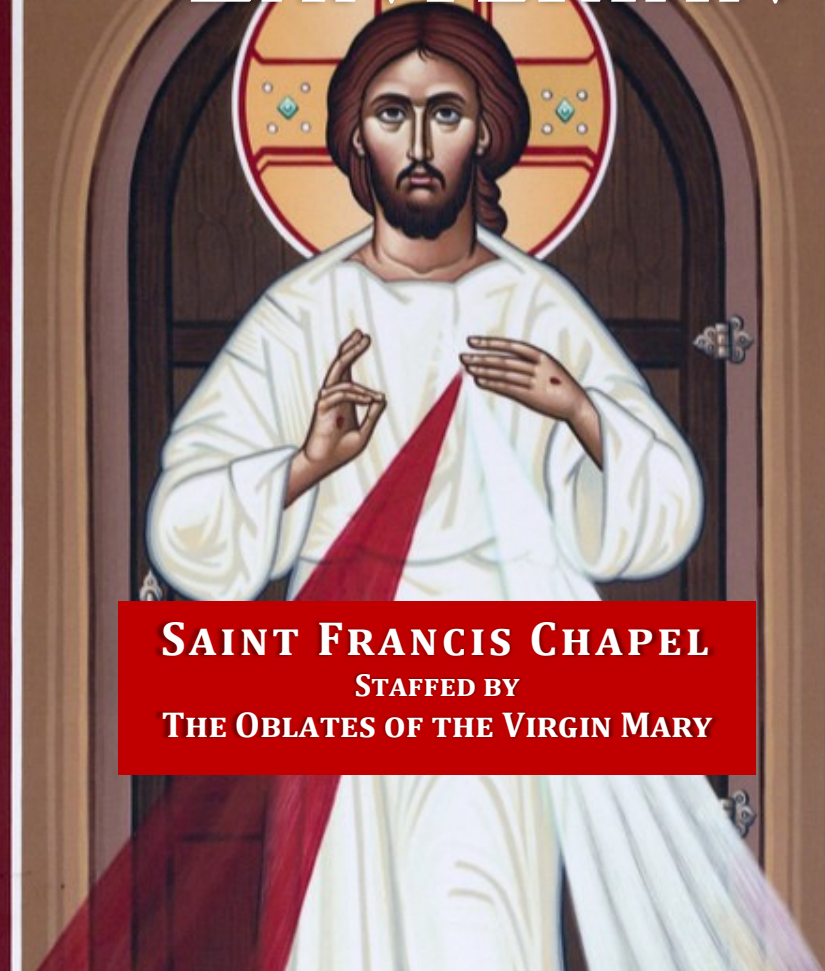




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APRIL 24, 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



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Divine Mercy Icon. Holy Cross Priory church, Leicester.
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SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM
Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

Devotions:

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady
Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM;
Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30PM

Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 5:30PM;
Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM*;
Sunday 8:45AM - 6:30PM*

(*Closed during Sun. and Sat. Vigil Masses)

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Reflection by Fr. James Doran, OMV

Divine Mercy Sunday is Christ's Easter gift to humanity.

"Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". Jesus said that to Sr. Faustina. In the Gospel, Jesus makes His Apostles ministers of Divine Mercy. After showing them His hands, feet and side, He tells them: As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you" (Jn 20:21) Then He breathed on them and said to them, **"Receive the Holy Spirit. The sins you forgive are forgiven. The sins you retain are retained.** Pope St. John Paul wrote, *this gift of forgiving sins flows from the wounds in His hands and feet and especially from His side. From there a wave of mercy is poured out over all humanity.* Remember that scene in the Passion of Christ. When the soldier thrusts the lance into His side, Blood and Water showers, drenches the soldier. There is a statue of that soldier, St. Longinus, at St. Peter's basilica.

Our Lord appeared to Sr. Faustina and asked her to have a painting done of Himself as He appeared to her.; with two rays of light coming from His Heart which represent the Blood and Water. (Diary, p. 132). The Blood recalls the sacrifice at Calvary and the mystery of the Eucharist; the Water, according to the rich symbolism of St. John the Evangelist, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord told Sr. Faustina to put a short but powerful prayer at His feet: **"Jesus, I trust in You"**.

We must cultivate the strong conviction that He truly seeks to alleviate our suffering. He did not die on the cross to let us fall into Hell. We could end up in Hell only if we choose to lose our souls by refusing conversion. In his encyclical on **Divine Mercy**, the Holy Father describes mercy as love. *This love is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery, and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and "restored to value."* The father first and foremost expresses to him his joy that he has been "found again" and that he has "returned to life. This joy indicates a good that has remained intact: even if he is a prodigal, a son does not cease to be truly his father's son; it also indicates a good that has been found again, which in the case of the prodigal son was his return to the truth about himself. Isn't that beautiful?

Conversion is the most concrete expression of the working of love and of the presence of mercy in the human world. My efforts to convert are the most concrete expression of my love for Divine Mercy, which is not just an attitude but a Person. And that Person is Jesus. He is infinite. *Mercy in itself, as a perfection of the infinite God, is also infinite. Also, infinite therefore and inexhaustible is the Father's readiness to receive the prodigal children who return to His home. Infinite are the readiness and power of forgiveness which flow continually from the marvelous value of the sacrifice of the Son. No human sin can prevail over this power or even limit it. On the part of man only a lack of good will can limit it, a lack of readiness to be converted and to repent, in other words persistence in obstinacy, opposing grace and truth, especially in the face of the witness of the cross and resurrection of Christ.* St. John says, "God is love" and Jesus says: "I Am Mercy". Jesus is the Incarnation of Mercy. Mercy is Love's second name, writes Pope St. John Paul! What is mercy? Love that seeks to alleviate suffering. That's a good definition if you just think about it. Divine Mercy, in the person of Jesus, gives us two commandments: First, contemplate Mercy. Look at the image and reflect how God has been merciful to humanity in general. How has He sought to alleviate suffering in your life, in your personal history. Second, Jesus commands us to **be** merciful. Practice works of mercy daily. If you keep that in mind, you will find plenty of opportunities especially in these days of health crisis. Let us invoke our Lady, Mother of Mercy. She gave flesh to God's Mercy. May she teach us to alleviate suffering.

The Works of Mercy

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2447. "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2448. "In its various forms—material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness and death—human misery is the obvious sign of the inherited condition of frailty and need for salvation in which man finds himself as a consequence of original sin. This misery elicited the compassion of Christ the Savior, who willingly took it upon himself and identified himself with the least of his brethren. Hence, those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere."

Corporal Works of mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of mercy

Counsel the doubtful
Instruct the ignorant
Admonish sinners
Comfort the afflicted
Forgive offenses
Bear wrongs patiently
Pray for the living and the dead

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Easter Sunday, April 24

8:00 AM Deceased members of Cacciapagila & Cicocia Families
9:15 AM Geoffrey Kreger
10:30 AM +Rev. Justin Bailey, OFM
11:45 AM Olive Chukwuanu—thanksgiving
1:15 PM +Bessie & +Oscar Mayorga—anniv.
4:00 PM +Mary Palmer
5:30 PM Rollande Auguste & Children

Monday, April 25

8:00 AM Sandra Elizabeth & Lorenzo Antonio Moscoso
12:05 PM Harley Auguste
4:45 PM Deceased members of Cacciapagila & Cicocia Families

Tuesday, April 26

8:00 AM Deceased members of Cacciapagila & Cicocia Families
12:05 PM Hendricks Delva
4:45 PM +Lawrence E. Resca

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 AM Sanying Cao—employment & healing
12:05 PM James N. Kilroy
4:45 PM Jennet G.— Health

Thursday, April 28

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain
12:05 PM Holy Souls
4:45 PM Antonio Ruiz, Judith Mendoza, Jose Martinez

Friday, April 29

8:00 AM +Thomas & +Grace Decrescenzo
12:05 PM Casey, Cody & Amy Armstrong
4:45 PM +John & +Virginia Feeney

Saturday, April 30

9:00 AM +Tamar Bucci
12:00 PM Sandra Elizabeth & Lorenzo Antonio Moscoso
4:00 PM +Bill Moore—1st anniv.
5:30 PM +Albalo Marien

Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary are excited to announce that the OMV Gala is returning to the Seaport this year on April 30!



The Oblates of the Virgin Mary Gala Returns! Come join us at the Seaport Hotel in Boston on Saturday, April 30th 2022. Cocktail hour and silent auction begin at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Featured auction items will be announced soon! All proceeds benefit the Oblate seminarian vocations and formation.

For tickets, sponsorship or more information please visit omvusa.org/gala or call 617-536-4141

We are now taking sign-ups for volunteers. Please email to office@omvusa.org.

From our New Director of Music: Mr. Steven Angelucci

There is a need for singers to help provide song leadership at our weekend Masses. We are hoping that a number of small ensembles can be formed to assist at the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon Masses. If you are interested and would like more information please contact our new Director of Music, Steven Angelucci for additional information. His e-mail is: promusic@sonic.net.



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