

## The Message of Divine Mercy

### **The Feast of Divine Mercy**

Our Lord asked Sister Faustina to pray and work towards establishing the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. He told her:

*On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon 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 (Diary, 699).*

It is a day that would celebrate the paschal mystery with a focus on God's covenant of mercy. It would be a day of complete forgiveness and pardon, like the Day of Atonement in the Old Testament (see Lev 16) – all our sins and the punishment due to them would be atoned for.

We can already celebrate this “Mercy Sunday” by going to Confession (eight days before or after) and receiving Holy Communion on that day. We can honor the mercy of the Lord by our prayers and works of mercy.

### **The Novena before the Feast**

In preparation for the Feast of The Divine Mercy, the Lord asked Sister Faustina to make a novena of prayer from Good Friday to the following Saturday.

These nine days of prayer (the word “novena” means nine) before the Feast of Mercy are like the nine days of prayer in the upper room before the day of Pentecost (see Acts 1:14).

For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Sister Faustina a different intention: all mankind, especially sinners; the souls of priests and religious; all devout and faithful souls; those who do not believe in Him and those who do not yet know Him; the souls of the separated brethren; the meek and humble souls and the souls of the little children; the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy; the souls detained in purgatory; souls who have become lukewarm.

*I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My Mercy, that they may draw from there strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death (Diary, 1209).*

We, too, can make a novena of prayer for these intentions and others, especially by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

### **The Three O'clock Hour**

In his revelations to Sister Faustina, Jesus asked for special, daily remembrance at three o'clock, the very hour He died for us on the cross:

*At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony: This is*

*the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion (Diary, 1320).*

At 3:00 o'clock we can pray:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us (Diary, 1319).

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).

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

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

March 11, 18

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

**St. Anne, March 11;** (St. Bernard, March 18)

### **Calendar of Events (Time Change on March 13--night)**

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

#### **Mass Collections, February 27 – 28**

St. Anne	\$ 1101
St. Bernard	1884
Our Lady of the Snow	2639
St. Peter	393
St. Ignatius	<u>272</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6289</b>

#### **Vocations Prayer Calendar**

*Please pray for our seminarians every day.*

**Sat**--Chad Smith & John Stapleton

**Sun**--Manuel Alarcon & Peter Srsich

**Mon**--Ryan Kent & Sean Conroy

**Tue**--Sile Wilfred Kone & Tony Davis

**Wed**--Yaroslav Cherniavskiy & Zach Taudien

**Thu**--Christian Mast & Christopher Marbury

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

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

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

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Mar 5, StA, 5 p.m., Rick and Julie Marsicek Family

-Sat, Mar 5, StB, 7:30 p.m., Doug and Laura Collins

-Sun, Mar 6, StB, 7 a.m., Joanne Jalley

-Sun, Mar 6, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Parishioners and visitors

Weekday Masses (see extra Masses listed in bold)

-Mon, Mar 7, StA, 8:30 a.m., Dale and Becky Redeker

-Tue, Mar 8, OLS, 7:30 a.m., John and Theresa Schuster

-Wed, Mar 9, StB, 8:30 a.m., Lynn/Dale Ann Davenport

-**Fri, Mar 10, OLS, 8:30 a.m., Barry/Aimee Kroneberger**

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

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

-Sat, Mar 5, StI, 4 p.m., Mark and Debbie Goulette

-Sun, Mar 6, StP, 10 a.m., Parishioners and visitors