

August 24, 2025
Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy



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A Ministry of the Marians of the
Immaculate Conception
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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site daily:
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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

August

- 8/26** **Memorial of Our Lady of Czestochowa**
- 8/28** **Healing Mass**
• see flyer on page 10 for more information
- 8/29** **Outdoor Stations of The Cross at 10:50am**
• see flyer on page 9 for more information
- 8/30** **Explaining the Faith Talk with Fr. Chris Alar**
• Topic TBD

September

- 9/1** **Labor Day**
• Gift Shop is Closed
- 9/5** **First Friday Devotions at 8pm**
• Topic TBD
- 9/6** **First Saturday Talk and Devotions at 11am**
- 9/12** **Outdoor Stations of The Cross at 10:50am**
• see flyer on page 9 for more information
- 9/13** **Mercy for Souls Conference**
• see flyer on page 13 for more information

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

Dress Code

The Shrine is a Temple of the Lord.

Clothing must be suitable to a holy place.



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

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.

Additional Resource on the Virtue of Modesty:

Explaining the Fatih Talk with Fr. Chris Alar, Modesty :Why is it Important Today?

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/videos/modesty-why-it-important-today-explaining-faith-fr-chris-alar>

Wisdom of Pope Leo XIV



“salvation does not come about by magic but by a mysterious interplay of grace and faith, of God’s prevenient love and of our trusting and free acceptance.”

From Homily May 20, 2025

As we await His Holiness Pope Leo XIV’s future homilies and addresses regarding Gospel readings, we will revisit teachings of his predecessors.

Teachings of the Popes

POPE FRANCIS

ANGELUS ADDRESS ● AUGUST 21, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

In the passage from the Gospel of Luke for this Sunday’s liturgy, someone asks Jesus, “Will those who are saved be few?” And the Lord responds: “Strive to enter by the narrow door” (Lk 13:24). The *narrow door* is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But this contradicts what Jesus has taught us on many occasions; and, as a matter of fact, a little further ahead, he confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God” (v. 29). Therefore, this door is *narrow*, but is *open to everyone!* Do not forget this: to everyone! The door is open to everyone!

But to better understand what this *narrow door* is, we need to ask what it is. Jesus uses an image from contemporary life, most likely referring to the fact that, when evening would fall, the doors of the city would be closed and only one, the smallest and the narrowest, would remain open. To return home, that was the only way a person could go.

Now let’s think about when Jesus says, “*I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved*” (Jn 10:9). He wants to tell us that to enter into God’s life, into salvation, we need to pass through him, not through anyone else, through him; to welcome him and his Word. Just as to enter into the city, one had to “measure” oneself against the only narrow door that was still open, so too the Christian life is “measured against Christ”, founded and modelled on him. This means that the measuring stick is Jesus and his Gospel — not what we think, but what he says to us. And so, we are talking

about a narrow door not because only a few are destined to go through it, no, but because to belong to Christ means to follow him, to commit one's life to love, in service and in giving oneself as he did, who passed through the narrow door of the cross. Entering into the project God proposes for our life requires that we restrict the space of selfishness, reduce the presumption of self-sufficiency, lower the heights of arrogance and pride, and that we overcome laziness, in order to traverse the risk of love, even when it involves the cross.



Let's think, to be concrete, about those daily acts of love we struggle to carry out: let's think of parents who dedicate themselves to their children, making sacrifices and renouncing time for themselves; of those who concern themselves with others and not only with their own interests — how many people are good like this; let's think of those who spend themselves in service to the elderly, to the poorest and most vulnerable; let's think of those who keep on working, with commitment, putting up with discomfort and, perhaps, with misunderstanding; let's think of those who suffer because of their faith, but who continue to pray and love; let's think of those who, rather than following their own instincts, respond to evil with good, finding the strength to forgive and the courage to begin again. These are just a few examples of people who do not choose the wide door of their own convenience, but the narrow door of Jesus, of a life spent in love. The Lord says today that the Father will recognize them much more than those who believe they are already saved but who are actually “workers of iniquity” (Lk 13:27) in life.

Brothers and sisters, which side do we want to be on? Do we prefer the easy way of thinking only about ourselves, or do we choose the narrow door of the Gospel that puts our selfishness into crisis, but which makes us able to welcome the true life that comes from God and makes us happy? Which side are we on? May Our Lady, who followed Jesus all the way to the cross, help us to measure our life with him so as to enter into full and eternal life.

Picture of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV from Divine Mercy Plus:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJZrKaFN8zW/>

Quote from His Holiness Pope Leo XIV 's homily given May20, 2025

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2025/documents/20250520-visita-sanpaolo.html>

Angelus Address given by His Holiness Pope Francis on August 21, 2022

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2022/documents/20220821-angelus.html>

Picture of Pope Francis from The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy on thedivinemeracy.org::

<https://www.thedivinemeracy.org/jubilee>



2025 YEAR OF HOPE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

Every 2nd SATURDAY of the month will be a
JUBILEE DAY of PILGRIMAGE
here at the Shrine.

Any MASS attended at the Shrine
will count for the **JUBILEE INDULGENCE.**

This is especially for those who come by themselves
and are not part of a parish pilgrimage.

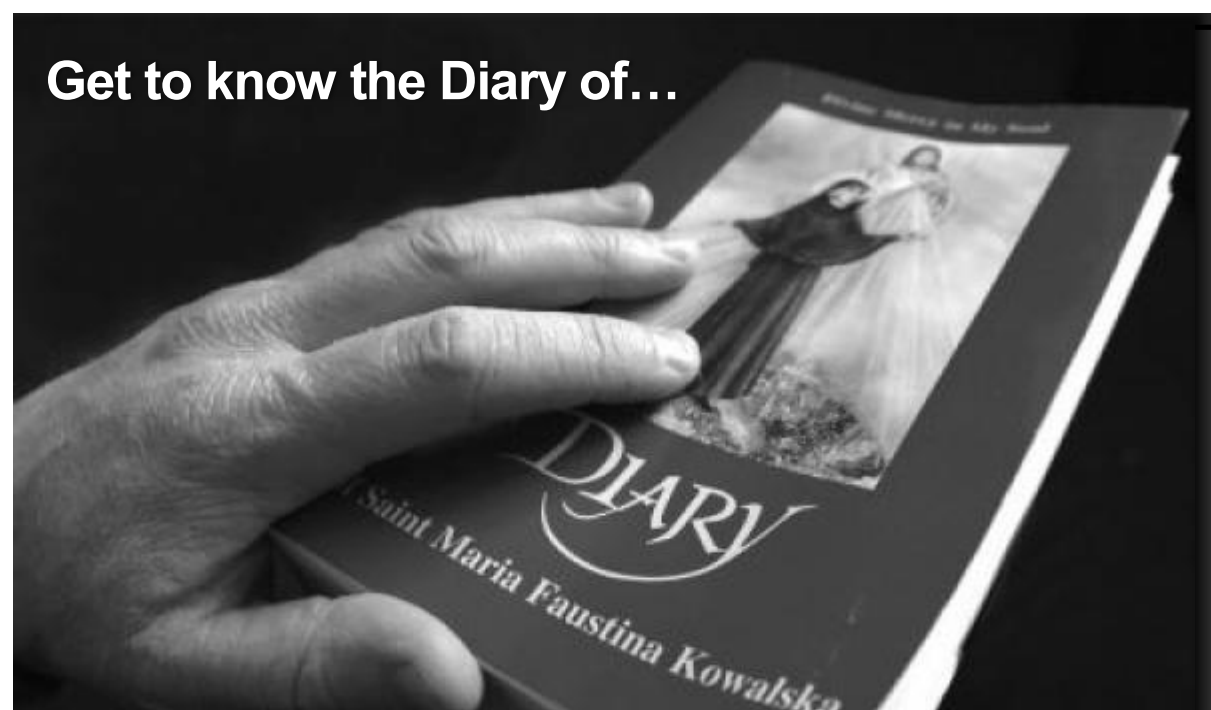


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Get to know the Diary of...



Saint Faustina

“What joy fills My Heart when you return to Me...I take you in My arms and carry you to the home of My Father.”

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.

On a certain occasion, I saw a person about to commit a mortal sin. I asked the Lord to send me the greatest torments so that that soul could be saved. Then I suddenly felt the terrible pain of a crown of thorns on my head. It lasted for quite a long time, but that person remained in the Lord's grace. O my Jesus, how very easy it is to become holy; all that is needed is a bit of good will. If Jesus sees this little bit of good will in the soul, He hurries to give himself to the soul, and nothing can stop Him, neither shortcomings nor falls — absolutely nothing. Jesus is anxious to help that soul, and if

it is faithful to this grace from God, it can very soon attain the highest holiness possible for a creature here on earth. God is very generous and does not deny His grace to anyone. Indeed He gives more than what we ask of Him. Faithfulness to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit — that is the shortest route.

One day, I saw two roads. One was broad, covered with sand and flowers, full of joy, music and all sorts of pleasures. People walked along it, dancing and enjoying themselves. They reached the end without realizing it. And at the end of the road there was a horrible precipice; that is, the abyss of hell. The souls fell blindly into it; as they walked, so they fell. And their number was so great that it was impossible to count them. And I saw the other road, or rather, a path, for it was narrow and strewn with thorns and rocks; and the people who walked along it had tears in their eyes, and all kinds of suffering befell them. Some fell down upon the rocks, but stood up immediately and went on. At the end of the road there was a magnificent garden filled with all sorts of happiness, and all these souls entered there. At the very first instant they forgot all their sufferings.

Then I saw the Lord Jesus nailed to the cross. When He had hung on it for a while, I saw a multitude of souls crucified like Him. Then I saw a second multitude of souls, and a third. The second multitude were not nailed to [their] crosses, but were holding them firmly in their hands. The third were neither nailed to [their] crosses nor holding them firmly in their hands, but were dragging [their] crosses behind them and were discontent. Jesus then said to me, **Do you see these souls? Those who are like Me in the pain and contempt they suffer will be like Me also in glory. And those who resemble Me less in pain and contempt will also bear less resemblance to Me in glory.**

Jesus: **My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for My kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life — for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My goodness.**

But child, you are not yet in your homeland; so go, fortified by My grace, and fight for My kingdom in human souls; fight as a king's child would; and remember that the days of your exile will pass quickly, and with them the possibility of earning merit for heaven. I expect from you, My child, a great number of souls who will glorify My mercy for all eternity. My child, that you may answer My call worthily, receive Me daily in Holy Communion. It will give you strength...

Fight bravely, because My arm is supporting you; fight for the salvation of souls, exhorting them to trust in My mercy, as that is your task in this life and in the life to come.

November 27, [1936]. Today I was in heaven, in spirit, and I saw its inconceivable beauties and the happiness that awaits us after death. I saw how all creatures give ceaseless praise and glory to God. I saw how great is happiness in God, which spreads to all creatures, making them happy; and then all the glory and praise which springs from this happiness returns to its source; and they enter into the depths of God, contemplating the inner life of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, whom they will never comprehend or fathom.

This source of happiness is unchanging in its essence, but it is always new, gushing forth happiness for all creatures. Now I understand Saint Paul, who said, "Eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man what God has prepared for those who love Him."

My daughter, I too came down from heaven out of love for you; I lived for you, I died for you, and I created the heavens for you.

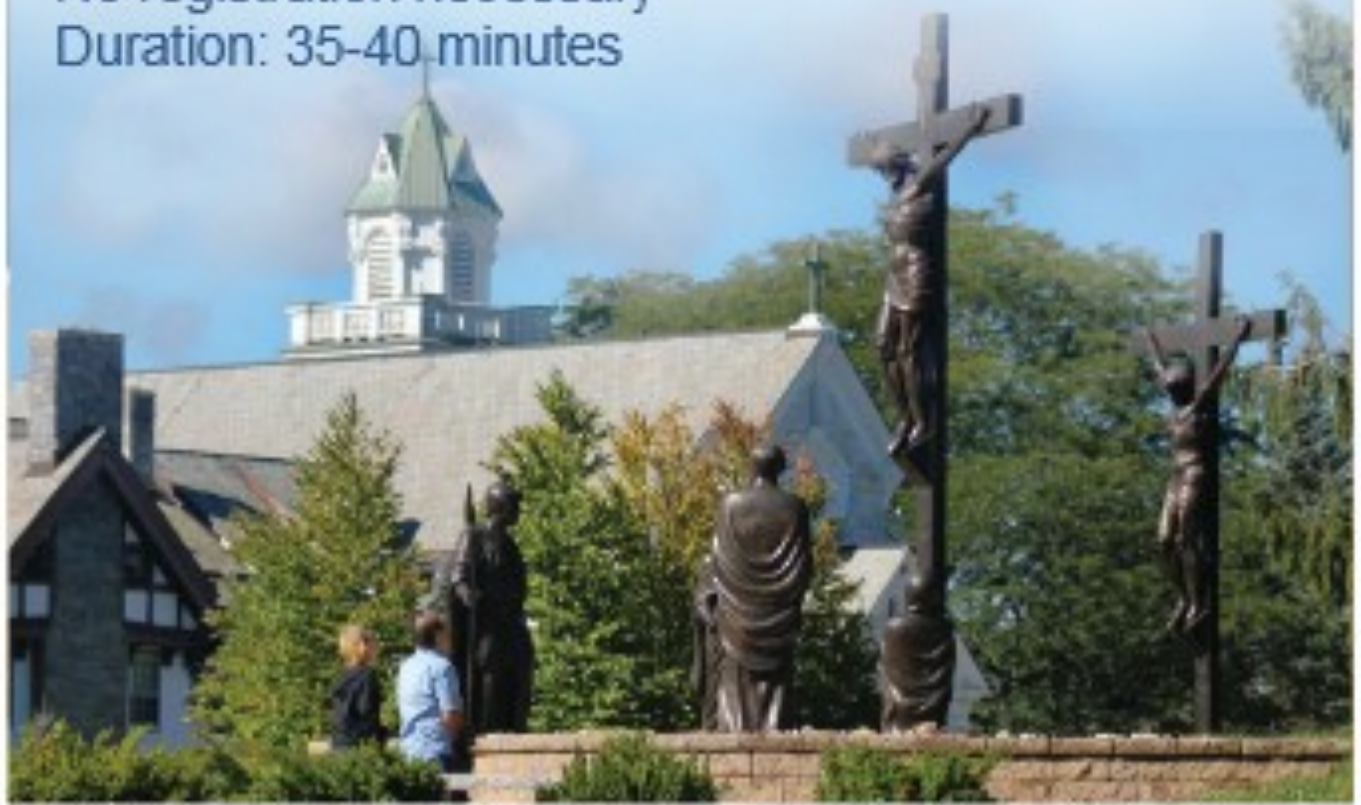
My daughter, stand ready, for I will come unexpectedly. Jesus, You do not want to tell me the hour I am looking forward to with such longing: My daughter, it is for your own good. You will learn it, but not now; keep watch.

Guided Outdoor *Stations of the Cross*

Led by the Marians
every Friday



Meet in front of the National Shrine at 10:50 a.m.
(weather permitting)
No registration necessary
Duration: 35-40 minutes



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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.
NATIONAL SHRINE OF
THE DIVINE MERCY

March 27th

Celebrant: Fr. Michael Callea, MIC
Musicians: Fablen & Melvia Salomen

May 29th

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC
Musician: Joe Lamothe

June 26th

Celebrant: Fr. Tyler Mentzer, MIC
Musician: Alan Besseze

July 31st

Celebrant: Fr. Ray Introvigne
Musician: Joe Lamothe

Aug. 28th

Celebrant: Marian Priest
Musician: Alan Besseze

Sept. 25th

Celebrant: Fr. Tom Reilly
Musician: Alan Besseze

Oct. 30th

Celebrant: Fr. David Gunter, MIC
Musician: Joe Lamothe



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 WBBB AM 860 Great Barrington; WBEC FM 105.5 Pittsfield; WUPE AM 1110 Pittsfield, & WTIC AM 1080, Hartford, CT.

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Join the Marian Fathers as we ***Livestream***
from the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy
(open to the public)

the First Fridays and First Saturdays

each month making reparation to

*The Sacred Heart
of Jesus and
The Immaculate
Heart of Mary.*

Livestreaming:
First Fridays
8 p.m.

First Saturdays
11:45 a.m.



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MOVIE NIGHT

All are welcome and the movies will be shown
in MEMORIAL HALL.

Light refreshments will be served.



JULY 12, 6:30PM

*Carlo Acutus,
Roadmap to Reality*

AUGUST 9, 6:30PM

*Radiating Joy,
Michelle Duppone*



SEPTEMBER 13, 6:30PM

The Face of Jesus

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15th Annual
Mercy for Souls
Conference

**Theme: Exaltation the Cross of Christ
by Our Lives and Loves**

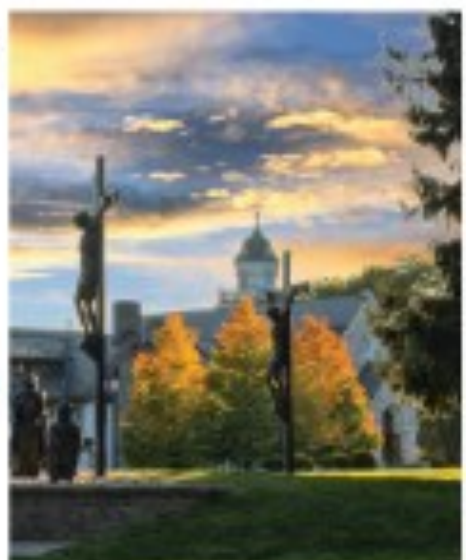
Saturday • Sept. 13, 2025

Events will be held in the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.

No Registration is required. All are welcome.

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- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass (livestreamed)
celebrated by Fr. Dan Cambra, MIC
 - 10:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts in Memorial Hall
 - 11:00 a.m. "Explaining the Faith" talk by
Fr. Dan Cambra, MIC on
"Exaltation the Cross of Christ
by Our Lives and Loves"
(livestreamed)

Lunch on your own

- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 - 2:00 p.m. Mass (does not fulfill Sunday obligation)
 - 3:00 p.m. The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy
& Benediction
 - 3:30 p.m. Confessions
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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 support Shrine Ministries.

Join the Marian Fathers in person or via livestream for the

*First Fridays
and First Saturdays*



Livestream:

First Fridays
at 8pm

First Saturdays
at 11:45am



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Pray the Divine Mercy
Chaplet for the Dying

LIVE with Fr. Mark Baron, MIC

Fridays, 3 p.m. EDT



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Facebook & Instagram



The Gift Shop is
open daily
9:30am - 4:30pm
Find us at:
divinemercury
giftshop.org



MARIANS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Yes, I want to Help!



How to help

Please visit www.marian.org/ukraine/ to make a donation for Ukraine relief.

One-hundred percent of funds received are sent directly to Ukraine and used to purchase humanitarian aid and medical supplies.

Please do not mail medical supplies to Ukraine! Instead, please contact the Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy: **1-877-380-0727** or e-mail ministry@sprynet.com to answer any of your questions.

Because shipping via container is more cost effective, we prefer whatever monetary donations you can give rather than you sending medical supplies. Please know that boxes previously sent to the Marians or the EADM office were sent to Project C.U.R.E. and will be on future containers.

<https://marian.org/articles/shining-merciful-light-ukraine>

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Or email:

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Visit their website for more information:

<https://hcib.org/>



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>

The Image of Divine Mercy

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 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