



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
 April 22—April 28
 EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
 THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
 PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

4:00 p.m. Anna Fox Hasenkampf; Marlene Morris;
 Patrick H. Tobin

5:30 p.m. Pope John Paul II

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church
 (Propopulo)

9:30 a.m. Philip Breitmeyer II; Jane O'Brien
 Chatelain; John B. Church, Jr.; Kale
 Alexander Crosby; William Gandolini;
 David Garrison; Mary Gaudet; Cary
 Hallum; Cindy Hemelt; Frank Hemelt;
 John H. Schroder, Jr.; Rosalie J. Valiente

11:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory; Helen
 Delahoussaye; Janice Marie LaBruyere;
 Charles J. Zuppardo

5:30 p.m. Monsignor Terry Tekippe

MONDAY, APRIL 24

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Grabert, Jr. & Family;
 Ursula McKee

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

11:30 a.m. Monsignor John P. Reynolds

12:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow Bergeron, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Anne Danos; Stephen Fayard;
 Henry L. Houin III

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

11:30 a.m. Pope Benedict XVI

12:00 p.m. Mother Angelica

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Jonathan Grabert; Joan Pampinella

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Low Sunday

Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.

Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 AND BENEDICTION**

Every Sunday 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

The Claddaugh Group invites all for coffee and
 doughnuts in Reynolds Hall, after the Sunday morning
 Masses.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A sincere "thank you" to all who made the Easter
 triduum such a beautiful and spiritually uplifting
 celebration. The Solemn Easter Vigil was made even
 more meaningful with Archbishop Philip M. Hannan,
 Retired, as celebrant of the Mass. This year Archbishop
 Hannan is celebrating his golden jubilee as a bishop of
 the Catholic Church! A remarkable celebration for a
 remarkable archbishop.

SUNDAY OFFERING—April 16, 2005

First Collection \$ 8,683

Second Collection* \$ 2,972

* Seminary Collection

MERCY SUNDAY—DAY OF GRACE

*The graces of My Mercy are drawn by Trust. The more a soul
 trusts, the more it will receive...* Our Lord to St. Faustina

MASS HONORING DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, April 23, 2006—St. Joseph Church; 1802 Tulane Avenue

1:30 p.m. Rosary and Adoration

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Celebrant: The Most Reverend Alfred Hughes
 Archbishop of New Orleans

Benediction: The Reverend Stanley P. Klores

Blessing with relic of St. Faustina following Holy Mass.

Please bring a flower for Our Lady.

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION

In response to the inquires pertaining to the Good Friday Passion
 meditation read by Father Van Constant, the source of the
 information and the meditation in its entirety was taken from A
 Doctor At Calvary, Pierre Barbet, M.D.; Roman Catholic Books,
 Fort Collins, Co., 1953, p. 158-173.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL—APRIL 29 & 30

"Support the Mission Church Here in America" is the theme for the
 Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) which is scheduled
 nationally for the weekend of April 29-30. If you have visited
 eastern Kentucky or Tennessee; driven through rural Georgia,
 Alabama and Mississippi; spent time on the Mexican border; or
 passed through scattered small towns in Wyoming, Montana and
 Oregon, those little brick or clapboard churches you see along the
 way, housing pockets of Catholic faithful, are Home Missions. The
 Church is quite fragile in many parts of the United States where
 Catholics are a small minority. Please be generous next weekend
 during this important appeal and help strengthen our Church at
 home.

LOST AND FOUND

If you feel that you may have misplaced a personal article while at
 St. Patrick's, check with the rectory office, it may be in the "Lost
 and Found" box.

STAY INFORMED...

Log on to St. Patrick's website: www.oldstpatricks.org

**THE MASS IS THE GREATEST FORM OF CHRISTIAN
 CHARITY**

To schedule a Mass, please fill out the Mass Form (ivory-colored
 envelope) found in the vestibule of the church and deliver it to the
 rectory office, or place it in the collection basket.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers
 especially: Ree Alario; D. J. Ales; Michael Brasslet; Margie Case;
 Michelle Catalanatto; Jim Clynch; Jackie Dabdoub; Grace Daigle;
 Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Regina Dillon; Joseph
 Ebberman; Donald Faust, Jr.; Anette Folse; Joseph French;
 Catherine Gegenheimer; Frank Hemelt; Marie Herty; Henry Houin;
 Celeste Judell; Marilyn Kitto; Zivana Kovacevich; Albert Leonhard;
 Betty Leonard; Reverend Val A. McInnes, O.P.; Colin McInnis;
 Irene Mackenroth; Carol Mallette; James Martello, Sr.; Joseph
 Martello, Gerald L. Moran, Jr.; Lucille Ogden; Beverly Orillion;
 Reverend Tim Pieris; Robert Plaskas; Peter Robbins; Eileen
 Swords; Irene Taormina; Frank Vonhoven

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY REFLECTIONS

Significance of the New Title

The newly designated title, Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, expands the theological significance of the Octave of Easter and deepens its meaning. The original title, Second Sunday of Easter, continues to proclaim, with all its splendor, the great Paschal Mystery of Christ: His dying and rising, His victory over sin and death, and His gift of new and everlasting life. The newly added title, Divine Mercy Sunday, points the way to the inscrutable mystery of God, the mystery of Divine Mercy. It unveils the truth that *the Paschal Mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of (Divine) Mercy, and that the paschal Christ is the definitive incarnation of Mercy, its living sign ... (and) its inexhaustible source (John Paul II, Dives in Misericordia 8,7).*

The new designation for the Octave of Easter directs the hearts of humanity to God's boundless mercy and love manifested in all its richness by Christ, our Risen Lord. It proclaims with joy and confidence that *merciful and gracious is the Lord (Ps 111.4), who, out of great love with which He loved us (Eph 2:4) and (out of) unspeakable goodness, gave us His Only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, so that through the Death and Resurrection of this Son He might open the way to eternal life for the human race, and that the adopted children who receive His mercy within His temple might lift up His praise to the ends of the earth (Decree).*

Desired by the Faithful

In proclaiming the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II acceded to the wishes of *the Christian faithful in many parts of the world (who) wish to praise the Divine Mercy in divine worship particularly in the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, in which God's loving kindness especially shines forth (Decree)* and who wish to share in its inexhaustible riches. For it is through His divine liturgy that our Lord shares with us the fullness of His life, configures us to His image and leads us into the very mystery of His Divinity. Divine worship is the Church's unfailing source of divine grace and mercy, of transformation and knowledge

of God.

Anticipated by the Church's Liturgy

Through its liturgy, proper to the Octave day of Easter, the Church proclaims in various ways the Divine Mercy poured out by her crucified and risen Lord. The readings for the day focus on "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His great mercy gave us a new birth" (I Pt. 1:3), and on the risen Savior who breathed on His disciples and bestowed on them the gift of the Holy Spirit: "Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:20-23). The Responsorial repeatedly calls us to praise and thank the Lord, "for His mercy endures forever" (Ps 118:2-4). St. Augustine called the Octave Day of Easter "the compendium of the days of mercy," and Pope John Paul II had said that it is "the Sunday of Thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery" (Regina Caeli Address, Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995).

Desired by the Lord

The desire for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday was expressed by Our Lord in His revelations to St. Faustina:

...My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. 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 (on this day) 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. 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 forth 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 (Diary §699).

John Paul II: Excerpts from the Homily during the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina (Second Sunday of Easter 2000)

Jesus told Sr. Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to Divine Mercy" (Diary § 132). It (Divine Mercy) is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time.

Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified.

What will the years ahead bring us? What will man's future on earth be like? We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences. But the light of Divine Mercy, which the Lord in a way wished to return to the world through Sr. Faustina's charism, will illumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium.

He (Christ) also showed us the many paths of mercy, which not only forgives sins but reaches out to all human need.

It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love. Looking at Him, being one with His fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy!

Thus the message of Divine Mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes: Christ gave His life for each one; to everyone the Father gives His Spirit and offers intimacy.