory.

Altar Boy Training

Any boy who has received his First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar boy. Monthly Altar Boy Training will be held on the **Second Saturday** of each month in the church from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM.

Ushers Needed

We are in need of additional men to serve as ushers at the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass and 6:30 and Noon Sunday Mass-

es. Please contact Marty at 586-873-3905 or the rectory office if you are able to help.

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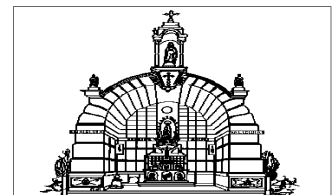
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Grotto Secular Carmelites.

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Marian Catechists

The Marian Catechist Advanced Catholic Catechism Course is meeting every other Saturday in the School. The courses were originally written by Fr. John A. Hardon S.J. for St. Mother Teresa and The Missionaries of Charity. The Marian Catechist Apostolate is now under the direction of Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke. For more information on the Apostolate or if you wish to take the Basic or Advanced Course call the rectory.





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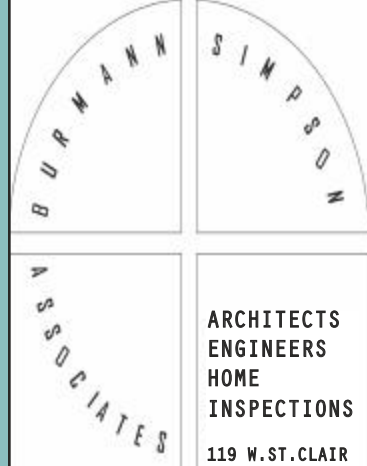
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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

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