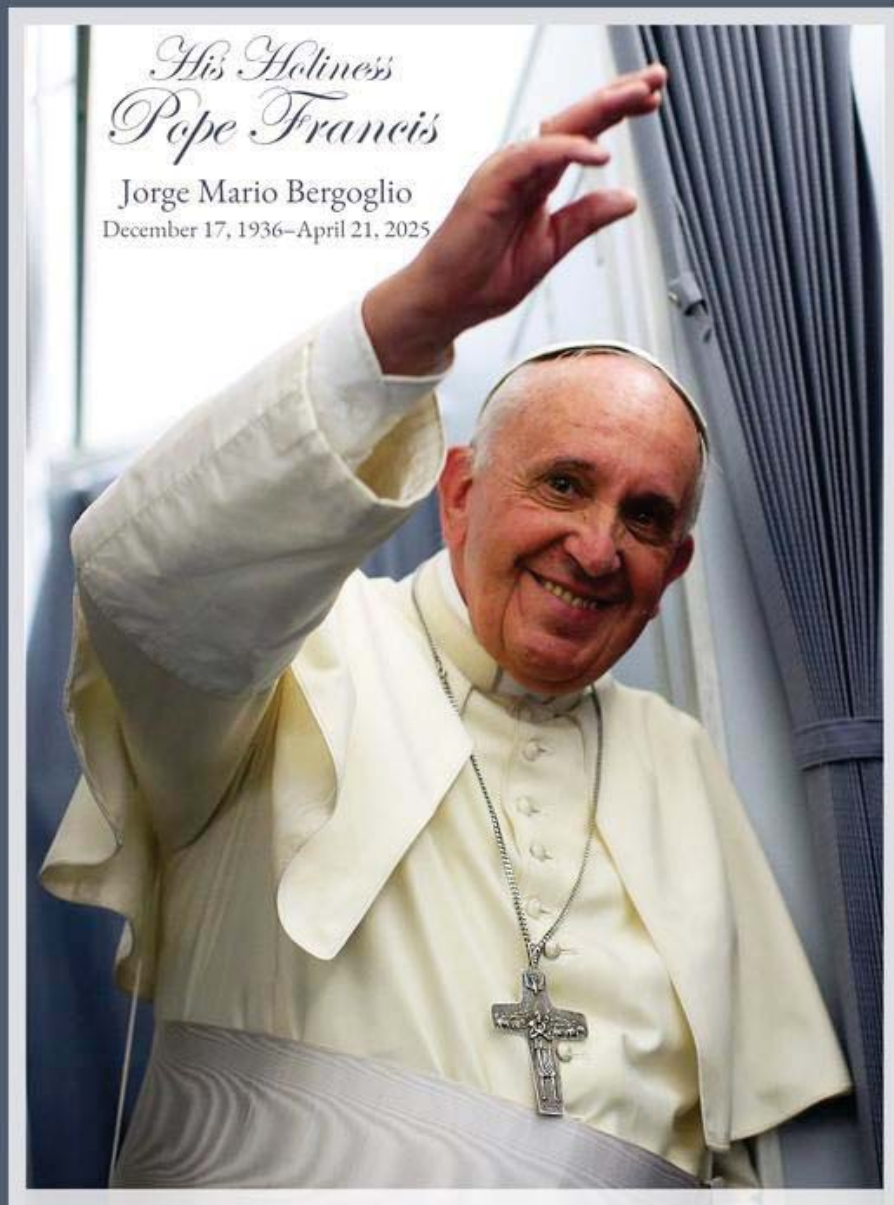


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SCHEDULE

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. 8:40 -11:40AM, 12:40-4:25PM;
After 4:45PM Mass by request

Saturday 9:40 - 11:40 AM, 12:40-3:30PM

Sunday By request in-between Masses

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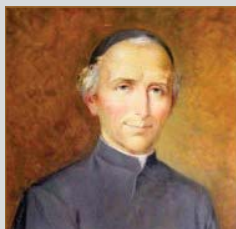
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

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(*Closed during Masses)

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Prayer Before Mass by Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the OMV

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.

Welcome to the Chapel! Whether you are one of our daily or weekly faithful or visiting from the other side of the globe, or anywhere in between, thank you for joining us in prayer! We are blessed by you all! Many comment on the blessing of Christ's Sacramental presence and the love, mercy and peace they encounter in "The Chapel in the Mall." The Chapel has remained open here since 1969, entirely due to God's Providence working through your prayers, goodness, gratitude and generosity. The payment of our monthly rent, utilities and all expenses depends on Mass collections, (including the box by the door), online donations (including the QR codes), major gifts, candles, the kiosks in the vestibule, the gift shop (check it out!) and the Benefactors Memorial Tree in the vestibule. Thank you for your support of our ministry here. We are not able to serve here without you! Pray for us! God bless you!

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Amicizia Cristiana (Christian Friendship) is a young adult initiative in collaboration with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at Saint Clement Eucharistic Shrine. The name comes from the group that was so integral to the life of Venerable Bruno Lanteri, founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Membership is limited to ages 20-29 to respect differences in practical life experience.

Reach out to stclementac@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 AM - Pete & Elizabeth Smail

9:15 AM - Ann McCarroll

10:30 AM - +Maria DiChiaro

11:45 AM - Suzanne Blovin—health

1:15 PM - David & Rosa Carrillo—
acción de gracias

4:00 PM - +Rita Egan

5:30 PM - +Edgar & +Odilia Castillo

Monday, April 28

8:00 AM - +Antonio Alob

12:05 PM - +Brian Cronin

4:00 PM - +Juan Carlos Berrio—health

Tuesday, April 29

8:00 AM - +Jorge Posada

12:05 PM - +Tom White

4:45 PM - +Daniel Warn

Wednesday, April 30

8:00 AM - Peter & Maria Smail

12:05 PM - +Shivaji Nethala

4:45 PM - +Jennifer Thomas—1st anniv.

Thursday, May 1

8:00 AM - +Hadley Martel

12:05 PM - +Maurice Mussafer

4:45 PM - +Jaime Alberto Arroyave Velasquez

Friday, May 2

8:00 AM - +Teddy Chagnon

12:05 PM - +Josephine DeSesa

4:45 PM - +Jason & +Ann Feitelberg

Saturday, May 3

9:00 AM - +Pope Francis

12:00 PM - +Consuelo Tobón

4:00 PM - +Joseph Emilio Pereja &

+Ana Maria Garcia

5:30 PM - +Beatriz Nazar Castillo

Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

My dear Brothers and sisters in the risen Lord Jesus,

Happy Easter and Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! Please pray for the eternal repose in Christ of Pope Francis.

On Easter Monday we learned that our Holy Father had passed to the Lord: "At 9.47 this morning, His Eminence Cardinal Kevin Joseph Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, announced with sorrow the death of Pope Francis, with these words: "Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7.35 this morning the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was devoted to service to the Lord and His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage and universal love, especially in favour of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love the One and Triune God"."

Here are some of the last public words of Pope Francis - the end of his Easter Sunday Homily: "Brothers and sisters, this is the greatest hope of our life: we can live this poor, fragile and wounded existence clinging to Christ, because he has conquered death, he conquers our darkness and he will conquer the shadows of the world, to make us live with him in joy, forever. This is the goal towards which we press on, as the Apostle Paul says, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead (cf. Phil 3:12-14). Like Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, we hasten to meet Christ. ...

"Lord, on this feast day we ask you for this gift: that we too may be made new, so as to experience this eternal newness. Cleanse us, O God, from the sad dust of habit, tiredness and indifference; give us the joy of waking every morning with wonder, with eyes ready to see the new colours of this morning, unique and unlike any other. [...] Everything is new, Lord, and nothing is the same, nothing is old"

Sisters, brothers, in the wonder of the Easter faith, carrying in our hearts every expectation of peace and liberation, we can say: with You, O Lord, everything is new. With you, everything begins again."

May Pope Francis rest in God's Peace.



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en el Señor Jesús resucitado,

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

For the Use of the New Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



¡Felices Pascuas y Feliz Domingo de la Divina Misericordia! Por favor, oren por el eterno descanso en Cristo del Papa Francisco.

El Lunes de Pascua supimos que nuestro Santo Padre había fallecido al Señor: "A las 9:47 de esta mañana, Su Eminencia, el cardenal Kevin Joseph Farrell, camarlengo de la Santa Romana Iglesia, ha anunciado con dolor el fallecimiento del Papa Francisco con estas palabras: «Queridos hermanos y hermanas, con profundo dolor debo anunciar la muerte de nuestro Santo Padre Francisco. A las 7:35 de esta mañana, el Obispo de Roma, Francisco, ha vuelto a la casa del Padre. Toda su vida ha estado dedicada al servicio del Señor y de su Iglesia. Nos enseñó a vivir los valores del Evangelio con fidelidad, valentía y amor universal, especialmente en favor de los más pobres y marginados. Con inmensa gratitud por su ejemplo de verdadero discípulo del Señor Jesús, encomendamos el alma del papa Francisco al amor infinito y misericordioso de Dios Uno y Trino»."

A continuación, algunas de las últimas palabras públicas del Papa Francisco, al final de su homilía del Domingo de Pascua: ""Hermanos y hermanas, esta es la esperanza
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más grande de nuestra vida: podemos vivir esta existencia pobre, frágil y herida, aferrados a Cristo, porque Él ha vencido a la muerte, vence nuestras oscuridades y vencerá las tinieblas del mundo, para hacernos vivir con Él en la alegría, para siempre. Hacia esa meta, como dice el apóstol Pablo, también nosotros corremos, olvidando lo que se queda a nuestras espaldas y proyectándonos hacia lo que está por delante (cf. Flp 3,12-14). Apresurémonos, pues, a salir al encuentro de Cristo, con el paso ágil de la Magdalena, de Pedro y de Juan. ...

“Señor, en la fiesta que hoy celebramos te pedimos este don: que también nosotros seamos nuevos para vivir esta perenne novedad. Límpianos, oh Dios, del polvo triste de la costumbre, del cansancio y del desencanto; danos la alegría de despertarnos, cada mañana, con ojos asombrados al ver los colores inéditos de ese amanecer, único y distinto a todos los demás. [...] Todo es nuevo, Señor, y nada se repite, nada es viejo.”

Hermanas, hermanos, en el asombro de la fe pascual, llevando en el corazón toda esperanza de paz y de liberación, podemos decir: contigo, Señor, todo es nuevo. Contigo, todo comienza de nuevo."

Que el Papa Francisco descanse en la Paz de Dios.

25 Years: The Canonization of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Apostle of Divine Mercy - April 30

Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (cf. Jn 19: 34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3: 5; 4: 14; 7: 37-39).

Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: *"My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified"*, Jesus will ask Sr Faustina (*Diary*, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love's "second name" (cf. *Dives in misericordia*, n. 7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness?

Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of *Sr Faustina Kowalska* to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the 20th century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people, know well how necessary was the message of mercy.

Jesus told Sr Faustina: *"Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy"* (*Diary*, p. 132). Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked for ever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. It 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.

— *From the Homily of Pope St. John Paul II—April 30, 2000*

Prayer to Saint Faustina by the Holy Father John Paul II

And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of Divine Mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred, and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the Face of the Risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

25 Años de la Canonización de Santa María Faustina Kowalska, Apóstol de la Divina Misericordia - 30 de abril



¡Sangre y agua! Nuestro pensamiento va al testimonio del evangelista san Juan, quien, cuando un soldado traspasó con su lanza el costado de Cristo en el Calvario, vio salir "sangre y agua" (Jn 19, 34). Y si la sangre evoca el sacrificio de la cruz y el don eucarístico, el agua, en la simbología joánica, no sólo recuerda el bautismo, sino también el don del Espíritu Santo (cf. Jn 3, 5; 4, 14; 7, 37-39).

La misericordia divina llega a los hombres a través del corazón de Cristo crucificado: "Hija mía, di que soy el Amor y la Misericordia en persona", pedirá Jesús a sor Faustina (*Diario*, p. 374). Cristo derrama esta misericordia sobre la humanidad mediante el envío del Espíritu que, en la Trinidad, es la Persona-Amor. Y ¿acaso no es la misericordia un "segundo nombre" del amor (cf. *Dives in misericordia*, 7), entendido en su aspecto más profundo y tierno, en su actitud de aliviar cualquier necesidad, sobre todo en su inmensa capacidad de perdón?

Hoy es verdaderamente grande mi alegría al proponer a toda la Iglesia, como don de Dios a nuestro tiempo, la vida y el testimonio de sor Faustina Kowalska. La divina Providencia unió completamente la vida de esta humilde hija de Polonia a la historia del siglo XX, el siglo que acaba de terminar. En efecto, entre la primera y la segunda guerra mundial, Cristo le confió su mensaje de misericordia. Quienes recuerdan, quienes fueron

testigos y participaron en los hechos de aquellos años y en los horribles sufrimientos que produjeron a millones de hombres, saben bien cuán necesario era el mensaje de la misericordia.

Jesús dijo a sor Faustina: "La humanidad no encontrará paz hasta que no se dirija con confianza a la misericordia divina" (*Diario*, p. 132). A través de la obra de la religiosa polaca, este mensaje se ha vinculado para siempre al siglo XX, último del segundo milenio y puente hacia el tercero. No es un mensaje nuevo, pero se puede considerar un don de iluminación especial, que nos ayuda a revivir más intensamente el evangelio de la Pascua, para ofrecerlo como un rayo de luz a los hombres y mujeres de nuestro tiempo.

— De la Homilía del Papa San Juan Pablo II, 30 de abril de 2000

Oración a Santa Faustina del Santo Padre Juan Pablo II

Y tú, Faustina, don de Dios para nuestro tiempo, don de la tierra de Polonia para toda la Iglesia, concédenos la conciencia de la profundidad de la Divina Misericordia; ayúdanos a vivirla y a dar testimonio de ella entre nuestros hermanos. Que tu mensaje de luz y esperanza se extienda por el mundo, impulsando a los pecadores a la conversión, calmando las rivalidades y el odio, y abriendo a las personas y a las naciones a la práctica de la fraternidad. Hoy, fijando contigo nuestra mirada en el Rostro de Cristo Resucitado, hagamos nuestra tu oración de confiado abandono y digamos con firme esperanza: «¡Jesús, en Ti confío!»



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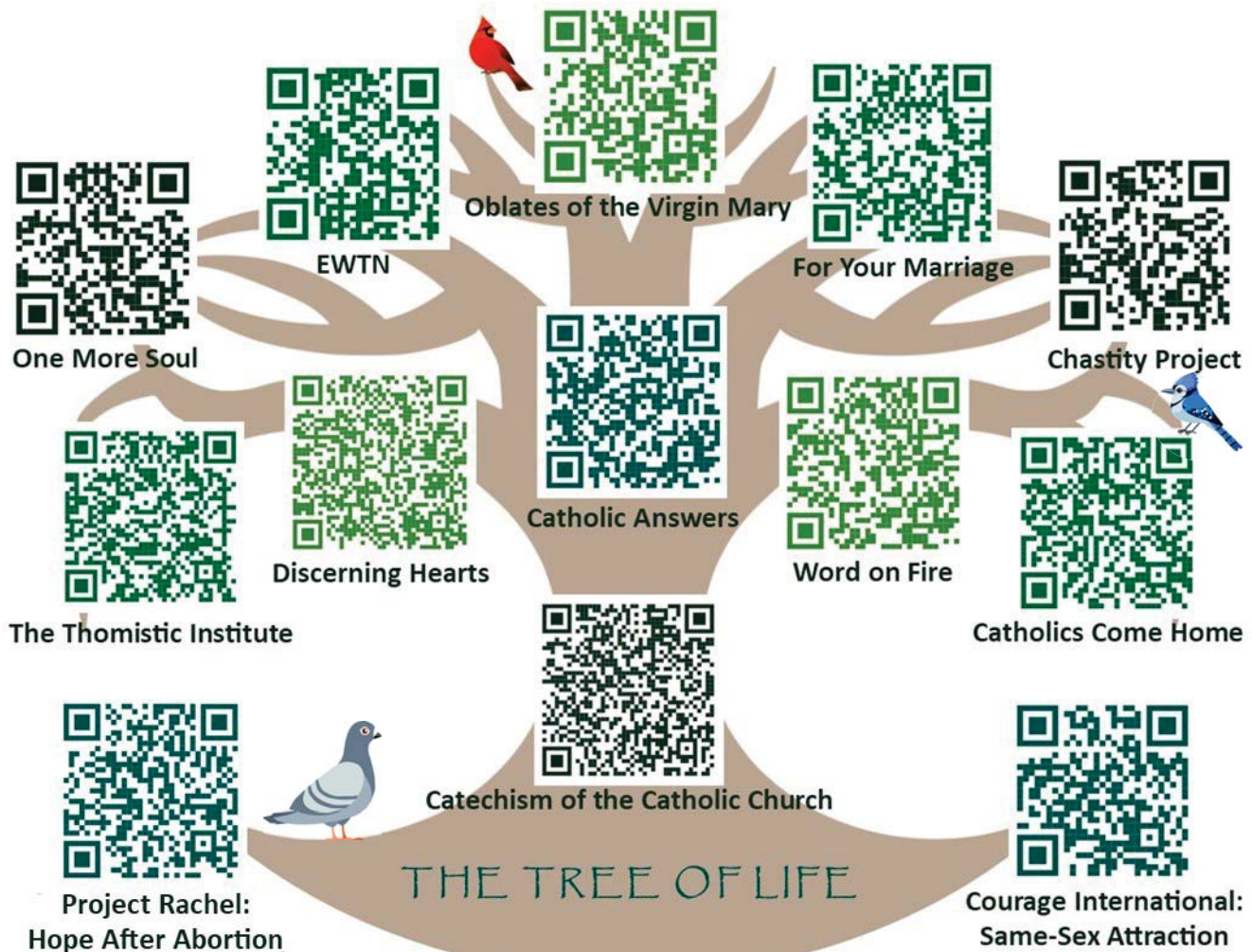
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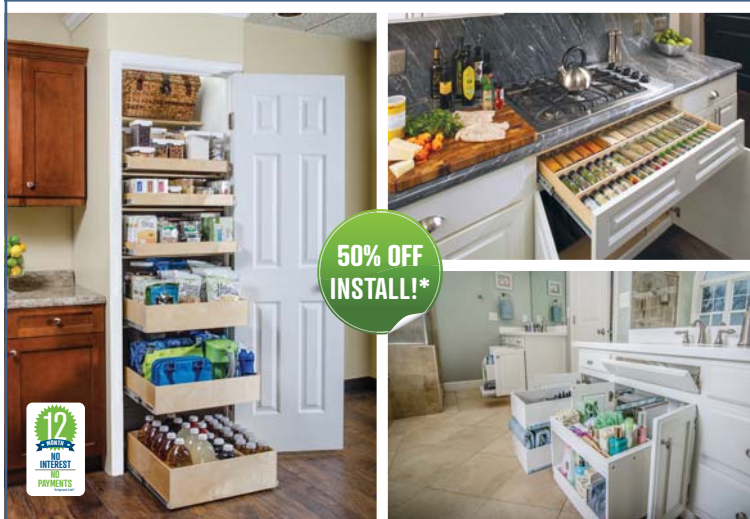
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