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## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 19TH, 2020 YEAR A



#### Weekend Masses

SATURDAY 5:00PM  
SUNDAY 8:00 OR 10:30AM

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 6:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY 8:15 AM  
THURSDAY 6:00PM  
FRIDAY 8:15AM

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 8:45-9:45AM  
CONFESSION AND BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
8:15 AM MASS

PRAYER GROUP WEDNESDAY 1:30 PM

#### PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council meetings are held on  
the 2nd Tuesday of the month  
At 7:00pm in the Gottemoeller Ed  
Center  
\*Next meeting TBA

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**-Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

**Sacrament of Baptism**-Call the parish office

**Sacrament of Matrimony**-Pre-marriage preparation is available for all registered members. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Call parish office for arrangements.

**Sick Calls**-If you wish to receive the Sacraments at home due to infirmity or hospitalization, call the parish office.

**Welcome!** If you are visiting our parish, welcome! If you are new in our community and are looking for a home parish we hope we have made you feel welcome enough to return. If you will be attending Mass regularly but have not registered, we invite you to do so. This will help the parish to better serve your needs. Registration forms are available in the church vestibules.

#### Need to update your parish information?

Go to the parish website at <https://stmtours.org/> set up an account with My Own Church.

**\*You must register with the parish office first before setting up an account.**

#### Weekend Mass Intentions

+Deceased

**April 18 Saturday**

+Leisa Summers

**April 19 10:30am Divine Mercy Sunday**

Intention of Chris Nagy

#### Weekday Mass Intentions

**April 21 Tuesday**

**St. Anselm**

+Jim McGuire

**April 22 Wednesday**

+Mary Edna Rothrock

**April 23 Thursday**

**St. George or St. Adalbert**

+Buddy Koschnick

**April 24 Friday**

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

+John Urbanowski

**April 25 Saturday**

+Dean Sighting

**April 26 Sunday Third Sunday of Easter**

+Jerry Cecil

Due to developments concerning the spread of the COVID-19, or Coronavirus, and for your safety, all public Masses, services and parish activities have been canceled, suspended or postponed until further notice.

The office is closed as most of the staff are working from home.

If you need assistance please email or call the office

All contact information is on the front page of the bulletin

If you have an emergency please call the parish office and leave a message.

**Fr. Jegan Peter is inviting you to join him to pray the rosary Every Saturday at 4:00pm**

**Topic:** Fr. Jegan Peter's Rosary Zoom Meeting

**Meeting ID:** 749 6041 2162

**Password:** OLYrQn

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74960412162?pwd=K0rzwYOfNz4>

(It will be on our Facebook page as well)



#### Join us for our Sunday Mass on the following media

**Website:** <https://stmtours.org/>

**YouTube** St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville

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**Archdiocese of Indianapolis Sunday and Weekday Masses**

<https://www.archindy.org/mass/index.html>

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#### Shepherd's Voice

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Peace of Christ!

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

Often when facing suffering or a trial of some sort, our reaction is, "What did I do to deserve this?" or, "If God is so merciful, how could He let this happen?" Why does God allow the innocent to suffer, when those seen as evil seem to prosper and eat from a silver spoon? It is at these difficult times that our faith and trust in God is put to the test. The Catechism teaches us that, "Now, however, 'we walk by faith, not by sight'; we perceive God as 'in a mirror, dimly' and only 'in part.' Even though enlightened by him in whom it believes, faith is often lived in darkness and can be put to the test. The world we live in often seems very far from the one promised by faith. Our experiences of evil and suffering, injustice, and death, seem to contradict the Good News; they can shake our faith and become a temptation against it" (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, #164). As followers of Christ, we know we are to be Christ-like, yet, we avoid suffering. Jesus wants us to follow Him in His footsteps, telling us, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24).

Sacrifice involves an element of suffering, and as St. Paul wrote, "I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God (Rom 12:1). Whether we like it or not, all of us will suffer during our lifetime; we live in a valley of tears. Some of us accept suffering better than others, acting like the good thief on the Cross, who used his suffering as reparation for his wrongdoings, and in return heard these words from Jesus' lips, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43).

Think of all the hardships we face in life, even on a daily basis: Trying to pay bills, put food on the table, and raise a family in a largely godless society. In addition, many suffer emotional, physical, and spiritual crisis, and at this time of Quarantine all our burdens become too much to bear. Regardless of the cause or problem, pain is pain and we need to ask ourselves: What is God trying to teach me through this cross? In all walks of life, we face adversity. Our Lord told Saint Faustina, "My daughter, suffering will be a sign to you that I am with you" (Diary, 669). And on another occasion, He said, "My daughter, do not be afraid of sufferings; I am with you" (Diary, 151).

As a Parish I would like to invite you all to join for a weekly Rosary through Zoom app. If you would just respond to the link which we send along with our Parish Email - bulletin.

I encourage you all to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a family/household and as an individual. We beseech for God's mercy at this time to fill and renew the face of the earth.

May the Divine Mercy save us all from all harms and anxieties!

To be the witness for His love,

Fr. Jegan



Be Fearless, Be Joyful, Be Renewed  
Living the Spirit of Easter

The Easter season—beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing for 50 days—is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians. So what does living the spirit of the Easter season mean in practical terms? Here are three concrete suggestions.

Live with Joy

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.

Live without Fear

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are *“Do not be afraid!”* (Mt 28:5,10) These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, or a crumbling relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

Live with New Eyes

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes *“all things new.”* (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes—God's eyes.

We can use these 50 days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world again—as if for the first time.



Family Members Serving Our Country

May all military personnel be safe as they protect us. We remember especially: Clark Barco, David Burton, Azia Dwigans, Jason Fisher, Greg Johnson, Ashley Krulik, Jordan Krulik, Peter Klippel, Andrew Klippel, Tom Nichols, Joe Ooley, Michael Joe Osburn, Justin Pavey, Nicole Pavey, Kyle Richardson, Jacob Schultheis, Capt. Nathaniel E. Tiffany. God Protect them and keep them safe!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Celebrating God's Merciful Love

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of **St. Faustina Kawalska**, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor. In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.

2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:

*“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.”*

3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:

*“For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”*

4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.

5. Conclude by reciting three times:

*“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”*

Divine Mercy and Pro-life

There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: "On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276). "On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13).



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