

St. John's Newsletter



Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem as the crowds honor him waving palm branches in celebration.



Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with footwashing, stripping of the altar. Holy Mass is at 7pm in church followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight in the chapel.



Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Way of the Cross led by the Youth at 1:30 and Liturgy of the Passion will be in church at 3 p.m.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we would miss in a world without Jesus. Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 and the Catechumens and Candidates receive sacraments.



Easter Sunday!! Christ has risen. This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy. Holy Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord will be at 7:45 (Spanish) and at 10 a.m.

Jesus, I trust in you

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 declared the Sunday after Easter be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. **Divine Mercy Sunday** focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

The Divine Mercy prayers described by Sister can be prayed any time and is often prayed at 3 pm, the hour that Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday.

The church encourages all to pray a **Divine Mercy novena** which begins on Good Friday. A novena is recitation of prayers and devotions for nine consecutive days, especially one to a saint to ask for their intercession.

Pray for peace in Russia and Ukraine

The Pope has asked for continued prayers for peace in the world, including the consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the March 25 Feast of the Annunciation.

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JESUS, I trust in YOU

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

- 1. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**
- 2. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!**
- 3. Our Father. Hail Mary. The Apostle's Creed**
- 4. 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.**
- 5. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world (Say 10x)**
- 6. Repeat "Eternal Father" (4) & For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (5) 4 times.**
- 7. Conclude with: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world 3 times.**

-Catholics striving for holiness-