



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday - the Second Sunday of Easter, is called the Divine Mercy Sunday by our Beloved Saint John Paul II. The Lord said that this feast would be the **“last hope of salvation.”** Jesus told St. Faustina that she was to prepare the world for His Second Coming and that He would be pouring out His Mercy in great abundance before He comes again as the Just Judge and as a very last hope of salvation.

Our world, our country, our Church, our family and ourselves need God’s mercy more than ever. We have misused our freedom and free-will:

- ♦ to say good is bad and bad is good;
- ♦ to change/alternate the Divine Law and commands;
- ♦ to push God out of our lives;
- ♦ to put our sinful desires above God's Divine desires;
- ♦ to welcome and let evil prosper...and so forth

We need to pray more and fervently for God's Mercy. We cannot stand before the wrath of God or God's Justice. The Almighty God is the One who will speak the final word to each of us - believers or unbelievers; He is the One who can kill both our body and soul.

Return **sincerely** and pray **fervently** for God's Mercy while He is still listening to us.

Divine Mercy is what we celebrate today. From the Diary of St. Faustina, 699, Jesus said: *“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 all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. 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.”*

One may receive the Sacrament of Confession twenty days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. When we go to confession, Jesus Christ Himself is there in the confessional. Jesus told her, *“When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity.”* (1602)

Most of the time we are afraid of going to confession, so He says, *“Come with faith to the feet of My representative...and make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest 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)

Sometimes we think that our sins are unforgivable but, hear this my dear friends, *“Were a soul like a decaying corpse, so that from a human standpoint, there would be no hope of restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. In the Tribunal of Mercy (the great sacrament of Confession) ... the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated.”* (1448) *“Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy.”* (1602)

Let us take advantage of the **miracle of God’s mercy!** *“There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy.”* (1273)

Jesus, we trust in you! Jesus, we trust in you! Jesus, we trust in you!

Peace, Fr. Tien

*Thank  
you*

Many thanks to all who participated in so many ways (visible and invisible!) for the preparation of our Easter celebration. May God reward you. Thanks to the individuals who sent me gifts and prayed for me on Easter. God Bless, Fr. Tien

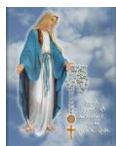
**RCIA-Adult Education** on Monday night April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM is **Catholic Social Teaching**. A lived-out love of God and neighbor. Benefits for all the world, not just Catholics. 5 words that form the basis of Catholic social teaching-*hint*-Mother Teresa said them often. Come join your fellow parishioners in the spirit of fellowship. Snacks provided. Deacon David and Education team



**Reschedule**

Our Women's Guild meeting has been rescheduled to next Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

We ask your generous support for the second collection, for Seminarian Education, next weekend. This collection will help meet the growing needs of our Seminarian program. We currently have 49 young men studying for the priesthood at St. Joseph Seminary here in Charlotte.



Did you know the Rosary was originally called the Psalter off the Blessed Virgin Mary because the 150 Hail Mary beads were meant to replace the 150 psalms, which were too difficult for the laity to memorize. Various Popes such as Pius XII and Paul VI have called the Rosary the "epitome of the whole Gospel" of Jesus Christ, as it captures the key scenes of Christ's saving work through the eyes of the person who loved Him most on earth, His Blessed Mother. While the earliest concept of praying the Rosary was actually with small stones, the faithful eventually began to tie knots into pieces of rope and string, until St. Dominic's vision of Mary lead to the style of rosary we think of today.

**Pray for healing:**

Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Robert Barnable, Ray Behr, Rick Conner, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Carter Hellerer, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Bill Holtan, Guyla Ivers, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Michelle Mercer, Dee & Germaine Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Doris Price, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell



**Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:**

Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez, Elizabeth Scoon



Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass; Wednesday at 6:15

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, April 6

- 5:00 P.M. ✠ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos  
Joe and Charlene Youdell and  
Robert Barnable by Mary Murphy

### Sunday, April 7

#### **Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy**

- 9:00 A.M. Kristin, Josette, Wanda and Robert  
✠ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos  
11:30 A.M. ✠ David Ruiz Ordaz and ✠ Manuel Ramos  
by Felipe Diaz  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

### Monday, April 8

#### **The Annunciation of the Lord**

- 9:00 A.M. ✠ Mary Jane Andrews by Becky Peeling  
✠ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

### Tuesday, April 9

NO MASS

### Wednesday, April 10

- 5:30 P.M. Abigail de los Angeles Ortiz-Ruiz  
✠ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

### Thursday, April 11

#### **Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

- 9:00 A.M. ✠ David Ruiz-Ordaz  
✠ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

### Friday, April 12

- 9:00 A.M. ✠ Cheryl Ross by Doris Kelly  
✠ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

### Saturday, April 13

#### **Saint Martin 1, Pope and Martyr**

- 5:00 P.M. ✠ Bill Moffitt & Alice Yuzzi by Dee Moffitt  
✠ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos

### Sunday, April 14

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

- 9:00 A.M. ✠ Petra Diaz Pacheco and  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Sele Ramos  
✠ Carmen Tan, ✠ Damaso Daniel Acevedo  
11:30 A.M. Intentions of Misericordia Group  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia