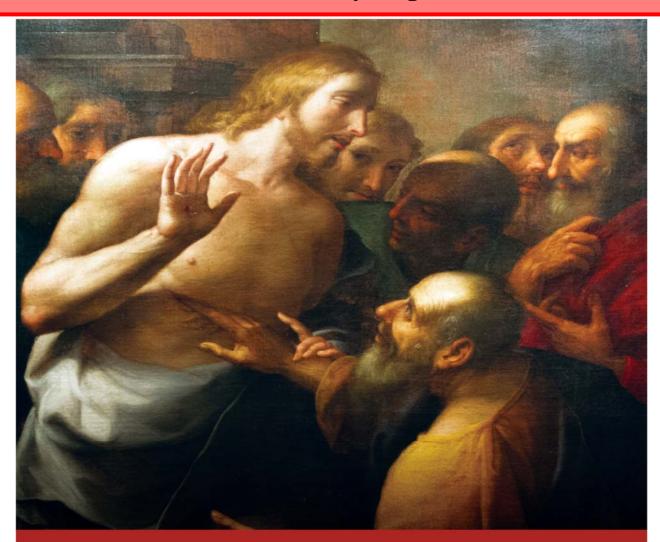


## **APRIL 11, 2021**

# CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY TODAY AT 3:00 P.M. Reservations not necessary - sign in at the door



# **2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

- Jn 20:28-29

#### **April 11, 2021**

# FROM THE PASTOR...

The Lord is risen!! I hope you had a grace filled Holy Week and Easter. All the services and Easter Masses were well attended, the music was moving and prayerful, the church was beautifully decorated, and ultimately, we got to walk with Christ through the Paschal Mystery of our redemption. Now we celebrate the joy of His resurrection. The Easter season lasts for fifty days so may we truly be consoled by Jesus Christ's resurrection.

"From the saddle to the ground there is mercy sought and mercy found." My Irish grandmother used to often say this variant of an Irish proverb, other variants exist and have made it into songs. Even if someone were to be thrown from their horse and death be possibly imminent, they could ask for the Lord's mercy and receive it. In such a moment when someone's life passes before their eyes and the light of eternity begins to be clearer as an awareness of ones' sins should, perhaps for the first time in years, be a moment of God's grace and mercy.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and there is an image that Jesus gave to St. Faustina for the good of the whole Church and world. The image is a good representation of what our Gospel for today describes. Jesus came to the disciples, revealed His wounds to them, offered them peace, and gave them the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins.

The image of Divine Mercy shows the risen Jesus, the wounds on His hands and feet are visible. His right hand is outstretched as if offering both welcome and blessings and His left hand is pointing to His heart. From His heart two rays of light are coming out, red and white that remind us of the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side after He was pierced by the lance. The rays signify the grace that comes to us through the sacraments, from the very heart of Christ.

There are consoling words at the bottom of the image; "Jesus, I trust in you." These are the words and the loving look of the Lord that we must try to remember when the dark moments of our past flash before our eyes.

"Peace be with you". These are the first words that Jesus spoke to the disciples when He saw them. The last time He spoke to them was on the night of Holy Thursday at the Last Supper and in His agony in the garden. Judas betrayed Him, Peter denied Him and all of them scattered and left Jesus alone, except for John. The gospel for today goes on to recount that they were hiding behind locked doors out of fear. Each of them was

afraid and many were likely ashamed and embarrassed, too. In the face of all this Jesus came to them, after His resurrection, despite their fear and shame, and said "peace be with you."

Friends, every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future, do not be afraid. I will close with a beautiful quote from St. Faustina about the Lord's love for us when we most need it:

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest."

The Lord is risen and love us!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Mike





In today's Gospel, Jesus stands in the midst of His disciples and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say: "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you are saying "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.



#### There are Alleluias in the Air!

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, the final day of the Octave of Easter. If you came to daily Mass this week, you heard a Gloria each day. Additionally, there were no observances of "saint" days as the celebration of Easter overrode all of those (apologies to St. Vincent Ferrer and St. John Baptiste De LaSalle). You may have also noticed a return of the sequence. The sequence used to be mandatory during the Octave of Easter, but since Vatican II, it

has become optional. As in centuries past however, the sequence for Easter may be carried over to every Sunday of Easter. We can even change the Psalm to an additional Alleluia. I know that is a lot of Alleluias, but the Lord is Risen and we should be rejoicing!

Next up in our examination of the Mass is the Gospel Acclamation. It starts after a period of silence (again, to give everyone a chance to reflect on the Second Reading) and consists of an Alleluia and a verse of scripture

linked to the forthcoming Gospel. Recall that in years past, the sequence of the day would have been placed here, but no longer is. It is also interesting to note that the Alleluia is varied according to degree of solemnity (recall our discussion of the degrees of solemnity from several weeks ago). On "normal" days there are only two Alleluias, and there are three for more solemn days. That is why at daily Mass you only hear "Alleluia, Alleluia" whereas on Sundays (and other solemnities and feasts) you hear the triple version.

I hope by this point you are starting to see that every single aspect of the Mass, from the macro form down to how/why/when we say certain words, is intentional and deeply symbolic. It can certainly be overwhelming to try analyzing everything, but be assured that the Church is not like a parent telling their kid to do something "because I say so", but rather, everything she bids us do has a very specific reasoning behind it.

St. Cecilia, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity...Pray for us!

--Mark Wozniczka, Music Director (mwozniczka@archchicago.org)



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#### Sharing Families-Rwanda

In celebration of Women's History Month, we are highlighting one of our brightest. Meet Jeannine Uwiringiyimana, a success story from the Station School. When we first started our sponsorship program, Jeannine was so grateful, she not only wrote a letter, she wrote a poem for our visit. The poem is titled: This is the Day. Here is an excerpt:



This is the day of acknowledgement.
This is the day that we are so grateful.
This is the day we wanted to welcome you.
This is the day we show how we love you.
As you loved us, we are thankful.

Thanks to the generosity of our Sharing Families, we were able to offer two high school scholarships, one of which Jeanine was a recipient. She attended a technical high school. Prior to her first day in class, she had never touched a computer. Jeanine graduated 2nd in her class, and was in charge of liturgy at the school. Her sharing family continues to fund her studies and she is now attending the university in Kigali. When possible, she goes back to the Station School to help and inspire others. Like all the students, Jeanine prays for us every day and hopes to someday come to our parish to thank us in person.

This is only one of so many beautiful life changing stories. The Sharing Families of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity are making a difference in the world.









Station School presenting poem

First day of high school

High school graduation

Back at the Station School to help plant

All the children send their love and hope we are staying safe.

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Sharing Families Program. The children will never forget that your genericity has provided a life changing opportunity. They are forever grateful.

The cost to become a sponsor is \$25.00 per student, however, any size donation is appreciated. You can give at any time by making a check payable to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. Please be sure to mark on the memo portion of the check "Station School". You can also donate online via Faith Direct. Follow our progress on this remarkable journey at www.stelizabethtrinity.org and see the hope and smiles in the eyes of the children. We have given the gift of a brighter future and we have received the gift of an extended family.

Bobbie DuMelle



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We are a lay ministry devoted to assisting those in need. We encourage and welcome all to prayerfully consider joining our parish conference.

SVDP Members will be at all Masses Saturday, April 24th & Sunday April 25th

Monetary Donations to assist our Neighbors in Need are always gratefully accepted! Our donation box will be outside of church, you can give via the Poor Box in the rear of church or through Faith Direct at any time.

We will accept food donations for our Parish Food Pantry. Items Needed:

- Cereal, Coffee and Tea

- Peanut Butter/Jelly

- Tuna. Chicken. Ham

- Rice, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce

- Canned fruit, Vegetables - Sugar, Cooking Oil

#### Hello.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share a very exciting announcement. My name is Victoria Hastings. My husband Kevin and our families have recently become parishioners of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. As previous parishioners of St. Cornelius, we understand that transitions may be difficult, but we have fallen in love with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and are very excited for the bright future of our new parish.



Being a registered nurse, I am passionate about protecting, and enhancing human life at all stages. As a result of my passion, and the passion held by so many of our fellow parishioners who have already accomplished such great achievements in support of life, I am excited to announce the formation of The Respect Life Committee at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Due to the importance of such work, I have eagerly volunteered to take the lead on this committee at Father Mike's request and am looking forward to all that we can accomplish together.

Our very first event is the wonderful Mother's Day Flower Sale on Sunday, May 9th in support of The Women's Center located right here in our neighborhood. Please stay tuned for details in future bulletins!

If you are interested in joining, volunteering, or simply learning more about The Respect Life Committee, please contact me directly at .annahastings@gmail.com.

Thank you!





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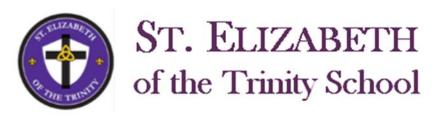
Vilnius Image of The Divine Mercy Original painting by Eugene Kazimirowski, 1934

# Divine Mercy Sunday

Today we end the Octave of Easter with the wonderful celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II established the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in accordance with the request Jesus Christ had made for a special celebration the Sunday after Easter in His revelations to Sr. Faustina in the 1930s.

When Jesus Christ first appeared to Sr. Faustina, He was wearing a brilliant white robe with His right hand raised in blessing and His left hand near His heart. Two rays of light, one red and the other a pale white, radiated from His heart. Our Lord told Sr. Faustina, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature, Jesus, I trust in You." Christ promised Sr. Faustina that, "Anyone who venerates this image will someday join me in Heaven." Our Lord also taught Sr. Faustina the Divine Mercy Chaplet and told her, "Whoever recites this prayer and marks the hour of My death in even the smallest way will receive more graces than his soul could ever need." Sr. Faustina was canonized by St. John Paul II on April 30, 2000.

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us us the infinite love Jesus Christ has for all of us and His desire for us to be with Him in Heaven. It is also a wonderful opportunity for us to take advantage of Our Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In her diary, Sr. Faustina records these words of Christ, "Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul." St. Elizabeth of the Trinity offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm. Invite a friend, bring the family, and experience Christ's mercy in this beautiful sacrament.



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Last week before Spring Break, the Student Council sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt! Our 8th grade Student Council members went to each class the day before and hid eggs all around the room. The next morning, students searched for an egg as well as the Golden Egg which had a special prize for one lucky student in each grade. What a great way to start our Spring Break!













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#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



Where does this day "Divine Mercy Sunday" originate and why is it important. To find some answers I went to a website called *Divine Mercy Sunday* and from there, I will quote below from an essay entitled: *Divine Mercy Sunday, the Pope, and St. Faustina*, written by Robert Stackpole, STD

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church" this Sunday will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

The Church's doctrine of Divine Mercy, and her liturgical practices are not based on St. Faustina's revelations: they are based on Holy Scripture, the faith handed down by the apostles, and on liturgical traditions rooted in the worship life of the ancient, apostolic communities. St. Faustina's revelations add nothing new to this deposit of Faith, nor anything novel to the official liturgy of the Church.

What makes St. Faustina's revelations striking is the way that they so powerfully express the central truths that lie at the heart of the Gospel: the merciful love of God, manifest especially in the Passion and Resurrection of His Son. Indeed, some of the devotional forms which spring from her "private revelations" (such as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the veneration of the Image of The Divine Mercy) are especially vivid ways of contemplating the Paschal Mystery: the Mystery which lies at the very heart of the "public revelation" passed down to us from the apostles, as well as at the very heart of the ancient liturgical traditions for the Easter Octave

Listen to the words the Holy Father spoke in his homily on Mercy Sunday, 2001: "...the message she brought is the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies. Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: "Humanity will not have peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy" (Diary, 300). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium... "Today the Lord also shows us His glorious wounds and His heart, an inexhaustible source of light and truth, of love and forgiveness... St. Faustina saw coming from this Heart that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world. "The two rays", according to what Jesus Himself told her, "represent the blood and the water" (Diary, 299). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha, and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist St. John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3:5; 4:14). "Through the mystery of this wounded heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here alone can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret

Liturgically the day has always been centered on the theme of Divine mercy and forgiveness. That is why in its decree establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, the Holy See insisted that the texts already assigned for that day in the Missal and the Liturgy of the Hours of the Roman Rite "are always to be used for the liturgical celebration of this Sunday." The Octave Day of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore point us to 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.

Clearly, the celebration of Mercy Sunday does not compete with, nor endanger the integrity of the Easter Season. Sometimes the fear is expressed that the recitation of St. Faustina's Novena of Chaplets of The Divine Mercy from Good Friday until Mercy Sunday distracts us from the focus of the liturgy. But the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer on the basis of the Passion of Christ, and the Image of the Divine Mercy is primarily a manifestation of the Risen Christ. The Novena of Chaplets, therefore, focuses our minds and hearts on the Paschal Mystery – the death and resurrection of Christ.

The Octave Day of Easter as a summary of the whole Paschal Mystery, and the merciful love of God that shines through that Mystery. In so far as the revelations and devotional forms given to St. Faustina direct us to, and amplify for us, this same Paschal Mystery, and this same merciful love, then her witness is an aid and not a hindrance to the People of God in their celebration of this great solemnity.



Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

5:00— Marcella Marszalek, Don Love, Malachy Byrne, Leslie Clark, Kathy Cashman, Steven Ryjewski, Gilski & Ryjewski families, Joseph Turco, Malachy Byrne

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021**

7:30 AM— Carmen Rosario Castro
9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don
Quinn, Patricia Dooley Bowman, Joseph
Mikulski, Mary Marek, Yolanda Diokno
11:00 AM—Joseph Dziedzic, Timothy Tobin, Jr.
1:00 PM (Spanish)—

#### MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

8:30 AM—Stefan Ciaston (13th anniversary), Domingo Lopez Fortich, Jennie Turco

#### **APRIL 13, 2021**

8:30 AM—Eric Marder (birthday remembrance), Meredith Cicchetti, Marjorie Carmody

11:00 - 2:00 PM - Adoration with Benediction at 1:50

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

8:30 AM —Terrance, Edward & Mary Wilk, Stanley & Estelle Spychalski

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

8:30 AM—Diana Murphy, Maryjo Pelley, Philomena Wohn

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

8:30 AM—Robert Kozlowski, Frances Leonard Rushton

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

8:30 AM—for police officers and their families

3:30 - 4:30 PM—CONFESSIONS

5:00— Richard Zahn, Lorraine & Ralph Schmidt, Don Love Jr., Leslie Clark, Kathy Cashman, Steven Ryjewski, Gilski & Ryjewski families

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021**

7:30 AM— Ed Sanborn ((19th anniversary), Jo Sanborn,
Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Anna, Estelle, Joseph
& Walter Dyjak Rose Dyjak (2nd anniversary)
9:00 AM—(livestreamed) - Eileen & Jack Owen, Don
Quinn, Pauline Haas
11:00 AM—for our parishioners
1:00 PM (Spanish)— Alfredo Rosario, Jr.

Presider Schedule - April 17 & 18 5:00 pm — Fr. Ouda 7:30 am — Fr. Ouda 9:00 am — Fr. Dan Fallon 11:00 am — Fr. Grisolano (Spanish) 1:00 pm - Fr. Ouda

#### **DISPENSATION**

Cardinal Cupich has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday & Holy Day Mass until further notice.

## REST IN PEACE

Henry Keczkowski



#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Wednesday:

Thursday: Tax Day

Friday: Saturday:

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

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# Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

[1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf.

11d]/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 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

[7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20

[7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn

6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

[7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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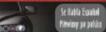
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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

(English) and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

**Daily Mass Schedule:** 

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Benediction at 1:50 p.m.)

Rectory Hours - Monday through Friday: 9:00 - 5:00

#### Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements: <a href="mailto:gbzdon@archchicago.org">gbzdon@archchicago.org</a>

#### **Becoming a Catholic:**

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

#### Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

**Religious Education for Public Grade School Students:** Contact Kathleen Driscoll for more information: kadriscoll@archchicago.org

**Parish Registration:** New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab.

**Communion Visits:** Ministers of Care bring communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Steve Wagner through the rectory to make arrangements.

High School Youth Group: Mr. Mike Wuich HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM

**Bulletin Deadline:** Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

"It seems to me that I have found my heaven on earth, because my heaven is You, my God, and You are in my soul.
You in me, and I in You – may this be my motto."

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity