

## The Message of Divine Mercy

### **Devotion to the Divine Mercy**

Our Lord not only taught Sister Faustina the fundamentals of trust, and of mercy to others, but He also revealed special ways to live out the response to His mercy. These we call the *devotion to The Divine Mercy*. The word “devotion” means fulfilling our vows. It is a commitment of our lives to the Lord who is Mercy itself.

By giving our lives to The Divine Mercy – Jesus Christ Himself – we become instruments of His mercy to others, and so we can live out the command of the Lord:

“Be merciful even as your Father is merciful”  
(Lk 6:36 RSV).

Through Sister Faustina, Our Lord gave us special means of drawing on His mercy: an Image of The Divine Mercy, a Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, a Feast of Mercy, a novena, and prayer at the 3:00 o’clock hour – the hour of His death.

These special means are in addition to the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation which have been given to the Church.

### **The Image of the Divine Mercy**

Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina with rays of red and pale light streaming from the area around His heart. His hand was raised in blessing, recalling the scene of Easter Sunday night (see John 20: 19-23).

He asked Sister Faustina to have this vision painted along with the words, “Jesus, I Trust in You!”

He presented this image to remind people to trust in His mercy, and to come to Him for mercy:

*I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in you (Diary 327).*

Jesus explained that the rays represented the blood and water which flowed from His pierced side and taught Sister Faustina the prayer:

O blood and water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You (Diary 84)

### **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

Our Lord taught Sister Faustina a prayer for mercy that she was to pray “unceasingly.”

He told her that by praying in this way her prayers would have great power for the conversion of sinners, for peace for the dying, and even for controlling nature.

We too can pray this chaplet, using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. Prayer cards are available at each church to teach us the words.

## **First Tuesday Confessions, StB, March 1 at 7 p.m.**

“In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself, not myself from You.” -Saint Augustine

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

**-St. Peter:** Stations, 6:30 p.m.; soup/bread supper, 7:35  
March 4, 11, 18

**-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  
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.

**-Mar 26-27.** Easter Weekend

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

### **Mass Collections, February 20 – 21**

St. Anne	\$ 1443
St. Bernard	1766
Our Lady of the Snow	1160
St. Peter	282
St. Ignatius	<u>235</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4881</b>

### **Vocations Prayer Calendar**

*Please pray for our seminarians every day.*

**Sat--**Donald Rasolofoarimanana & Hernaldo Arrieta

**Sun--**Jason DiRito & Jonathan Hantsbarger

**Mon--**Josh Madrid & Connor Lyle

**Tue--**Kevin Kasel & Micah Flores

**Wed--**Miguel Mendoza & Patrick DiLoreto

**Thu--**Samuel Munson & Stephen Sonnier

**Fri--**Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

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

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

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Feb 27, StA, 5 p.m., John and Carolyn Murphy

-Sat, Feb 27, StB, 7:30 p.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Feb 28, StB, 7 a.m., Dan and Diane Bielski

-Sun, Feb 28, OLS, 9:30 a.m., James and Mary Braun

Weekday Masses (see extra Masses listed in bold)

-Mon, Feb 29, StA, 8:30 a.m., John and Julie Kleinhenz

-Tue, Mar 1, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Rick/Julie Marsicek Family

-Wed, Mar 2, StB, 8:30 a.m., Carl and Anne Ingham

-**Thu, Mar 3, OLS, 11:30 a.m.**, God’s Little Instruments

-**Fri, Mar 4, OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, +Msgr. William Jones (5)

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

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

-Sat, Feb 27, StI, 4 p.m., Alex and Raquel Salinas

-Sun, Feb 28, StP, 10 a.m., Parishioners and visitors

-**Fri, Mar 4, StP, 5:30 p.m.**, +Msgr. William Jones (6)

-**Sat, Mar 5, StP, 8:30 a.m.**, Larry and Janice Gross