

September 29th
Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy



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of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

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*Livestream from
the National
Shrine*

Daily Devotions
Daily Mass
9:00am

Chaplet of Divine
Mercy
3:00pm

Rosary for Life
5:00pm

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Dear Pilgrims,

We welcome you to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy. Please join us for any upcoming events at the Shrine along with doing a personal pilgrimage during this year. Feel free to visit our Gift Shop and stroll our beautiful grounds during your visit here. May God bless you.

*Sincerely in Jesus and Mary Immaculate,
Fr. Matthew Tomeny, MIC
Shrine Rector*



Daily Schedule

Monday- Saturday 8:00am, 9:00am & 2:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 2:00pm

Please note:

2pm Mass on Saturday does NOT fulfill Sunday obligation

Confessions Available

Monday thru Friday 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Saturdays and Sundays 1:00pm - 2:00pm
3:30pm - 4:15pm



The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

Upcoming Events

October 2024

- 10/1 *We Will Serve the Lord* (United States Tour)
• see flyer on page 8 for more information
- 10/4 Blessing of Animals
• see flyer on page 9 for more information
First Friday Devotions at 8pm
- 10/5 Feast Day of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
• see flyer on page 10 for more information
Explaining the Faith Talk at 11am
Diocesan Rosary Congress Oct. 5-11
• see flyer on page 11 for more information
- 10/7 *Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary*
- 10/12 Explaining the Faith Talk at 11am
- 10/19 Explaining the Faith Talk at 11am
- 10/31 Healing Mass
• see flyer on page 12 for more information

November 2024

- 11/1 *Solemnity of All Saints*
- 11/2 *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)*

For more information please visit the **Shrine Calendar**
found on our website: <https://www.shrineofdivinemercury.org>

Pope

Francis



Angelus Address September 26, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

The Gospel of today's Liturgy recounts a brief dialogue between Jesus and the Apostle John, who speaks on behalf of the entire group of disciples. They saw a man who was casting out demons in the name of the Lord, but they stopped him because he was not part of their group. At this point, Jesus invited them not to hinder those who do good, because they contribute to the fulfilment of God's plan (cf. Mk 9:38-41). Then he admonished them: instead of dividing people into good and bad, we are all called to be vigilant over our own hearts, lest we succumb to evil and bring scandal to others (cf. vv. 42-45, 47-48).

In short, Jesus' words reveal a *temptation*, and offer an *exhortation*. The temptation is to be "closed off". The disciples would like to hinder a good deed simply because it is performed by someone who does not belong to their group. They think they have the "exclusive right over Jesus", and that they are the only ones authorised to work for the Kingdom of God. But this way, they end up feeling that they are privileged and consider others as outsiders, to the extent of becoming hostile towards them. Brothers and sisters, every closure tends in fact to keep us at a distance from those who do not think like we do, and this — we know — is the root of many great evils in history: of absolutism that has often generated dictatorships and of great violence towards those who are different.

But we need to be vigilant about closure in the Church too. Because the devil, who is the divider — this is what the word "devil" means, the one who divides — always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people. He tempts by using cunning, and it can happen as with those disciples, who ended up excluding even someone who had cast out the devil himself! Sometimes we too, instead of being humble and open communities, can give the impression of being the "top of the class" and

keep others at a distance; instead of trying to walk with everyone, we can show off our “believer’s license”: “I am a believer”, “I am Catholic”, “I belong to this association, to that one”, and the others, poor things, do not. This is a sin. Showing off one’s “believer’s license” to judge and exclude. Let us ask for the grace to overcome the temptation to judge and to categorise, and may God preserve us from the “nest” mentality, that of jealously guarding ourselves in the small group of those who consider themselves good: the priest with his loyal followers, the pastoral workers closed off among themselves so that no one can infiltrate, the movements and associations in their own particular charism, and so on. Closed. All this runs the risk of turning Christian communities into places of separation and not of communion. The Holy Spirit does not want closure; He wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.

And then in the Gospel there is Jesus’ *exhortation*: instead of judging everything and everyone, let us be attentive to ourselves! Indeed, the risk is to be inflexible towards others and indulgent towards ourselves. And Jesus urges us not to make a deal with evil, with striking images: “If something in you causes you to sin, cut it off!” (cf. vv. 43-48). If something harms you, cut it off! He does not say, “If something is a reason for scandal, stop, think about it, improve a bit...”. No: “Cut it off! Immediately! Jesus is radical in this, demanding, but for our own good, like a good doctor. Every cut, every pruning, is so we can grow better and bear fruit in love.

Let us then ask ourselves: what is in me that is contrary to the Gospel? What, in concrete terms, does Jesus want me to cut out of my life?

Let us pray to the Immaculate Virgin, that she may help us be welcoming towards others and vigilant over ourselves.

Angelus Address given by Pope Francis on September 26, 2021

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20210926.html

Picture: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/pope-francis-unique>

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When one day I resolved to practice a certain virtue, I lapsed into the vice opposed to that virtue ten times more frequently than on other days. In the evening, I was reflecting on why, today, I had lapsed so extraordinarily, and I heard the words:

You were counting too much on yourself and too little on Me.

And I understood the cause of my lapses.

Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary 1087

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/devils-deception-desert>



Proper Attire Inside the Church



“Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend Our Lord very much. Woe to women lacking in modesty.”

Our Lady of Fatima to Sr. Lucia

Out of respect for Our Lord and to preserve others from any near occasions of sin, we ask that you dress in a spirit of modesty when entering the Church.

Dress Code Guideline:

For Women:

- No** shorts, spandex, or skirts above the knees.
- No** leggings or athletic wear.
- No** low cut, backless or spaghetti strap dresses. All dresses should fall to knee length or below.
- No** tank tops, bared midriffs or halter tops; no tight fitting, low cut or backless tops.

If you should choose to wear a shoulder baring dress or top, please bring a covering for when you enter the Church.

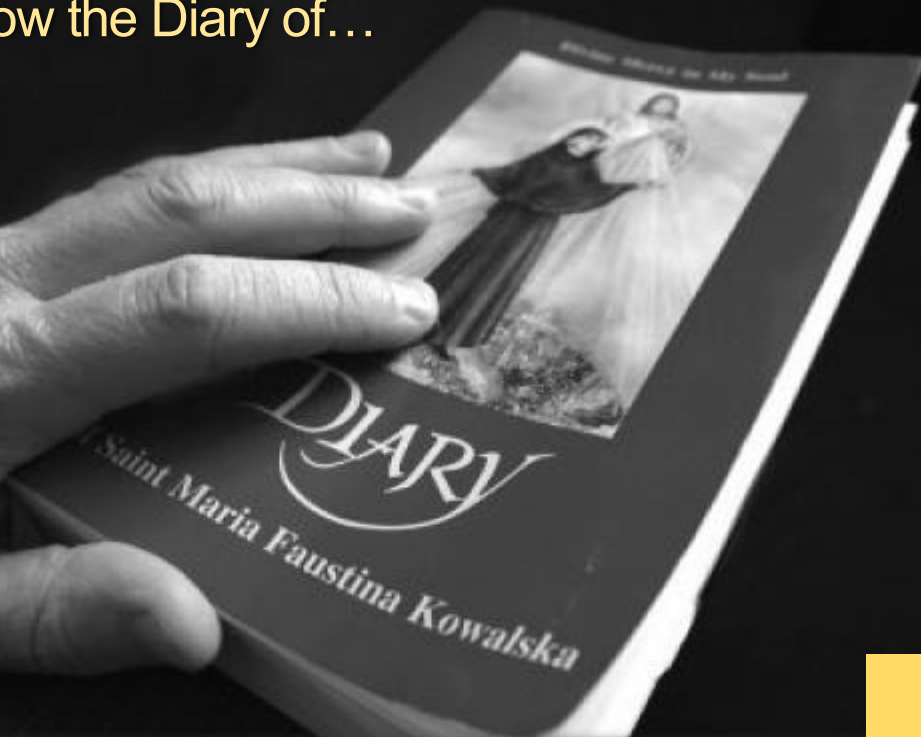
For Men:

- No** shorts
- No** tank tops
- No** baseball caps
- No** flip flops

"Christian girls, think also of this: the more elegant you will be, and the more pleasing, if you dress with simplicity and discreet modesty."

— The Forgotten Virtue: Modesty in Dress

Get to know the Diary of...



Saint Faustina

“Know that when you mortify your own self-will, then Mine reigns within you.”

Today, I was led by an Angel to the chasms of hell. It is a place of great torture; how awesomely large and extensive it is! The kinds of tortures I saw: the first torture that constitutes hell is the loss of God; the second is perpetual remorse of conscience; the third is that one's condition will never change; the fourth is the fire that will penetrate the soul without destroying it — a terrible suffering, since it is a purely spiritual fire, lit by God's anger; the fifth torture is continual darkness and a terrible suffocating smell, and, despite the darkness, the devils and the souls of the damned see each other and all the evil, both of others and their own; the sixth torture is the constant company of Satan; the seventh torture is horrible despair, hatred of God, vile words, curses and blasphemies. These are the tortures suffered by all the damned together, but that is not the end of the sufferings. There are special tortures destined for particular souls. These are the torments of the senses. Each soul undergoes terrible and indescribable sufferings, related to the manner in which it has sinned. There are caverns and pits of torture where one form of agony differs from another. I would have died at the very sight of these tortures if the omnipotence of God had not supported me. Let the sinner know that he will be tortured throughout all eternity, in those senses which he made use of to sin. I am writing this at the command of God, so that no soul may find an excuse by saying there is no hell, or that nobody has ever been there, and so no one can say what it is like.

I, Sister Faustina, by the order of God, have visited the abysses of hell so that I might tell souls about it and testify to its existence. I cannot speak about it now; but I have received a command from God to leave it in writing. The devils were full of hatred for me, but they had to obey me at the command of God. What I have written is but a pale shadow of the things I saw. But I noticed one thing: that most of the souls there are those who disbelieved that there is a hell. When I came to, I could hardly recover from the fright. How terribly souls suffer there! Consequently, I pray even more fervently for the conversion of sinners. I incessantly plead God's mercy upon them. O my Jesus, I would rather be in agony until the end of the world, amidst the greatest sufferings, than offend You by the least sin.

My daughter, I want to teach you about spiritual warfare. Never trust in yourself, but abandon yourself totally to My will. In desolation, darkness and various doubts, have recourse to Me and to your spiritual director. He will always answer you in My name. Do not bargain with any

temptation, lock yourself immediately in My Heart and, at the first opportunity, reveal the temptation to the confessor. Put your self-love in the last place, so that it does not taint your deeds. Bear with yourself with great patience. Do not neglect interior mortifications. Always justify to yourself the opinions of your superiors and of your confessor. Shun murmurers like a plague. Let all act as they like; you are to act as I want you to.

Observe the rule as faithfully as you can. If someone causes you trouble, think what good you can do for the person who caused you to suffer. Do not pour out your feelings. Be silent when you are rebuked. Do not ask everyone's opinion, but only the opinion of your confessor; be as frank and simple as a child with him. Do not become discouraged by ingratitude. Do not examine with curiosity the roads down which I lead you. When boredom and discouragement beat against your heart, run away from yourself and hide in My heart. Do not fear struggle; courage itself often intimidates temptations, and they dare not attack us.

Always fight with the deep conviction that I am with you. Do not be guided by feeling, because it is not always under your control; but all merit lies in the will. Always depend upon your superiors, even in the smallest things. I will not delude you with prospects of peace and consolations; on the contrary, prepare for great battles. Know that you are now on a great stage where all heaven and earth are watching you. Fight like a knight, so that I can reward you. Do not be unduly fearful, because you are not alone.

Today, the Lord came to me and said, **My daughter, help Me to save souls. You will go to a dying sinner, and you will continue to recite the chaplet, and in this way you will obtain for him trust in My mercy, for he is already in despair.**

Suddenly, I found myself in a strange cottage where an elderly man was dying amidst great torments. All about the bed was a multitude of demons and the family, who were crying. When I began to pray, the spirits of darkness fled, with hissing and threats directed at me. The soul became calm and, filled with trust, rested in the Lord.

In prayer I always find light and strength of spirit although there are moments so trying and hurtful, that it is sometimes difficult to imagine that these things can happen in a convent. Strangely, God sometimes allows them, but always in order to manifest or develop virtue in a soul. That is the reason for trials.

+ Virtue without prudence is not virtue at all. We should often pray to the Holy Spirit for this grace of prudence. Prudence consists in discretion, rational reflection and courageous resolution. The final decision is always up to us. We must decide; we can and we ought to seek advice and light...

+ When one day I resolved to practice a certain virtue, I lapsed into the vice opposed to that virtue ten times more frequently than on other days. In the evening, I was reflecting on why, today, I had lapsed so extraordinarily, and I heard the words: **You were counting too much on yourself and too little on Me.** And I understood the cause of my lapses.

Jesus: My child, know that the greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and an exaggerated anxiety. These will deprive you of the ability to practice virtue. All temptations united together ought not disturb your interior peace, not even momentarily. Sensitiveness and discouragement are the fruits of self-love. You should not become discouraged, but strive to make My love reign in place of your self-love. Have confidence, My child. Do not lose heart in coming for pardon, for I am always ready to forgive you. As often as you beg for it, you glorify My mercy.

During Vespers today, the Lord gave me to know how very pleased He is with a pure and free heart. I felt that it is God's delight to look into such a heart... But such hearts are knightly hearts; their life is a constant battle...

Do not fear anything, I am always with you.



We will serve the Lord

Joshua 24:15

Charbel Raish

How Islam Led Me Back to Christ



Kevin Bailey

From Success to Significance



Dr. Robert Haddad

The Eucharist: The Glory Presence of the New Israel



Parish Mission Night

Introduction & Closing with
Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
15 minute Q&A with the panel



**National Shrine of
Divine Mercy
October 1
6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Blessing of *the* Animals

Friday, Oct. 4, 2024

The blessing will take place by the
ST. FRANCIS STATUE AT 10:30 A.M.

Animals must be on a leash.

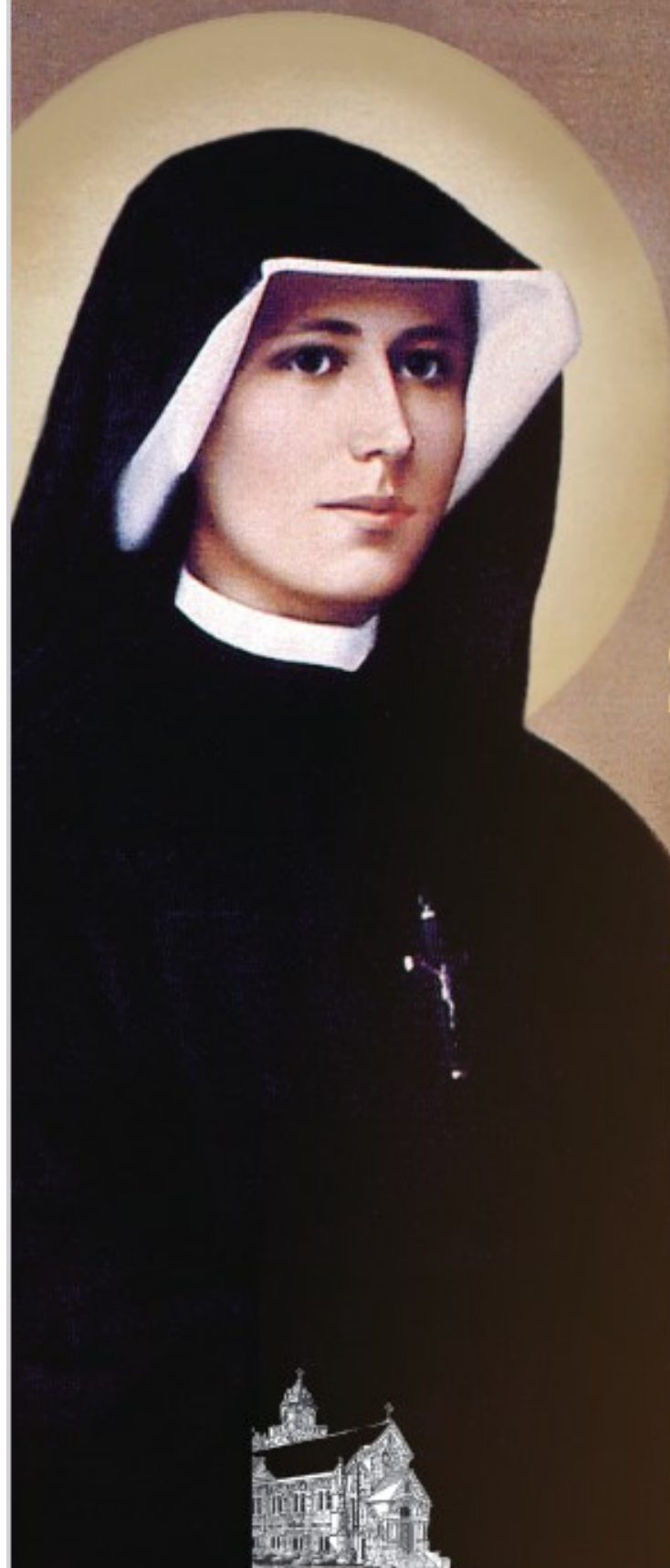
Pets are not allowed in the shrine.



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Feast of
**St. Maria
Faustina**
Saturday, Oct. 5

Livestream Mass: 9:00 a.m.
(inside the Shrine)

Eucharistic Adoration:
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Rosary for Life: 1:30 p.m.

Holy Mass: 2:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3:00 p.m.

Confessions:
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(will be held outside)

***All Events at
Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine***



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DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS

7 DAYS AND NIGHTS of Perpetual Adoration and Hourly Rosary

October 5-11, 2024
OUR LADY OF MERCY ORATORY
THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 2024 – Feast of St. Faustina Kowalska
Congress opens:

- 9:00 a.m. – Livestream Mass in the National Shrine (open to public)
- 10:00 a.m. – Procession to the Our Lady of Mercy Oratory (Adoration begins and continues 24/7)

MONDAY – FRIDAY

- 11:00 a.m. – **MASS IN THE ORATORY**
Blessed Sacrament will be reposed for daily Masses

FRIDAY, OCT. 11, 2024

- 12:45 p.m. – Procession begins from the Oratory to the Shrine
- 1:00 p.m. – Final Holy Hour before the Closing Mass
- 2:00 p.m. – Closing Mass of the Eucharistic Rosary Congress 2024



SIGN UP HERE:
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For more information, please call 413-298-2515
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Oratory is located inside the Marian Helpers Center

THE MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP



invites you to a

HEALING MASS

on the last Thursday of
each month at 7:00 p.m. at the
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Jan. 25th

*Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

Feb. 29th

*Celebrant: Fr. Bob Vennetti, MIC
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

April 25th

*Celebrant: Fr. David Gunter, MIC
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

May 18th

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT
*with Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

May 30th

*Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

June 27th

*Celebrant: Fr. Michael McNamara
Servants of Christ Ministries, Scituate, MA*

July 25th

*Celebrant: Fr. Maurice Abasilim
Chaplain, Concord Hospital &
The Carmelite Sisters, Concord, NH*

Aug. 29th

*Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Reilly
Rector, Lazarus Center for Healing
Shrine, Wakefield, MA*

Sept. 26th

*Celebrant: Marian Priest
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

Oct. 31st

*Celebrant: Marian Priest
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy*

The Healing Mass is sponsored by the Mother of Divine Mercy Prayer Group. Our prayer group meets every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA. Weather-related cancellations will be announced on radio stations WSBS AM 860 Great Barrington; WBEC FM 105.5 Pittsfield; WUPE AM 1110 Pittsfield, & WTIC AM 1080, Hartford, CT.

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Thanksgiving

Holiday Schedule 2024

Thursday, Nov. 28

THANKSGIVING DAY

9 a.m. Mass (livestream)

2 p.m. Mass

Confessions only at 1 p.m.

Gift Shop closed Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 29

9 a.m. Mass (livestream)

2 p.m. Mass

Confessions at 1 p.m.

Gift Shop closed Black Friday

Saturday, Nov. 30

9 a.m. Mass (livestream)

2 p.m. Mass (does not fulfill
Sunday obligation)

Confessions at 1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 1

First Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. (livestream), 10:30 a.m.,

2 p.m. Masses

Confessions at 1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Daily Devotions

1 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

1:30 p.m. Rosary for Life

3 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

• Benediction

• Blessing of Religious Articles

• Blessing with a Relic of
St. Faustina

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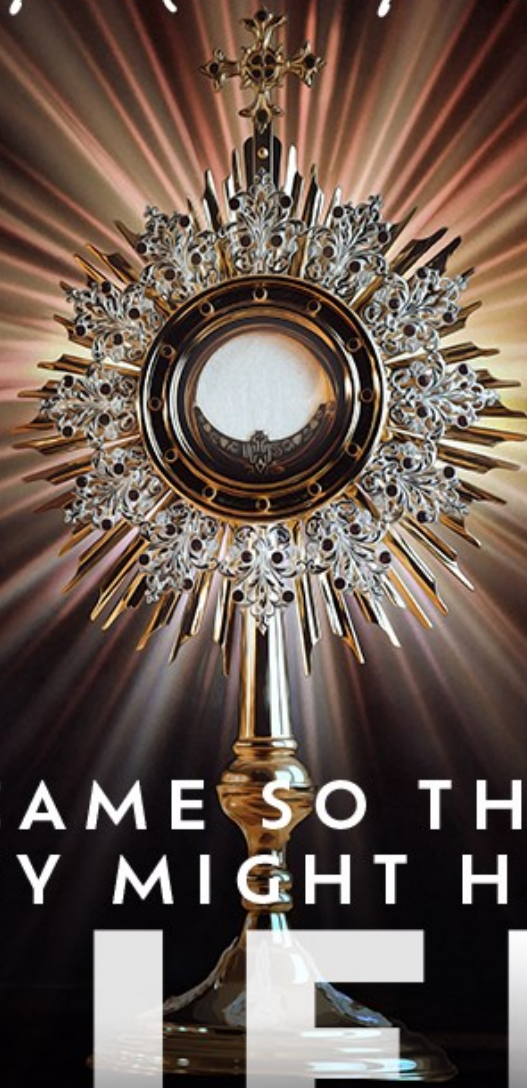
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Respect Life Month



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October 2024
respectlife.org/celebrate



Committee on Pro-Life Activities

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT October 2024

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

We are living in an exciting time of revival. Our National Eucharistic Congress, and the Eucharistic processions that led to it, involved hundreds of thousands of Catholics who will never be the same. The revival continues, and is so needed, especially in our efforts to defend human life.

Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, gives us the fullness of life. He calls each of us to respect that gift of life in every person. While we live in a society that often rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable, they are most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis remind us that “every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.”¹

The law and millions of our brothers and sisters have yet to recognize this reality. We thankfully no longer live under the regime of *Roe v. Wade*, and our elected officials are now empowered to reduce or end abortion. But what we now see is that fifty years of virtually unlimited abortion has tragically created a national mindset where many Americans have become comfortable with *some* amount of abortion. This allows the abortion industry to continue to provide *any* amount of abortion. Given this challenge, the U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, “abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone.”²

In a tragic way, abortion has become the pre-eminent priority for others as well. We see many politicians celebrating the destruction of preborn children, and protecting access to abortion, even up until the moment of birth. Few leaders are standing up to limit the harm of chemical abortion (abortion pills) to mothers and children., which is now the most common form of abortion. And heading into the November elections, as many as ten states face gravely evil ballot initiatives that would enshrine abortion in their state constitutions.

Pope St. John Paul II’s words resonate today: “we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’... we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”³

And so we need a revival of prayer and action:

- We must renew our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to vote for candidates who will defend the life and dignity of the human person.
- We must call for policies that assist women and their children in need, while also continuing to help mothers in our own communities through local pregnancy help centers and our nationwide, parish-based initiative, *Walking with Moms in Need*.
- We must likewise continue to extend the hand of compassion to all who are suffering from participation in abortion, through the Church's abortion healing ministries like *Project Rachel Ministry*.
- Most importantly, we must rededicate ourselves to fervent prayer on behalf of life.

I invite all Catholics to join me in a concerted effort of prayer between now and our national elections, by daily praying our Respect Life Month “Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament”:

Jesus, you came that we might have life- and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for All eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most

Through the graces of this revival, may we witness, work, and vote so that all children in the womb will be protected in law and welcomed in love, and that all mothers and families will be strengthened by our support and accompaniment.

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
 Bishop of Arlington
 Chairman
 USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

For more information on October *Respect Life Month*, visit <https://www.respectlife.org/>

¹ Pope Francis, “Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations,” September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana).
² *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, Introductory Letter, p.8 (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024).
³ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 28.



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Tell Congress! Tiny preborn lives are at stake

Proposals in Congress threaten human life, the family, and religious freedom.

The need to accompany and support the increasing number of families struggling with infertility is real. But members of Congress – including many who consider themselves pro-life – are in a rush to promote access to a new national “right” to in vitro fertilization (IVF) and other such technologies that destroy preborn human lives and treat people like property (like surrogacy, gene editing, and cloning). Some of the current proposals would also threaten Catholic hospitals, charities, schools, and other organizations and people that do not enable or cover these medical procedures. They could even allow minors to receive the procedures despite parents’ objections. Please tell your members of Congress to oppose bills that promote so-called “rights” to IVF and other assisted reproductive technologies (ART) that cause the death of countless human embryos and violate human dignity.

Take Action Now

Follow the link below and let your voice be heard!
Speak up for the defenseless who have not yet any voice
to speak up for themselves.

[www.votervoice.net/USCCB/
Campaigns/117033/Respond](http://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/117033/Respond)

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Please contact Lori Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, at

413-443-2994

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Visit their website for more information:

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Jesus said to St. Faustina:

"... I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it"

Diary of St. Faustina, 742

Comfort the Sick

Excerpt from Comfort the Sick-Part of a Series on Corporal Deeds of Mercy.
To read in full go to: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/comfort-sick>

Shrine Bulletin Board



Blessed Oil of St. Faustina

Oil blessed in honor of St. Faustina is available at the Shrine Reception desk.

A suggested donation of \$5.00 which would go to help support Shrine Ministries.



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LIVE with Fr. Mark Baron, MIC

Fridays, 3 p.m. EDT



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Faces of Hope

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How to help

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The Image of Divine Mercy

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(Diary 48)

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her:

Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. 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 (Diary, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47).

At the request of her spiritual director, St. Faustina asked the Lord about the meaning of the rays in the image. She heard these words in reply:

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299). By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).

These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist.

Many different versions of this image have been painted, but our Lord made it clear that the painting itself is not what is important. When St. Faustina first saw the original image that was being painted under her direction, she wept in disappointment and complained to Jesus: "Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?" (313).



Jesus, I Trust in You