**The Message of Divine Mercy**

**It’s Scriptural**

The message of mercy is the content and the challenge of Sacred Scripture. In the Hebrew Bible we see a God of mercy who calls His people to be merciful. In the New Testament Jesus exhorts us:

*Be merciful even as your Father is merciful*

(Lk 6:36 RSV).

He sets the highest goal for us and expects us to obtain it by His merciful love:

*Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain*

*mercy* (Mt 5:7 RSV).

When He comes again, He will judge us on our mercy toward one another:

*Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least*

*of my brethren, you did it to me* (Mt. 25:40).

**It’s the Teaching of St. John Paul II**

The message of The Divine Mercy – Jesus Himself - is at the heart of the gospel. The message of mercy presents the truth and the call of the gospel to our present age. This message of mercy is proclaimed by Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical *Rich in Mercy,* as the message for our age.

*...the Church must consider it one of her principle*

*duties – at every stage of history and especially in*

*our modern age - to proclaim and to introduce*

*into life the mystery of mercy, supremely revealed*

*in Jesus Christ* (14).

**Mercy – The Message And Response Through the Ages**

The message and response of mercy is not something new. In the past God spoke a message of mercy through the patriarchs and prophets – through Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah and many others.

In the last days God has spoken to us by His Son, Jesus Christ, who is Mercy personified and incarnated.

God continues to speak a word of mercy even to our generation, through the Church and its shepherds, and through Holy men and women – mystics – whom God has chosen as His vessels.

In our century He revealed Himself to Sister Faustina, a simple and holy nun in Poland during the 1930’s. He called her to be His secretary and His apostle of mercy. He spoke to her of His mercy and the way He wants us to respond to it.

**Gems of Wisdom from the *Diary* of Saint Faustina**

**[Regarding temptations] Jesus**: First, do not fight against a temptation by yourself, but disclose it to a confessor at once, and then the temptation will lose all its force. Second, during these ordeals do not lose your peace; live in My presence; ask My Mother and the Saints for help. Third, have the certitude that I am looking at you and supporting you. Fourth, do not fear either struggles of the soul or any temptations, because I am supporting you; if only you are willing to fight, know that the victory is always on your side. Fifth, know that by fighting bravely you give Me great glory and amass merits for yourself. Temptation gives you a chance to show Me your fidelity.

**Friday Meatless Suppers and Stations of the Cross**

-**St. Peter**: Stations, 6:30 p.m.; soup/bread supper, 7:35

February 26; March 4, 11, 18

(Stations are bilingual; need English leader on Feb 19)

-**St. Anne**: Soup/bread supper, 5:30 p.m. Stations, 6:45

March 11

-**St. Bernard**: Soup supper, 5:30 p.m. Stations, 6:45

February 26; March 18

-**Our Lady**: Soup/bread supper, 5:30 p.m. Stations, 6:45

March 4

**Calendar of Events**

**-Mar 13 (Sun). Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.**

**-Apr 10 (Sun). Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.**

**Mass Collections, February 13 – 14**

St. Anne $ 1437

St. Bernard 2165

Our Lady of the Snow 3821

St. Peter 599

St. Ignatius 310

**Total** $ 8332

**Vocations Prayer Calendar; January/February**

***Please pray for our seminarians every day.***

**Sat**--Francesco Basso & Guillermo Bustillos

**Sun**--Deacon Joe Grady & Deacon James Claver

**Mon**--Deacon Mason Fraley & Deacon Matt Magee

**Tue**--Deacon Salvador Sanchez

**Wed**--Connor Lyle

**Thu**--Deacon Nicholas Larkin + Deacon Peter Wojda

**Fri**--Men and women applying for formation

**Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI**

**KEY**: StI = St. Ignatius (Walden); StP = St. Peter

-Sat, Feb 20, StI, 4 p.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Feb 21, StP, 10 a.m., John and Julie Kleinhenz

**Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS**

**KEY**: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Feb 20, StA, 5 p.m., Sue Neumann

-Sat, Feb 20, StB, 7:30 p.m., Chris and Annette Bergeon

-Sun, Feb 21, StB, 7 a.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Feb 21, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Tom and Judy Reichert

Weekday Masses (see extra Masses listed in bold)

-Mon, Feb 22, StA, 8:30 a.m., Peter/Mary Savarie

-Tue, Feb 23, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Chris/Annette Bergeon

-Wed, Feb 24, StB, 8:30 a.m., John/Carolyn Murphy

-**Fri**, Feb 26, **OLS**, **9:30 a.m.**, Peter/Kathleen Brownell