

2nd Sunday of Easter - April 11, 2021
Divine Mercy Sunday

ST. MARY PARISH MASSES

Tues. April 13 - 7:00 p.m. Doug McLellan Req'd by Staff of St. Mary School

Wed. April 14 - 9:00 a.m. Kathleen Black Req'd by Myrtle Gorman

Thur. April 15 - 9:00 a.m. Mildred Page Req'd by Paul Page

Fri. April 16 - 9:00 a.m. Teresa Roberts Req'd by Ron & Marian Flanigan

Sat. April 17- 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Goetz Req'd by Tom & Cecile Hale

Sun. April 18 - 9:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

LECTORS

Sat. April 17 - 4:00 p.m. Evelyn Collins
 Sun. April 18 - 9:00 a.m. Marian Flanigan

CONFESSION only by appointment, call Fr. Joe at : 519-323-1054 ext.7

ST. THOMAS, Harriston

Sat. April 17- 5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

ST. PETER'S, Avton

Sun. April 18 - 11:00 a.m. Loretta & JimMurray Req'd by Dot Bourgeois

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

The Lord's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.
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DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Mon- Rev. F. Sordo	Tue- Very Rev. W. Kuzma
Wed - Permanent Deacons	
Thurs -Rev. J. McSharry	Fri.- Rev. F. Hubilla
Sat - Rev. J. Okoko, i.v.Dei.	

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

April 13- St. Martin I
 April 17- St. Kateri Tekakwitha



Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1. **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**
 2. **O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!**
 3. **Our Father. Hail Mary. The Apostle's Creed**
 4. **Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**
 5. **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world (Say 10x)**
 6. **Repeat "Eternal Father" (4) & "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (5) 4 times.**
 7. **Conclude with: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world 3 times.**
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Psalm 91 (NRSV) Assurance of God's Protection

1. You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
2. will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
3. For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
4. he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
5. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,
6. or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
7. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
8. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.
9. Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
10. no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.



Kateri Tekakwitha, given the name Tekakwitha, baptized as Catherine and informally known as Lily of the Mohawks, is a Catholic saint who was an Algonquin–Mohawk laywoman. She is a patron saint of ecology, those who have lost their parents, and World Youth Day.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEGUAGE

Dear ladies of the CWL, your dues must be in by the end of the May. Please leave in collection basket to the attention of Colleen Dalla Costa. Thank you.

The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets

Pray the Novena

A novena is typically nine days of prayer in preparation of a celebration of a feast day. At the

11. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
12. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
13. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
14. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
15. When they call to me, I will answer the I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.
16. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena is recited perpetually at the Hour of Great Mercy — the three o'clock hour.

The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls."

Intentions: For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Saint 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 God and those who do not yet know Jesus; the souls who have separated themselves from the Church; the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children; the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy; the souls detained in purgatory; and souls who have become lukewarm.

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

What You Can Do: You, too, can make a novena of prayer for these intentions and others, especially by praying the [Chaplet of The Divine Mercy](#) or by [participating in our current novena](#). <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast

of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those 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. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy. In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter^[1]. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

How to Pray the Divine Mercy Novena

Apr 14, 2017 by [Gretchen Filz](#)

The [Divine Mercy devotion](#) has spread throughout the Church since it was given near the beginning of the 20th century to the Polish nun and visionary [St. Faustina Kowalska](#).

The devotion includes many components, including a special image of Jesus to be venerated, a chaplet to be prayed on the beads of a rosary, a novena, and more, all contained in [St. Faustina's diary](#).

After the Divine Mercy was instituted as a feast for the universal Church by Pope St. John Paul II (the "Divine Mercy Pope") on the Sunday following Easter, it has become a tradition to

pray the Divine Mercy novena during the nine days leading up to the Divine Mercy feast. While it is excellent to pray this novena all throughout the year, it has a special efficacy beginning on Good Friday and ending on the eve of the great "Feast of Mercy" that Jesus requested to take place on the octave day of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday).

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

It is ideal to accompany this novena daily with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, thus also praying a novena of chaplets in addition to the below text. The [Divine Mercy Chaplet](#) can be prayed on the beads of a regular rosary, and only takes about five minutes to pray. Gather your intentions and unite them with the intentions of Jesus below, and offer them up to His merciful heart!

DAY ONE

"Today bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me." - Jesus to St. Faustina

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

DAY TWO

"Today bring to Me the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy

flows out upon mankind." - Jesus to St. Faustina

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service, that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard — upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one voice sing praise to Your boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen.

DAY THREE

"Today bring to Me all devout and faithful souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. These souls brought me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were a drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness." - Jesus to St. Faustina

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from It. We beg this grace of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection. Thus may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify Your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen.

DAY FOUR

"Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not know Me, I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My

Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy." - Jesus to St. Faustina

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God and of those who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

DAY FIVE

"Today bring to Me the souls of those who have separated themselves from My Church, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church My wounds heal and in this way they alleviate My Passion." - Jesus to St. Faustina

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are

enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

DAY SIX

"Today bring to Me the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence." - Jesus to St. Faustina

Most Merciful Jesus, You yourself have said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy and they are the heavenly Father's favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God Himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, and upon little children who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Your Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Your very throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg You by the love You bear these souls and by the delight You take in them: Bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

DAY SEVEN

"Today bring to Me the souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of

them at the hour of death." - Jesus to St. Faustina

Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God:

Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially at the hour of death, the souls who will venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He, Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen.

DAY EIGHT

"Today bring to Me the Souls who are in the prison of Purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice." - Jesus to St. Faustina

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in

Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.

DAY NINE

"Today bring to Me the Souls who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: 'Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.' For them, the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy." - Jesus to St. Faustina

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love, let these tepid souls who, like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.

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