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Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday



March 31, &
April 7, 2024

On this greatest day of the year, all fasting and somber thoughts are banished. As St. John Chrysostom announces in this famous Easter sermon, all are invited to the feast:

“Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord!

Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward! Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day. Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread. Fare royally upon it—the calf is a fatted one.

*Let no one go away hungry.
All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith!
All enjoy the riches of His goodness.
Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal
Kingdom has appeared!
Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again,
for forgiveness has risen from the grave.
Let none fear death,
for the death of our Savior has set us free.
He has destroyed it by enduring it.
He spoiled the power of hell when he descended thereto.*

*Isaiah foretold this when he cried,
'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!'
It is frustrated, for it is destroyed.
It is frustrated, for it is annihilated.
It is frustrated, for now it is made captive.
For it grabbed a body and discovered God.
It took earth and behold! It encountered Heaven.
It took what was visible, and was overcome by what was invisible.*

*O Death, where is your sting?
O Death, where is your victory?
Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down.
Christ is risen, and life is set free.
Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead.*

For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep, to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.



Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

What is 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."





CANNED VEGETABLES & FRUIT: peas, beets, green beans, garbanzo beans, peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce and fruit cups.

BEVERAGES: coffee (regular & decaf), boxed tea all types, non-refrigerated almond milk, 32 oz or 64 oz of orange juice, cranberry, grape, or V-8 juice.

DRY GOODS: spaghetti (regular & gluten-free) and pasta sauce. Family-size of white rice, red beans, boxed rices.

OTHER ITEMS: vegetable oil, olive oil, jams & jellies, peanut butter (chunky, creamy, natural-style like Adams), toilet paper, paper towels, tampons, shampoo.

ALSO: We can't except expired food or anything that has already been opened.



Andrea Del Rosario ♥

Mary Schleich ♥ LeeAnn Mills

♥ Dorothy Bruck ♥ Bill Dietzler

♥ Fr. Fred Nkwasiwe, AJ

Please contact the office if you, or someone you know needs our prayers!

2024 Mass Intention Forms

If you've been meaning to have a Mass prayed for someone living or dead—maybe for yourself—or for another special reason, it is still early enough in the year when the current forms for calendar year 2024 are in the racks. Write in your preferred dates and for whom or what the priest will offer the Mass. Some people wish to mark birthdays, anniversaries, pressing worries, or reasons to be thankful. Filled-in forms can be mailed, emailed or placed in the collection basket.

Just click on the **GIVE ONLINE** button and take a look around. It's designed to be easy. It can be found on the upper right of our home page on our new website.

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Thank you!

Church Cleaners Schedule

April 2 – April 5
Marinka & Catherine

April 9 – April 12
Florence & Marie



Sat. Mar 30:	8:00 p.m.	† Ambrose & Christopher Calcagno
Sun. Mar 31:	9:30 a.m.	Fr. Andrew's intention
Wed. Apr 3:	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thur. Apr 4:	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri. Apr 5:	12:10 p.m.	No Mass
Sat. Apr 6:	4:00 p.m.	† John Antrosio – Jane & carol
Sun. Apr 7:	9:30 a.m.	† Joan Thomas
Wed. Apr 10:	9:00 a.m.	† Hung Tiet – Andrew Le
Thu. Apr 11:	9:00 a.m.	† Anotonette Amato – Altar Society
Fri. Apr 12:	12:10 p.m.	All Souls – Nga Tiet
Sat. Apr 13:	4:00 p.m.	Chloe Haugen – Lyndi Haugen
Sun. Apr 14:	9:30 a.m.	† Richard Dehen

MASS INTENTIONS



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† Richard Dehen

April 7 – April 13
† Bob Thomas

"We the welcoming community of St. Philip Neri Parish, empowered by the compassion of Jesus and supported by the Eucharist and the Word, dedicate ourselves to engage with and enrich the lives of those we touch."

Reconciliation Times
Saturday
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