



DIVINE MERCY

Pray the 9-day Divine Mercy Novena, together with other people from around the world, starting on Good Friday, April 15. Offer your own personal intentions with the daily intentions of the novena as dictated by Our Lord to St. Faustina. Pamphlets are available in the gathering space.

Join us on April 24, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 3:00PM in the church to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Hour.

WHY MERCY SUNDAY? From a booklet by Rev. George W. Kosicki, CSB

Our Lord revealed to St. Maria Faustina:

"...tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to me will contemplate my love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be so solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of my Mercy." (Diary, 699)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—or the Second Sunday of Easter --was described by Pope John II: "In a special way, it is the Sunday of thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery." (April 23, 1995). The early church theologian Gregory of Nazianzen taught that Easter Sunday "was the day of salvation, but this Sunday (the Octave Day of Easter) is the birthday of salvation."

The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSON)** wipes away our sins, so that when we receive the HOLY EUCHARIST on Mercy Sunday, we receive the extra special graces that Jesus promised. Jesus said that it is in the confessional that "the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated." (Diary, 1448)

In the **DIVINE MERCY IMAGE**, Jesus appears in His Risen Glory. From his sacred, merciful heart, the blood and water now gush forth for us as rays of healing and mercy. Our response to God's mercy is to trust (believe) in Jesus. "Jesus, I trust in You!" is the motto of Divine Mercy.

The **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** is a special prayer asking for God's mercy for ourselves and the whole world through Christ's Passion. Our Lord asks that it be recited especially for the dying.

The **NOVENA OF THE DIVINE MERCY**—for nine (9) days, beginning with Good Friday and ending the Saturday before Mercy Sunday, we pray for our own intentions and for a different group of souls each day.

The **HOUR OF GREAT MERCY** commemorated Christ's death on the cross for our sins—at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It is a time for us to focus on Christ's Passion through prayers —especially the Mercy Chaplet and Jovena.

In summarizing the Divine Mercy message, we are urged to:

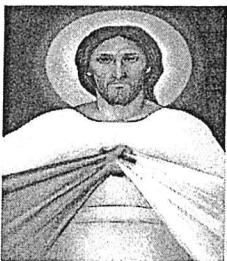
Ask for God's mercy

Be merciful like our Father

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy" -Mt. 5:71

"...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..."

Completely trust in Jesus! ("Jesus, I trust in You.")



LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Recen la Novena a la Divina Misericordia, junto con el resto del mundo comenzando el 15 de Abril, el Viernes Santo. Pueden añadir sus intenciones personales a las intenciones diarias de la novena, que le dictó Nuestro Señor a Santa Faustina. En el boletín recibirán el folleto de la Novena a la Divina Misericordia.

Únase a nosotros el 24 de abril, Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, a las 3:00PM en la iglesia para recitar la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y la Hora Santa.

¿POR QUÉ UNA FIESTA DE LA MISERICORDIA? Tomado del folletín del Padre George W. Kosicki, CSB

Nuestro Señor le pidió a Sta. María Faustina:

“...habla al mundo entero de esta gran misericordia. Deseo que la Fiesta de la Misericordia sea refugio y amparo para todas las almas y, especialmente, para los pobres pecadores. Ese día están abiertas las entrañas de Mi misericordia. Derramo todo un mar de gracia sobre las almas que se acercan al manantial de Mi misericordia. El alma que se confiese y reciba la Santa Comunión obtendrá el perdón total de las culpas y de las penas. En ese día están abiertas todas las compuertas divinas a través de las cuales fluyen las gracias. Que ningún alma tema acercarse a Mi aunque sus pecados sean como escarlata. Mi misericordia es tan grande que en toda la eternidad no la penetrará ningún intelecto humano ni angelical. Todo lo que existe ha salido de las entrañas de Mi misericordia. Cada alma respecto a Mí, por toda la eternidad meditará Mi amor y Mi misericordia. La Fiesta de la Misericordia ha salido de Mis entrañas, deseo que se celebre solemnemente el primer domingo después de Pascua. La humanidad no conocerá paz hasta que no se dirija a la Fuente de Mi misericordia.” (Diario, 699)

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA—o el segundo domingo después de Pascua—lo describió así el Papa Juan Pablo II: “En una forma especial, es el Domingo de Acción de Gracias por todo lo bueno que Dios nos ha dado en todo el misterio de la Pascua.” (Abril 23, 1995). Gregorio Nacianzeno teólogo de la iglesia primitiva, enseñó que el Domingo de Pascua “era el día de la salvación, pero que después de ocho días, la octava, sea para ti una gran fiesta.”

EL SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN (CONFESIÓN) borra nuestros pecados y así, cuando recibimos la SANTA EUCHARISTÍA el Domingo de la Misericordia Divina, recibimos las gracias especiales que Jesús nos prometió. Jesús le dijo a Sta. Faustina que en el confesionario “tienen lugar los milagros más grandes y se repiten incesantemente.” (Diario, 1448)

En **LA IMAGEN DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA**, Jesús aparece resucitado en toda Su Gloria. De Su corazón sagrado y misericordioso, la Sangre y el Agua brotan como rayos de sanación y misericordia para nosotros. Nuestra respuesta a la misericordia de Dios es confiar (creer) en Jesús. “¡Jesús, en Ti confío!” es el lema de la Divina Misericordia.

LA CORONILLA A LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA es una oración especial de intercesión que implora la misericordia de Dios para nosotros y para el mundo entero por medio de la Pasión de Cristo. Nuestro Señor nos pide que la recitemos especialmente por los moribundos.

LA NOVENA A LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA—se reza esta novena por nueve (9) días, comenzando el Viernes Santo y terminando el sábado antes del Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Pedimos por nuestras intenciones y por las intenciones diarias de la novena.

LA HORA DE LA GRAN MISERICORDIA es a las 3 de la tarde, hora en que se conmemora la muerte de Cristo en la cruz por nuestros pecados. Es el tiempo de sumergirnos en la Pasión del Señor a través de la oración — especialmente la Coronilla y la Novena.

Resumiendo, el mensaje de la Divina Misericordia nos urge a:

- Pedir la misericordia de Dios

- Ser misericordiosos como es el Padre de nosotros

“Felices los compasivos, porque obtendrán misericordia” Mt. 5, 7

“...perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden...”

- ¡Confía completamente en Jesús! (“¡Jesús, en Ti confío!”)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10

Las lecturas de la semana del 10 de abril

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18; 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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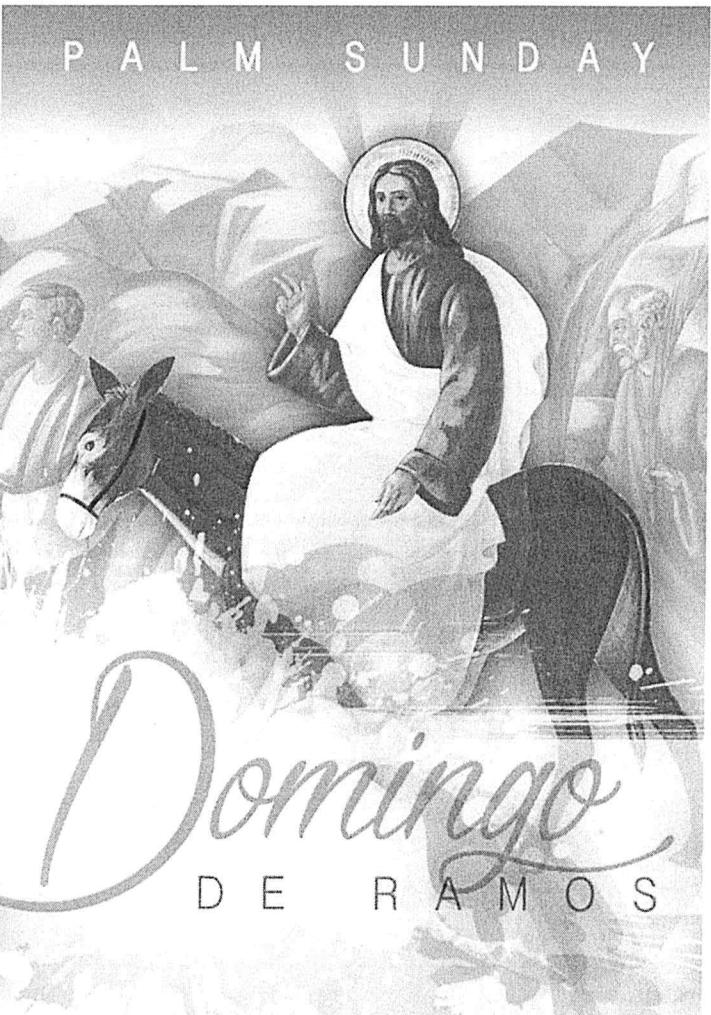
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

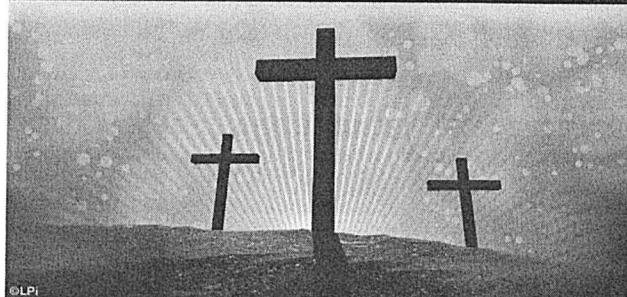
It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so. ©LPI



VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Aclamado un momento y rechazado el siguiente. Este parece ser el patrón que se repite no solo a lo largo de la historia, sino también en nuestras propias vidas. ¡Jesús quiere ser recibido triunfalmente, en nuestro corazón, con gozo! ¡Y le damos la bienvenida! Luego llegan los momentos en que hacemos exactamente lo contrario y rechazamos las enseñanzas del Evangelio y damos la espalda a la amistad de Dios. El que alguna vez fue amigo, ahora se convierte en enemigo. Jesús comprende nuestra ambivalencia. Lo vivió camino a la cruz. Comprendiendo toda la gama de emociones humanas, Dios nos acepta donde estamos. Hay mucho drama en el camino al Calvario. Nuestras vidas pueden ser dramáticas también. En todos esos momentos de torbellino, puede ser difícil encontrar la presencia de Dios y comprender su voluntad. Caminamos con Jesús esta semana buscando inspiración y esperanza, las llaves esenciales necesarias para abrir la puerta a la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas. ©LPI

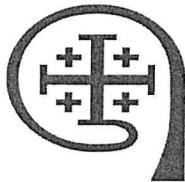
HOLY WEEK



Please help us keep this updated.

THE PRAYER LIST: Please pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of parishioners and friends: Jim Besaw, Sharon Vereb, Alexis Kirt, Michael Palumbo, Danny Brown, LaVerne Sadowski, Virginia Lamb, Nancy Conway, Billy Ray Hughes, Sr., Mary Dickerson, Bill Freeman, Lola, Kathleen McGinnis, Joyce Delp, Deborah Garofolo, Caitlin Czeh, Charlie Prasad, Mindy Tanner, Sonia & Rick Hayes, Linda Buckles, John Higgins, Robert Campbell, Maureen Florio, Helen Alston, George Scerba, Francis Ringkamp, Francesca Moneo, Maritza Mahoney, Barbara Rivera, Pat Derrickson, Jane McDonough, Doug Soles, Hannah Dugan, Gloria Hansberger, Noreen Dixon, Teresa Powers, Jim Then, Rose Kepler, Pam Bosselait, Sean Hayes, Bob Rivers, June Berube, Sue Hanson, Mark Hanson, Mark and Cheryl Lauer, Susan Rogers, Denise Discuillo, Nicole Cadavid, Kevin Monahan, Laura Marshall, Carol Lagemann, Bill Lagemann, Priscilla Sibley, Briana Evens DiScuillo, Mark Urban, Roger Mason, Gary Neverick, Charles Hayes, Kathy Linde, James Molenda, Heather Shivo, Jean Mauger, Peter Stanich, Chelsea Avitable, Daniel Aiden Richardson, Irene, Kelsy Palmer, Bridie Healy, Sam and Debbie Coccia, Kennedy James Kraft, Jimmy Wigal, Loretta Voghel, Ronald Solomon, Beth Miller, Morie and Angie Pollard, Bernard Swann, Katie Molenda, Tim Vance, Kevin Hamilton, Marie D'Andrea, Ronald Blank, Dennis Allen Main, Charles Wokutch, James Dixon, Fran Garrity, Gertrude Delitta, Bob Arias, Terry Youman, Travis Schrift, Phyllis Schaffer, Suzie Gordon, Rebecca Trustee, Joyce Sgro, Guy Aliotta, Kathy Walsh, Brendan Horstman, Lynn Clark, Marion Fallone, Richard Greff, Janette Polon-Ramirez, Ray Kilpatrick, Maggie Heverly, Maureen Florio, Susan McGuffin, Devin Rinaldi, Christina Powell, Anna Schwartz, Sandy Lagasse, Joe Hughes, Maria Soto, Marcella Fahey, David Bartlewski, Cheryl Scerba, Andrew Zepada, David Larkins, Joshua Thomas, Bob Gagne, Karen Catania, Arlene Forman, Rachel Wesselius, Rita Williams, Barbara Geschlecht, and Joe Abate.

WHEN YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL: Would you like an Extraordinary Minister to bring communion? Would you like a priest to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? Please call the office and let us know.



St. James New Mission/Vision Statement

Go and make disciples/Vayan y hagan discipulos

A community of joyful disciples/Una comunidad de discipulos alegres

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Director of Music Gene Borkes
Organists Gene Borkes, Bradley Hardee
RCIA Sunday, 10:00AM-12:00 Noon
Blood Pressure Screening postponed until further notice
Eucharistic Adoration Daily in the Chapel
..... Check the schedules for an open hour
Pro-Life Lori Videan, 843-503-3607
Ladies Guild 3rd Monday, 10:00am (Sept.-June)
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree 4th Monday, 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus 2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm
Catholic Charities 1-855-377-1357
Catholic Charities Immigration Attorney 803-327-7144
524 Charlotte Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730
Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services 843-853-2130 ext. 209
Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister 800-921-8122
Safe Environment Coordinator Taylor Lilly, ext. 235
To email staff members, use
first initial, last name@stjamesconway.org

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30AM - 3:30PM

Religious Education/Catecismo: Call office

Infant Baptism: The Sacrament is normally celebrated during a weekend Liturgy. Please call the office to register for the preparation process. Courtney Frappaolo, ext. 234.

Marriage: By arrangement at least six months before the proposed wedding. Paula Loehr, ext. 221.

Ministry to the Sick: Call to request visitation. Please let us know when loved ones are in the hospital.

Bulletin Articles: Items of communal interest must be at parish office no later than 9:00am Monday. Kathy Caughey, ext. 224.

New Parishioners: Welcome! There are several ways you can register, on our website, or by stopping by the church office during office hours.

Altar Flowers \$150: Call the office to arrange donations in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion.

Religious Articles are available for purchase Monday-Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm. Special orders are always welcome. Contact the church office at 843-347-5168.

Columbarium: Available to all registered Catholics of the Diocese. Call the church office for more information.

Tree of Life: This is a great way to remember your loved ones or honor a special occasion. Donations start at \$250. Contact the parish office for details.

Prayer Chain Request: If you have a special need we would like to help you pray. Simply call Shirley at 843-397-2318.