

STEWARDSHIP

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Divine Mercy Sunday



is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

In 2000, St. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday".

To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, John Paul II himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbour, and after

they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters. The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy.

The Divine Mercy Image is a depiction of Jesus, raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white. The depictions often contain the message **Jesus, I trust in You.** The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy".

from National Catholic Register

DIVINE MERCY

Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>

- 2:30pm– Veneration
2:55pm– Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
3:00pm– Chaplet
4:00pm– Repose of Blessed Sacrament

The message of Divine Mercy is that God is merciful. Our Lord taught St. Faustina the fundamentals of trust, and of mercy to others. The Divine Mercy devotion includes a Novena that begins on Good Friday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. We will sing the Chaplet in the Chapel accompanied by parish musicians. A First Class Relic (bone fragment) of St. Faustina and the image will be displayed for Veneration. There is more information about the Divine Mercy devotions in the Lobby under the windows by the Holy Water.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- 4/15- St. Vincent De Paul
4/22- Seminarians/Priest Education & Formation
4/29– Mexico and Appalachia missions

JUST SO YOU KNOW

LADIES When we choose to wear lipstick we may not be aware of the results. Some consider leaving lipstick on holy objects to be offensive, disrespectful or irreverent. We could try to remember to wipe off our lipstick before receiving the Precious Blood at Mass. Nowadays lipstick is intended to stick, and it is really difficult for ministers to wipe it off the Chalice in preparation for the people behind us. Also, think of the volunteer who cleans the linens for us. Removing lipstick from the purificators is a serious challenge. These are also considerations when venerating, for instance, a Cross, statue or icon by kissing it.

JOIN US

The Parish Engagement Team (PET), previously known as the Permanent Community Council (PCC) meets the second Sunday of the month after the 10am Mass, in the Library. Meetings are open to all parishioners!

WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW) & PARISH ENGAGEMENT TEAM (PET) are meeting together Sunday, April 8th after the 10am Mass.

WELCOME

Our new Development Director, Tom Deming and his family will join us April 2nd!

ASHES TO EASTER BOXES TIME TO RETURN your full boxes and please continue to pray for the Missions.

WELCOME

Fr. Richard Andre, C.S.P., Associate Pastor of St. Autsin Parish to the 5:00pm & 7:30pm Masses today.

“Those who sincerely says ‘Jesus, I trust in You’ will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears.”

- St. Pope John Paul II

Bulletin Submissions

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Send content, questions, suggestions, etc.

Deadline for submissions is Wednesdays by 5pm

Monday April 9th,

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

The Angelus

