

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

*Divine Mercy Sunday
(Second Sunday of Easter)*

April 19, 2020



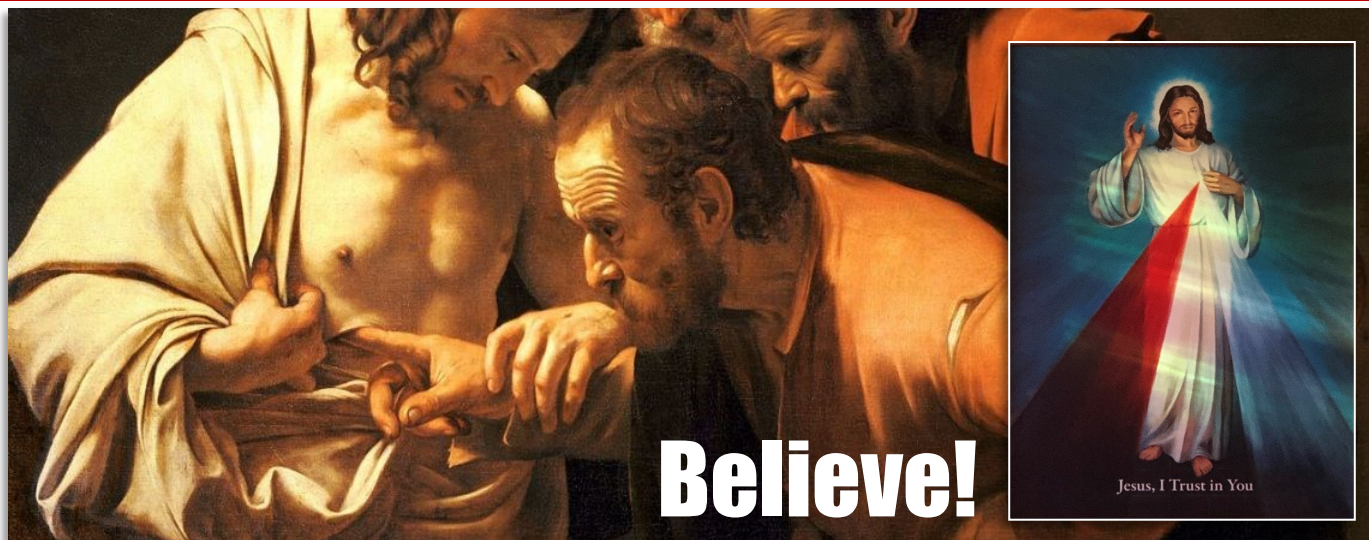
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Jesus, I Trust in You

CELEBRATING DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. For many of us who have a devotion to The Divine Mercy, as revealed in the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, this day holds great importance. However, you may feel frustrated and disappointed, not just in not being able to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass nor to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at this challenging time of quarantine, but also because you may believe that you will not be able to receive the special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday promised directly by our Lord through St. Faustina. Please be assured that you can receive this special grace. Take a look at page 5 of the bulletin for more information.

For those who do not have this devotion to The Divine Mercy, our Holy Father Pope St. John Paul II, made this day, the eighth day in the Octave of Easter and the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday in order to share the Lord's message of Divine Mercy to all the Catholic Faithful. Liturgically the Easter Octave has always been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, points us toward the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave. As Pope St. John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: *"the whole octave of Easter is like a single day,"* and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of *"thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery."* So, rejoice that He is Risen! And rejoice that He has given us His merciful love!

As of today, there has been no change in the directives from the Diocese regarding public Masses. They are still suspended until further notice. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the online resources, particularly FORMED, EWTN, Divine Mercy.org, Ascension Press, and Bishop Barron's Word on Fire, as well as our Diocesan website. These are some very solid resources for prayer, devotions, live streaming of the Mass, replaying of the Mass, and more. Our church remains open during weekdays and on Sunday for private, individual prayer, respecting social distancing protocols. We encourage you to wear a mask and wash your hands before and after if you chose to stop by

and make a visit in the Church. We have some parish groups continuing to connect weekly via video conferencing, especially our Youth Ministry and our RCIA teams. Depending on the extent of the stay-at-home orders, we will be looking into other ways to provide for your spiritual welfare. For those who are on Facebook, Bishop Parkes will be sharing this thoughts on *Finding Hope* on Tuesday, April 21st at 12noon. Please tune-in if you are able.

Thank you to all who have been able to continue your financial support of our parish, especially as we anticipate the lean summer months to come. I know this is a struggle for many, and I greatly appreciate your generosity. Know that you are in my prayers and remembered in the Masses I offer. May the Lord bless you and keep you healthy and safer-at-home!



FACEBOOK LIVE

Bishop Gregory Parkes shares his thoughts on:

FINDING HOPE

Tuesday, April 21, 2020
12:00 noon



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Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!,

Father Krzysztof

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD IN PRAYER

As we continue our Faith Journey together in prayer, we invite you to pray for our parish family. Read and reflect on the Scriptures of the day and prayerfully watch on TV or online the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Remember in your prayers:

- ✕ For all who are ill, suffering & alone during this time ✕ For those for whom our Masses are being offered
- ✕ For all who have birthdays / anniversaries this week ✕ For our Bishop and the Priests of our Diocese

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered for ...

Day	Date	Mass Intention	Requested by:
Easter Saturday	Apr.18	† Bonnie Strycker	Marge & Mary Andrysiak
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	Apr.19	<i>Special Intention</i>	Claire Obordo
Easter Monday	Apr.20	† David Befort	Peter & Reba (Gude) Cardillo
St. Anselm	Apr.21	† Thomas & Sarah Plummer	Joe Plummer
Easter Wednesday	Apr.22	<i>Teresa Yoreo - Healing</i>	Tom & Judy Bires
St. George; St. Adalbert	Apr.23	† David Befort	Tom & Judy Bires
St. Fidelis	Apr.24	† Maude Mangels	Rosanna Browne and Friends
Easter Saturday	Apr.25	† George Rawlings	Marge & Mary Andrysiak
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Apr.26	† Michael Monti	John & Virginia Monti

*For those who have made contributions toward our **Easter Flowers**, please know that we will purchase flowers in honor and in memory of your loved ones once the threat of the pandemic lessens. They are being remembered in our prayers and we will publish their names in the bulletin. We will extend the use of our Flowers through the summer.*

Readings for the week of April 19, 2020

Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Diocesan Prayer for Priests

Sat. Apr. 18	Rev. Damian V. Amantia
Sun. Apr. 19	Father Krzysztof Gazdowicz
Mon. Apr. 20	Msgr. Robert F. Morris
Tue. Apr. 21	Rev. Jonathan Stephanz
Wed. Apr. 22	For Holy Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Thu. Apr. 23	Rev. Sebastian Earthedath, MSG
Fri. Apr. 24	Rev. Jose Furtado
Sat. Apr. 25	For All Retired Priests
Sun. Apr. 26	Rev. Michael Kouts



Please pray for our Pastor and all priests who minister in our Diocese.

SACRED HEART PRAYER MINISTRY:

If you have a prayer request, please contact Marge Andrysiak at prayer@sacredheartdiocese.org to have your intention placed on our prayer ministry list. Requests will remain confidential.

Please remember husbands and wives, single parent families, children, those who live alone, and especially our elderly.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

04 18	Benjamin Blommel, Eric Clayton, Donna Duncan Hatton, Nancy Harradine, Coleman McCarthy, Christine Myszk, Emma Nathe
04 20	Nancy McKendree, Abigail Phillips, Arlene Stevens, Laurie Wilson
04 21	Juliann Pedemonti
04 22	Patrick Fortunato, David Mashke
04 23	Marcia Gude, Susan McHugh, Lillian Merrill
04 24	Michael Gonzalez, Julie Gordon, Silas Romero
04 25	Joanne Vandervlis
04 26	Ronald Bastura, Mary Lombino, Susan Mercurio, Steve Randall

May the Lord bless you with good health, a grateful heart and eternal joy!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4/19

Mr. & Mrs. Eric & Maribeth Davis

4/20

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick & Julie Dixon

4/21

Mr. & Mrs. John & Joanne Vandervlis

4/23

Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Danette McMenamin

4/25

*Mr. & Mrs. Carlos & Maria Garcia
Mr. & Mrs. John & Susan Mercurio*

May the Lord bless your Holy & Sacrificial Love with His Own Love!

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



At this time, we understand that many are enduring financial struggles. **We prayerfully affirm whatever actions are necessary to provide for you and your loved ones.** However, some people have been contacting the parish office to inquire about their contributions to the parish. If you are able to financially support your parish and would like to continually give offertory in light of the Mass suspension, you may mail a check to the parish or send a check via your bank's bill payment option or select Sacred Heart Parish Dade City for Online Giving through the Diocesan website. Please see those options below. Whatever your situation, we truly appreciate your support.

Thank you to all who were able to support the parish last week through your Mailed in and Dropped off contributions. God bless you!

Weekly Offertory Report

MAILED IN & DROPPED OFF

envelopes for Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday Total\$ 4,915.00

Building Fund\$ 105.00
Catholic Ed\$ 57.00
Debt Reduction.....\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief Services.....\$ 100.00

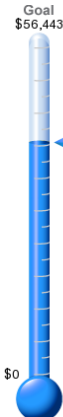


*Thank you so much and
God bless you
and your family!*

2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA)

Updated 4/16/20

**We are Salt and Light:
Living the Gospel through the APA**



Diocesan Assessment..... \$ 56,443.00

Pledged.....\$ 39,881.00

Paid\$ 29,222.51

of Families: .. 421

of Pledges: ... 102

24% parish
participation

Average Pledge:\$ 390.99

% of Goal Pledged: 70.66

% of Goal Paid: 51.77

Unpaid Balance \$ 27,220.49



*May God bless you and your
family! **THANK YOU!***

BE COURAGEOUS
Live the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal

We understand that this is a very difficult time for everyone, so please do what you need to do for yourself and for your family. For those who are still able to support the parish, there are three ways of giving below. Once again, **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your prayerful and financial support during this challenging time.

ONLINE GIVING

through the Diocese of St. Petersburg "Supporting Your Parish" webpage

For those who would like to make a one-time donation online or schedule recurring payments using a bank account or credit card, please visit the Diocesan webpage at <https://www.dosp.org/stewardship/supporting-your-parish/>

You will need to scroll down and select Sacred Heart Parish (Dade City). This opens up a registration page with Give Central. Please fill in your information, your gift information [select Sacred Heart Parish (St Joseph) - Dade City] and your payment information. With your free Give Central account, you will be able to return to your account page to access your donation history, receive tax letters or make changes to your payments at any time.

How to use Your Bank's Bill Pay



Your bank will allow you to set up an automatic check issued from the bank to a business or organization. You will need to enter our name and mailing address: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 32145 Saint Joe Road, Dade City, FL 33525. Although you do not have an 'Account' number, you may put your envelope number in its place. Also, for each individual payment there is an option to add a note to the "Memo" line to specify if the check is for Offertory or another special collection such as Debt Reduction, Building Fund or Catholic Education.



By Mail

If you prefer, you may simply mail your check or money order to:

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Monthly Stewardship Schedule for April 2020

First Sunday 4/5	Offertory, Catholic Education
Second Sunday 4/12	Offertory, EASTER
Third Sunday 4/19	Offertory, Building Fund
Fourth Sunday 4/26	Offertory

Special envelopes - Annual Pastoral Appeal, Debt Reduction, Mother's Day Remembrance, Holy Thursday

CELEBRATING DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT HOME

Are you discouraged that you will not be able to receive the special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday promised directly by our Lord through St. Faustina in the 1930s? Don't be.

Even though churches are closed and you cannot go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, you can receive these special graces this Sunday, April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday. And we're going to tell you how.

Let us begin by reading what is arguably the most important passage in St. Faustina's Diary, when Jesus tells St. Faustina:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and 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 all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (699).

There it is: Jesus promises that the soul that's been to Confession and receives Holy Communion will be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our soul. Those stains are sin and the punishment due to sin. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul.

But how can you receive this complete forgiveness of sins and remission of all punishment? After all, churches are closed and Confession and Communion are not available. There is, however, still a way to receive this grace. Do these three things on Divine Mercy Sunday with the intention to turn away from sin in your life:

1. Make an Act of Contrition

Since you are unable to get to Confession, make an Act of Contrition, instead. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is 'sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again'" (1451). You thereby will be completely forgiven of all sins, even "mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible" (Catechism, 1452).

2. Make a Spiritual Communion

Since churches are closed and you cannot receive Holy Communion, make a Spiritual Communion instead, asking God to come into your heart as if you received Him sacramentally — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. For instance, you can say this prayer [see box inset]. Again, do this act of trust with the intent to return to the sacrament of Holy Communion as soon as possible.

3. Say a prayer like this:

Lord Jesus Christ, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [I'm unable, but I made an Act of Contrition] and the soul that receives Holy Communion [I'm unable, but I made a Spiritual Communion] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please, Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.

Finally, please remember that this extraordinary promise of Divine Mercy Sunday is for everyone. Tell your non-Catholic friends about it. Everyone can ask Jesus to forgive their sins. Everyone can make a Spiritual Communion. And everyone can ask for this grace to completely wipe their slate clean of not only all sin, but all punishment due to sin. Normally, the punishment is not remitted unless one has absolute perfect contrition. And unlike a plenary indulgence, there is no requirement of having perfect detachment from sin. In other words, as long as we have a desire for this grace and intention to amend our lives, we can be completely cleansed with grace similar to our original Baptism. It is a way to really start over in our spiritual life!

That is why Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, the director of the Association of Marian Helpers, has stated: "I promise you, it will be the most important thing you ever do in your entire life. In fact, it could mean the difference in your salvation. And Jesus told St. Faustina, Divine Mercy is mankind's last hope of salvation [see Diary, 998]. Please don't let this grace pass you by."

Taken from: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/what-do-divine-mercy-sunday>

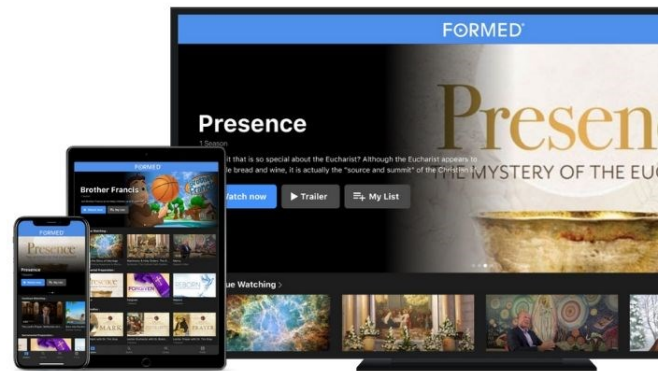
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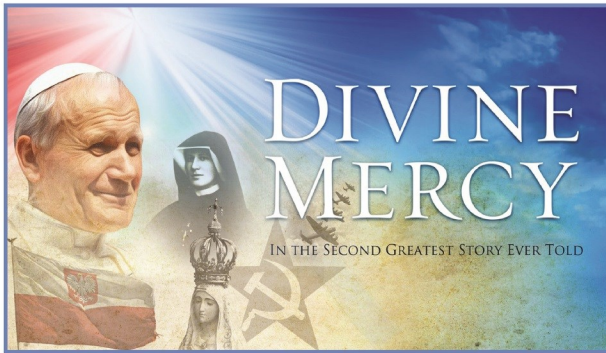
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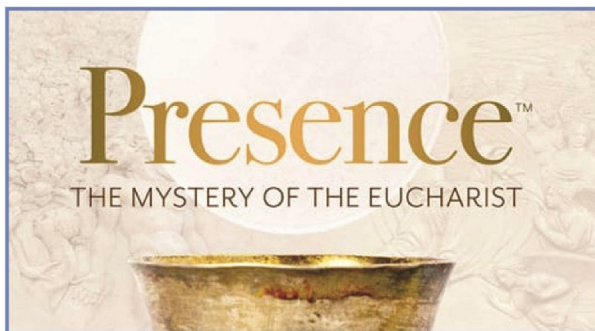
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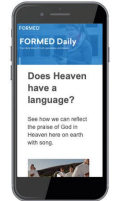
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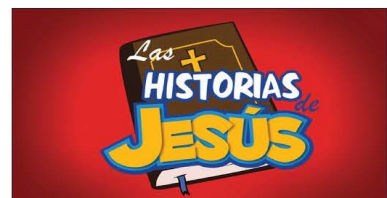
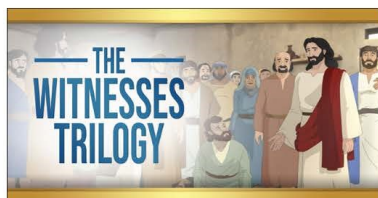
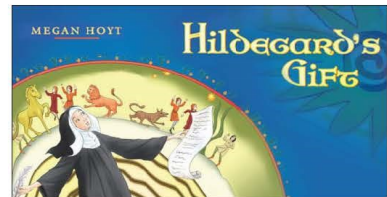
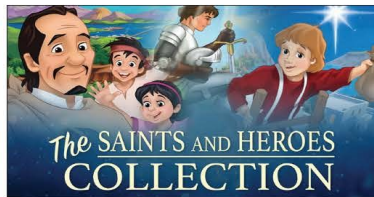
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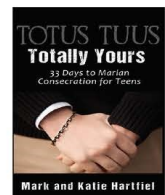
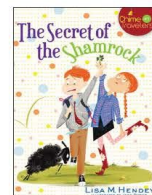
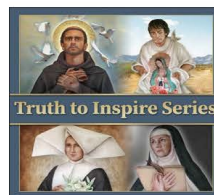
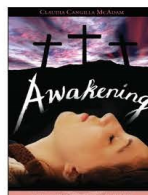
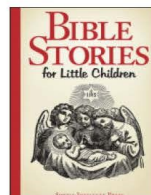
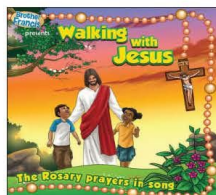
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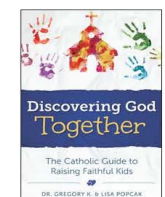
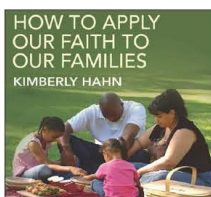
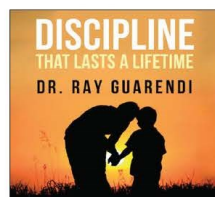
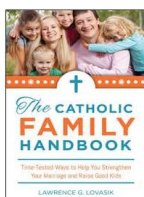
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