

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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Divine Mercy Sunday April 11, 2010

February 22, 1931: 47 In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, **Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world.** 48 **I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory.**



Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)



Jesus I trust in you

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 5 PM

Sundays 7 AM, 9 AM, & 11 AM

Monday - Saturday .. 7AM & 9AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 11, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon 7AM Christina Piatti
4/12 9AM Vera Gaudiani, *living*

Tue 7AM Joe & Mary Reilly
9AM Marie Palleschi

Wed 7AM William Cutler
9AM Freda & Sam Totah

Thu 7AM Clare Groth
9AM Joseph Wilner

Fri 7AM Special Intention
9AM Fr. Adalbert Gluszek

Sat 7AM Cincotta & Lazio Families, *living*
9AM Souls in Purgatory

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE SICK
IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Bertha, Caroline, Charles, Doug, Ed, Elizabeth, Kim, John, Joseph, Kristen, Michael, Tony, Stephanie, Tim, Lorenzo Acciai, Sally Arango, Marco Balistreri, Ivy Batmale, Charles Bellia, Madison Bostow, Nicole & Sean Burke, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Cary Chiappone, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Crowley, Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Nanette Duffy, Joyce Dunn, Luke Duval, Faith Gillis, Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Chiara Iulucci, Ruedi & Matthias Keller, Germaine Khohaying, Jeanne Killian, Karla Kincade, Manda Masse, Gino Mazzenatto, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Valerie Milroy, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Joe Popovich, Gunnar Sandberg, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Lou Smith, Ted Taheny, Rose Tannlund, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

PARISH BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE
www.sebastian94904.com

Have you heard?



1260 on your AM dial
immaculate heart radio
sharing the heart of the Christian faith

Please pray for our young people
who will receive
the **Sacrament of Confirmation**
from Bishop William Justice
during the 11:00 Mass today:

Thomas Cavanaugh Maggie Maguire
Michael Kelly Ryan McCarty
Joseph King

TODAY IS "COFFEE SUNDAY"

Don't "run off", but be sure to come to the Parish Hall after the 9am or 11am Mass and visit with fellow parishioners who look forward to seeing you there!



"Coffee Sunday" is scheduled for the second Sunday of every month.

A LITANY OF THANKS

The Church looked beautiful for Easter, and we are grateful to all who donated Cala Lilies from their gardens, Easter Lilies, and the other flowers as well. We will certainly enjoy their beauty and fragrance during the Easter Season.

May God also bless those who helped "behind the scenes" to clean and decorate the church, and who, during our liturgies, used their voices to proclaim God's Word and lead us in sacred song. We thank also those who helped in taking up the collection and bringing up the bread and wine.

These unseen helpers have helped us all to pray and receive the graces of God in these holy days of Lent, the Sacred Triduum, and Easter.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2010 UPDATE

We are very close to reaching our assessment of \$60,600 for this year, thanks to the generous response of our parishioners.

We hope that all of you will make some gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal so that when we pay our share for the works of the Archdiocese it will be a gift not just from a small minority of parishioners, but a gift which represents our entire parish.

Thank you for your consideration in responding to this annual appeal.

From "Divine Mercy in My Soul"
(the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska), 1935:

367 + On one occasion, Jesus gave me to know that



when I pray for intentions which people are wont to entrust to me, He is always ready to grant His graces, but souls do not always want to accept them: My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that

the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them. You, at least, come to Me as often as possible and take these graces they do not want to accept. In this way you will console My Heart. Oh, how indifferent are souls to so much goodness, to so many proofs of love! My Heart drinks only of the ingratitude and forgetfulness of souls living in the world. They have time for everything, but they have no time to come to Me for graces.

So I turn to you, you—chosen souls, will you also fail understand the love of My Heart? Here, too, My Heart finds disappointment; I do not find complete surrender to My love. So many reservations, so much distrust, so much caution. To comfort you, let Me tell you that there are souls living in the world who love Me dearly. I dwell in their hearts with delight. But they are few. In convents too, there are souls that fill My Heart with joy. They bear My features; therefore the Heavenly Father looks upon them with special pleasure. They will be a marvel to Angels and men. Their number is very small. They are a defense for the world before the justice of the Heavenly Father and a means of obtaining mercy for the world. The love and sacrifice of these souls sustain the world in existence. The infidelity of a soul specially chosen by Me wounds My Heart most painfully. Such infidelities are swords which pierce My Heart.

Words from Jesus to Sr. Faustina,
from "Divine Mercy in My Soul"
(the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska), 1935:

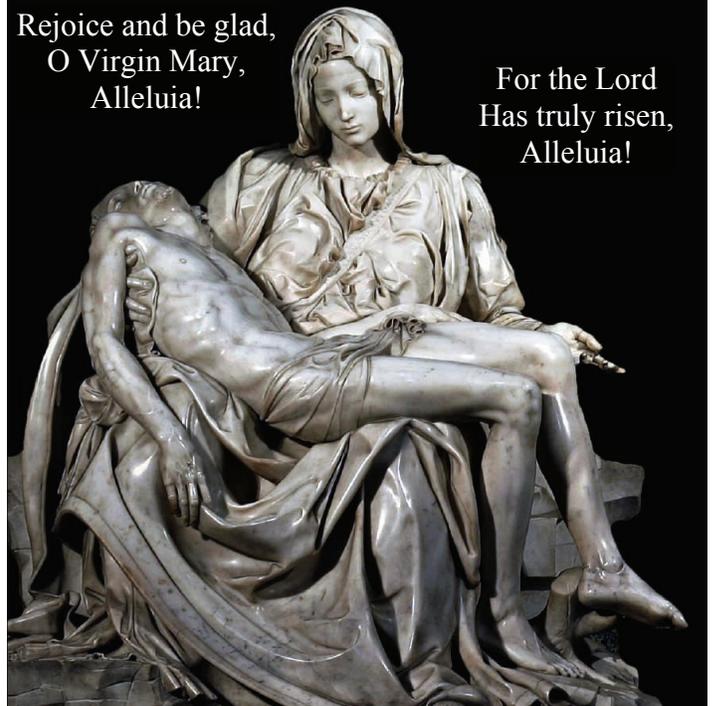
570 ...**Your assignment and duty here on earth is to beg for mercy for the whole world. No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy, and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy. I am making you the administrator of My mercy. Tell the confessor that the Image is to be on view in the church and not within the enclosure in that convent. By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it.**

687 ...**Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.**

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia!
For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia!
Has risen as he said, Alleluia!
Pray for us to God, Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad,
O Virgin Mary,
Alleluia!

For the Lord
Has truly risen,
Alleluia!



Divine Mercy Sunday: Jesus and Forgiveness

Today, we read about the institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." His first gift to the Church after the Resurrection is the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

Sadly, many people still *refuse to believe* that the Jesus *forgives sins* through the ministry of the priesthood all over the world today. "I don't see why you should have to confess your sins to a priest," some will object. But it was *Jesus* who said, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." *Blessed* are those who believe and who approach Jesus in this Sacrament: They experience the ocean of mercy and forgiveness which Jesus desires to give us. He told St. Faustina Kowalska that what *saddens* Him is that so many *refuse* to come to Him to receive His mercy and to be reconciled. Jesus explained: "**No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy; and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy, and on that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy:** (St. Faustina's Diary, 570).

Diary, 1448: **Write, speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation]. There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated. Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no [hope of] restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late.**

Diary, 1074 **Tell [all people], My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls.**

Link to Divine Mercy Novena: www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm

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