

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Masses for the Week

Mon, April 3	6:15— Jerome Miles+ 8:30— Andrew Reisteter 12:15— Jean & Sal Micari+
Tues, April 4	6:15— Jesse E. Williamson, Jr. 8:30— Camilo Mascarina+
Wed, April 5	6:15— Miles Family 8:30— Milo Vitale 12:15— Ashleigh Ralston+
Thurs, April 6	No AM Mass 7:30pm— Michelle Ryan
Fri, April 7	No Masses
Sat, April 8	No AM Mass 8:30pm— St. Theresa Parishioners
Sun, April 9	7:30— Kathleen Patricia McLaine+ 8:45— William (Bill) Lazarus+ 10:30— Stan Urynowicz+ 12:30— Robert Curl III+ 5:00— Shaji & Shiny Thekkekara

Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday:	8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am 12:30 & 5:00pm
Weekdays:	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday 12:15pm, Mondays (except Federal Holidays) and Wednesdays
Holy Days:	As announced
Holy Hour:	Wednesdays, 7pm
Confessions:	Wednesdays, 9-9:30am Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 pm; during Holy Hour; and by appointment

Clergy

Reverend James C. Hudgins, Pastor
Reverend Paul Dudzinski, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Nicholas R. Barnes, Parochial Vicar
Reverend John F. O'Farrell, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Paul C. Konold
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

Prayers For The Sick: Ron Crick, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Pranee Heijnarean, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez, Emma Ciaravino, Keelan Griffen, Evan Sweeney, Helen Atallah, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Haley Morris, Anabelle Huster, Russell Ramons, Martha Mason, John Forbes, Ruth Carradini, Mark Naftzger, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale, Danny Schmude, Jess Williamson, Matthew Albert Skubie, Barbara Orandello, Marcela Garcia, CJ Buechner, Michael Robertson, Celeste Hall, Donna Caulfield, Ethan Falciani.

Prayers For Our Military: Daniel W. Beverly, Michael Cinnamon, Matthew Schierling, Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Colin Freyne, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, Mark Short, Jonathan Bayly, Russell Escalante, Eric Reilly, John Conrad, Fr. James Hinkle, Andrew Gillespie, Stephen Gilliland, David Seliquini, Joseph Auler, Adam Parkinson, Jake Shelton, Patrick G. Fitzgerald, Sean Spurr, Jack Hayes, David and Katherine Bergeron, Christopher Martin, Thomas Gleason, Tony Mattice, David Lakey, Jim Murray, Keith Bittle.

The Message of Palm Sunday

We know the facts of Palm Sunday, of course: Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and asks his disciples to bring him a donkey to ride to the city gates. As he enters the city, the crowds cry out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" and wave palm branches and spread their coats on the streets. Palms were a sign of conquest and power. The Romans gave palms to the victors in the Coliseum. Emperors gave them to their subjects following their military victories. In the first book of Maccabees, the people waved palm branches to celebrate the newly established independence of Jerusalem and Judea.

The crowds believed Jesus was a king—the Messiah who had come to establish Israel's independence from Rome. The whole scene resembled the triumphant march of a conquering general. At last, Israel had the Messiah it had hoped for. Deep down, we want this type of Messiah as well. We want a Jesus who will solve our problems, be "on our side" against all our enemies, and trample life's hardships beneath his conquering feet.

There's only one problem—Jesus isn't that kind of Messiah.

We seek to solve problems through worldly means: power, strength, money, skill, and politics. But as high as the heavens are above the Earth, so high are God's ways above ours. Jesus comes riding not on a white stallion, but on a poor donkey. At the very hinge of all human history, he will conquer the power of evil not through force of might, but in surrender to the will of the Father—in suffering, borne of love.

God turns all our expectations on their head. Honestly...is it any surprise that in just four days, when the crowds realize Jesus' goal is not in line with theirs, their cries of "Hosanna" become cries of "Crucify him?"

What is the meaning of Palm Sunday? That the power of God is expressed most perfectly in the obedience of Jesus, even unto death. Love does not conquer by force, but by gentleness. It does not win by pride, but by humility. Jesus shows us, against all our expectations, that the victory of good over evil comes not through worldly power, but through loving surrender to the will of the Father. As we enter into Holy Week, let us pray for the grace to imitate Him.

God bless you...and St. Theresa, pray for us!



Fr. Hudgins

Bulletin Deadline: Friday 2pm (9 days prior to publication)

Parish Lenten Activities

Daily Mass Times

6:15 & 8:30am
12:15pm Mondays & Wednesdays

Confession Times

Wednesdays 9-9:30am
Wednesdays 6:30-8pm
(during Holy Hour)
Saturdays 4-4:45 pm

Vespers & Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent:
Vespers at 7:15 pm &
Stations of the Cross at 7:30

Holy Week Schedule

Monday-Wednesday, April 3-5

Mass-6:15 & 8:30am
(12:15pm Monday & Wednesday)
Confessions, 9am Wednesday and
Mon-Wed evenings, 7pm

**Adoration Chapel closes 9pm Wed,
April 5: reopens 9am Mon, April 10**

Holy Thursday, April 6

Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm
Adoration at the Altar of Repose until
Midnight

Good Friday, April 7

Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Confessions, 9am
Midday Prayers at Noon
Commemoration of the
Lord's Passion, 3pm
Stations of the Cross, 7pm
Confessions, 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 8

Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Confessions, 9am
Blessing of Easter Food, 10:45am
No Confessions, no 5:30pm Mass
Easter Vigil, 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30, 8:45 and 10:30am, 12 and 5pm

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

April

Sunday, the 2nd-Upper Room Squad, 6pm to 7:45pm

Monday, the 10th-Prepare Parish Food Bags

Thursday, the 13th-Teen Led Bible Study-8th-12th grade, 6-7pm

Sunday, the 16th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Thursday, the 20th-Bible Timeline for Teens w/ Deacon Noah-5-6:30pm

Thursday, the 20th-Work Camp Preparation Meeting - 7-8:30pm

Sat, the 22nd-Middle School BASH-O'Connell High School-2:45-9pm

Sunday, the 23rd-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 24th-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, the 25th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Thursday, the 27th-Bible Timeline for Teens w/ Deacon Noah-5-6:30pm

Sunday, the 30th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

May

Thursday, the 4th-Bible Timeline for Teens w/ Deacon Noah-5-6:30pm

Sunday, the 7th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Thursday, the 11th-Bible Timeline for Teens w/ Deacon Noah-5-6:30pm

Sunday, the 14th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Adult Volunteers Needed - We are looking for sincere, motivated, and willing adults who would like to help

out with our Parish youth. All volunteers need to be compliant - having a background clearance check and having completed a mandatory Child Protection Course (Virtus). Contact Paul Dwyer, ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com.



Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

Adults Plan Ahead to Volunteer

Want to volunteer at the many St. Theresa's children based programs/events? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. For details contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at connie@sainttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.



Our Lenten Journey

Prayer Fast Jng Almsgiving



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Extended Day Care Staff. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com. STCS Parents, please read the **Thursday Thunder** email every week for important information and dates, including:

Thursday, April 6 (Holy Thursday)—
No School, Easter Break Begins
Monday, April 17—
Students Return
Monday, April 24—
D.A.R.E. Graduation
Friday, April 28—
Band Concert

Save the date to join us for St. Theresa Catholic School's Annual Auction, "Hold Your Horses -- A Derby Experience!" on Friday, May 5, 2023! Can you sponsor the event or

donate an item? Visit the STCS website for details, www.stsashburn.com, click 'Support/Auction.' Thank you!

Calling all St. Theresa Catholic School Alumni & Alumni Families!

We would love to hear from you, and add you to our **Alumni & Friends Newsletter** email list. Please send your news and contact information to alumni@stsashburn.com.



Interested in exploring a Catholic education for your child? Applications are now open for St. Theresa Catholic School's 2023-24 school year. Learn more about our wonderful Parish school and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's life! For information on the 2023-24 admissions process, visit our website, www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions") or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotelld@stsashburn.com.

St. Theresa Catholic School is hiring for the 2023-24 school year! STCS is accepting applications for the following positions: Elementary Teacher, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, Resource Teacher, Teacher Aides, Lunch/Recess Monitors, and



News from our Parish

Lenten Soup Suppers

We would like to thank all our Parishioners for supporting our Lenten Soup Suppers and giving alms to the Poor. All your monetary donations benefit the works of Divine Mercy Outreach. Our thanks also to members of our Parish Legion of Mary, Vinitha Paul and her friends, the Ladies of the Parish Office and School, and members of Walking with Purpose for volunteering to host our Soup Suppers. We appreciate your support of our parish activities and your generosity. May our Risen Lord bless you and your family.

April Baptism Class

The April Baptism class will be held on April 13th since the 7th is Holy Thursday.

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STCS is accepting applications for the following positions: Elementary Teacher, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, Resource Teacher, Teacher Aides, Lunch/Recess Monitors, and Extended Day Care Staff. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.

Calling All Middle Schoolers to the Diocesan BASH:

BASH is the Diocese of Arlington's largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! Students from all over the

Diocese will gather on **Saturday, April 22nd**, at O'Connell High School in Arlington for faith, fellowship, and fun! We will depart as a group from the upper parking lot at 2:45pm and return at 9:00pm. Adult chaperones will be the drivers.

This event includes music, games, free t-shirt, inspirational speakers, confessions, and Vigil Mass and transportation. Bishop Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass. BASH is open to any Middle School aged youth that want to attend. Please follow this link for more details and to grab a spot for your child - spots are first come - first serve so please act quickly! The cost of the ticket is \$20. You can also sign up to be a chaperone & driver if you would like to be a part of this great evening. We could always use the help! Signup Genius for the Middle School Bash: <https://tinyurl.com/STMSBash>
Or use this QR Code



The Bible Timeline for TEENS with Deacon Noah

The 'Venture: The Bible Timeline for High School' by Ascension Press & Mark Hart is a Bible Timeline study that can help teenagers to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. A quote from Mark Hart - "I created 'Venture: The Bible Timeline for High School' to help teenagers all over the

world learn about the Bible. With resources like this, teenagers encounter a love for Scripture that they will carry with them into their college years and beyond."

Every Thursday 5-6:30pm, Starts April 20th and continues through Thursday, June 8th - (8 Sessions). There is a \$20 fee for study materials. Contact: Paul Dwyer, ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com or Deacon Noah, dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com for information on how to sign up!!!!

Or use this QR Code to access the Signup Genius or this link www.tinyurl.com/bible4teens:



Red Cross Blood Drive - Please consider supporting the American Red Cross at our next St. Theresa blood drive on FRIDAY, May 5th, from 10am -3:30pm. (Please note this drive is NOT on a Saturday). As always, your help will save lives!

To register online: Please go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StTheresaChurch>. If you have ANY difficulty, please e-mail Colleen Dwyer at colleen-home87@gmail.com or call/text 703.969.3667 & she will register you. The Red Cross is extremely grateful to the very generous St. Theresa parishioners for their continued support in these blood drives. Thank you!!

News Around the Diocese

2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA):

The 2023 BLA is underway! The BLA theme this year is "My soul rejoices in the Lord," which is shared with the second preparatory year of the Diocesan Jubilee. After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us joyfully make a pledge to support God's Kingdom in our diocese! You make a gift at:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code:



Stations of the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7, 2023, Noon Join us for Stations of the Cross with Fr Tom Ferguson, Pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, at Alexandria Women's Health Clinic, Northern Virginia's busiest abortion mill, at 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA. For more information call Larry Cirignano at 202.306.6863

Separated or Divorced?—St. John's Separated and Divorced Ministry invites all separated or divorced Catholics to their meetings every third Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at St. John's in Leesburg. Email separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com for more information.

Do you love someone with a drug or alcohol problem?—

The Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by a friend's or family member's addiction. As a twelve-step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Please join us for an evening of support and recovery; you're only a stranger until you walk through the door. For more information, contact Deacon Noah at dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com. Weekly meetings are held at: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7-8pm @ Cascades Library; 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays, 7-8pm via Zoom; Thursdays, 7-8pm @ Leesburg Presbyterian Church.



Knights of Columbus

New Members: Congratulations and a warm welcome to the following new members, who joined our council and completed an exemplification (third-degree ceremony) on March 20, 2023: Savio Thomas, Elijah Miniuk, Michael Lafferty. We look forward to their fraternity and involvement in our Council activities.

KOVAR: The Knights will be handing out tootsie rolls for KOVAR donations at all Psalm Sunday Masses April 1 and 2. KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity that provides financial assistance to people with intellectual disabilities. These past few years, KOVAR has awarded thousands of dollars in grants to numerous special needs organizations including Special Olympics of Virginia, Marian Homes, Jill's House and Hope Tree family Services. See the flyer on our K of C website (<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/>) for more details or to donate on-line.

Virtual Rosary: The Knights of Columbus St. Louis Martin Council invites the entire St. Theresa Parish to join us virtually for our monthly Rosary, Monday, April 3, at pm, which will be streamed live from our Church, on the St. Theresa Facebook site - <https://www.facebook.com/sainttheresaashburn/>. The monthly Rosary will typically be held on the first Monday of each month. We look forward to sharing this prayer time with you.

April 15 Shredding Event for Marian Homes: The Knights of Columbus are hosting a fundraiser from 10:00 to 12:00 on April 15th for Marian Homes, a local charity providing homes for adults with intellectual disabilities. Come shred those documents you need to get rid of, in a secure mobile shredding truck that does this right before your eyes! This will be done in the St. Theresa Middle School parking lot; just drive your car up, hand over your documents and watch them get destroyed. The service is free, and you can provide a donation to Marian Homes while you are there. See the flyer on our K of C website (<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/>) for details.

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) is a Knights of Columbus program to raise funds to support maternity and pregnancy centers in Loudoun County. Your generous support allowed us to donate \$2000 each to Birthright of Loudoun County and Tepeyac, Divine Mercy Care. Thank you to all who have donated. If you would like to donate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/knights4life>. See QR code below. Your donations will support pregnancy resource centers and in turn pregnant women and their pre-born babies. Thank you for all of the support you have shown to date!



Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you need help in completing a small home repair that you cannot complete yourself or that

may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! Projects can involve carpentry plumbing, electrical, painting, and/or the installation of a new appliance. Please submit your request on our website at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Call for Handyman Crew Volunteers: Are you available to volunteer as a handyman for those in need? The volunteers of the St. Louis Martin Council of the Knights of Columbus are available to complete small home repairs for the benefit of those in need who are physically incapable of performing the work, or for whom the hiring of a professional is cost prohibitive. Typical projects include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work alongside brother knights in support of a worthy cause. What do you get in return? A smile and a thank you from the people you helped. Learn more here: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Catholic men: Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? See our most Frequently Asked Questions at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> or to submit a request for more information or to be contacted by our Membership Committee scan the following QR code.



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Women's Discipleship Group

Meets every Wednesday morning, 9:30-10:30am for Lectio Divina and 10:45-11:45am for spiritual book reading. Our focus is the Mass reading for the upcoming Sunday and a spiritual book selected by our spiritual director Deacon Matthew Noah. The title of our next book is "Praying Scripture for a Change, An introduction to Lectio Divina" by Dr. Tim Gray. We

will begin on Wednesday, February 8th. Parish women of all ages are cordially invited. For more information contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

That Man Is You: A Parish program for Catholic Men: Come join us Saturday mornings at 6:30 – we'll have you out at 8:00. For more information, contact: Jack Hayes at:

jack.hayes422@aol.com, Ralph Leon at: dralphhp@yahoo.com, or Tony Gizzi at: aggizzi@gmail.com.

Interested in learning about the Legion of Mary?

Two Legion of Mary groups meet at different times. Check the website for information, or be our guest at any Legion meeting held on Wednesday, 7:15pm; or Saturday 9:15am.

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

You can find all of Fr. Hudgins homilies recorded on Fatherhudgins.com

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023



The Divine Mercy Image

The earliest element of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy revealed to St. Faustina was the Image. On February 22nd, 1931 Jesus appeared to her with rays radiating from His heart and said, Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and throughout the world. (47) I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory. (48) 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." (327) The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender Mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who dwells in their shelter, for the Just Hand of God shall not lay hold of him. (299) Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush, lies the greatness of this image, but in My Grace. (313) By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My Mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works." (42)

The Feast Day of Divine Mercy

You may have grown up listening to readings and homilies concerning mercy, but have you really thought about its meaning? What is mercy, and why is it so important to the salvation of our souls? Mercy, simply stated, is Compassionate Love. God's love for each of us is so complete and full that it overflows upon us to relieve us of our sins, suffering, and miseries. This mercy is most dramatically seen in Christ's passion and death on the cross. Unfortunately, many people haven't acknowledged the connection of their salvation with this ultimate act of mercy

Therefore, Christ chose to reveal Himself to a humble nun, Sister Faustina of Poland, to explain His Message of Mercy and give her the mission of spreading its devotion. **My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy** (699). Jesus warns her about the world's indifference and increasing separation from Him, but He wants to intercede for us and protect us from His Father's Divine Judgment by pouring out His Mercy on us **Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy** (300). This is where Divine Mercy Sunday comes in.

Divine Mercy Sunday was specifically given to us by Christ: **I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners...Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet** (699). This amazing day, which falls on the Octave of Easter, offers us complete protection from Divine Wrath if we approach Him with a contrite heart. In other words, Christ promises us complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for those who "participate fully" in Divine Mercy Sunday. To fully participate in this feast day, and receive these graces, we must do what Christ has asked:

- † **Celebrate** the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
- † Sincerely **repent** our sins
- † Place our **complete trust** in the Lord
- † Go to **Confession** (up to 20 days prior to Feast)
- † Receive **Holy Communion** on the Feast Day
- † **Venerate** the Divine Mercy Image
- † **Be merciful** to others in actions, words and prayers

As Christ explained to St. Faustina: **I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy** (1109).

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Confession- Be Not Afraid

Our Lord in His Great Mercy gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The gospel that is read on Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us of this. Jesus breathed on the disciples and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."

Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for each and every one of us, no matter how great our sins. He is our Merciful Savior who forgives and restores life.

In the 1930's, Christ revealed Himself to a humble nun, St. Faustina, and asked that she be His secretary by writing down His message of mercy to the world. In her diary, she shares with us a loving reminder of Christ's presence in this amazing sacrament: **When you go to confession, to this fountain of mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul** (1602).

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The Feast of Divine Mercy

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300).

This extraordinary promise Christ makes means complete cleansing from the effects of our sins, like a second Baptism.

Normally, when we receive absolution from our sins in confession, we still will have to atone for them later. These forgiven sins still leave a blemish on our souls that must be purified before we can attain heaven, thus the time in Purgatory. But now, The Lord is calling **you** to be washed clean in His Love and Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday. Christ says:

Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My Compassion (1146).

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- † To admonish sinners
- † To instruct the ignorant
- † To counsel the doubtful
- † To comfort the sorrowful
- † To bear wrongs patiently
- † To forgive all injuries
- † To pray for the living and the dead

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Confession - Be Not Afraid

Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation]... the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated (1448). Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy (1602). Come with faith to the feet of My representative (1448). I myself am waiting there for you I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul (1602). Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in confession as you would to me, and I will fill it with My light (1725)

As Pope Benedict XVI explains in his first encyclical, "God is Love," we need to imitate Jesus' humility. As He humbled himself and joined His Life with ours, so we should follow Him in humility by doing what He asks. Be not afraid. He's waiting for you with open arms in this sacrament no matter how long it's been...Jesus, I trust in You!

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- † To feed the hungry
- † To give drink to the thirsty
- † To clothe the naked
- † To visit and ransom the captives
- † To shelter the homeless
- † To visit the sick
- † To bury the dead

3 PM The Hour of Great Mercy

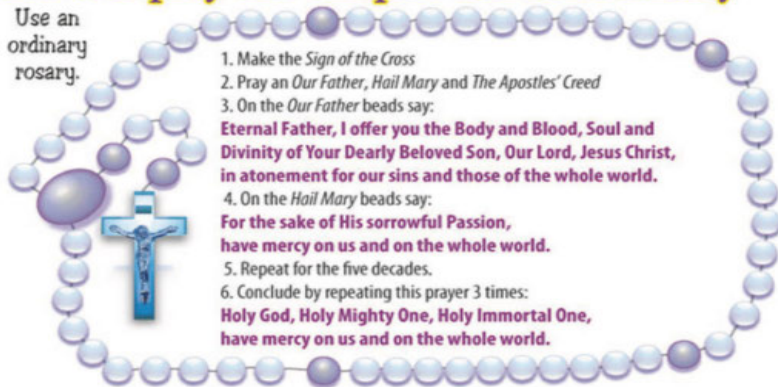
In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special prayer and meditation on His Passion each afternoon at the three o'clock hour, the hour that recalls His death on the cross.

"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. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion". (1320).



How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed
3. On the Our Father beads say:
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.
4. On the Hail Mary beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Divine Mercy Devotional Materials

If the Divine Mercy message has piqued your interest, look for more information and books about Christ's Message of Mercy given to St. Faustina. Consider taking this next step toward our Merciful Savior.

For Divine Mercy devotional materials please contact
Anh Wong
703-723-1308
wong.anh@gmail.com

The Divine Mercy Novena

Good Friday through Easter Saturday

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena. During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** should be offered each day for the day's intentions.

- † **Good Friday:** All mankind, especially sinners
- † **Holy Saturday:** The souls of priests and religious
- † **Easter Sunday:** All devout and faithful souls
- † **Easter Monday:** Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him
- † **Easter Tuesday:** The souls of separated brethren
- † **Easter Wednesday:** The meek and humble souls and the souls of children
- † **Easter Thursday:** The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy
- † **Easter Friday:** The souls who are detained in purgatory
- † **Easter Saturday:** The souls who have become lukewarm

Prayer to the Divine Mercy

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your Holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.(950)



Parish Offices

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Sacraments

Sponsor Certificates

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a sponsor certificate prior to a Baptism or Confirmation.

Baptisms

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class (preferably before the child's birth) held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in a Conference Room in the Administration Bldg. You may schedule your child for the Sacrament of Baptism (held all Sundays 1:30pm) by visiting the Parish website under Faith, Sacraments, Baptism. Date is confirmed once all paperwork is received in the office (at least 2 weeks prior to the date of desired Baptism.)

Matrimony

The priest must be contacted at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.

Visit the Parish Website under Faith, Sacraments, Marriage and fill out the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire prior to contacting the Parish Office. A priest will contact you.

RCIA

Adults desiring instruction in the Catholic Faith should visit the website to register for RCIA classes.

Hospitalized/Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office to ask for Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.

Current Vacant Adoration Slots

Critical Need

No Adorer Scheduled	Tuesday	3:30am
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Urgent Need

No Adorer for First Half Hour	Monday	5:00am
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Second Adorer Needed

One Adorer already for these time slots but need one more Adorer.

If you can sign up for one of these available slots, it would be greatly appreciated.

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	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2:30am	2:30am	2:00am	2:00am	2:00am	3:30am	2:30am	2:30am
4:30am	4:30am	3:00am	3:00am	3:00am	4:30am	3:30am	3:30am
6:30am	6:30am	4:00am	4:00am	4:00am	1:30pm	7:30am	4:30am
8:30am	8:30am	12:30pm	6:00pm	11:00am	2:30pm	11:00am	5:30am
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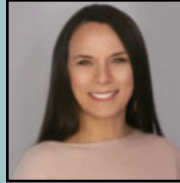
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