

December 28, 2025

Feast of the
Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy



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Daily Devotions
Daily Mass
9:00am

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:00pm

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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

December

12/28 **Feast of the Holy Family**

12/31 **New Year's Eve**

- 11pm Silent Holy Hour of Adoration
- 12:00am (Midnight) New Year's Eve Mass
- see flyer on page 9 for more information

January 2026

1/1 **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

- **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
- See flyer on page 10 for Mass times

1/2 **First Friday Devotions at 8pm**

- See flyer on page 11 for Mass times

1/3 **First Saturday Devotions at 11am**

- See flyer on page 11 for Mass times

Explaining the Faith Talk at 11am with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC

- Topic: *The Holy Name of Jesus*

1/4 **Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord**

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

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the dignity of the Human Person.**

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Wisdom of Pope Leo XIV



“In every child, in every wife or husband, God entrusts us with his Son, his Mother, as he did with St. Joseph, so that together with them we may be the foundation, the leaven, and the witness of God’s love among men.”

Quote from His Holiness Pope Leo
September 19, 2025
Catholic News Agency



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

Teachings of the Popes

Pope Francis

ANGELUS ADDRESS - DECEMBER 29, 2013

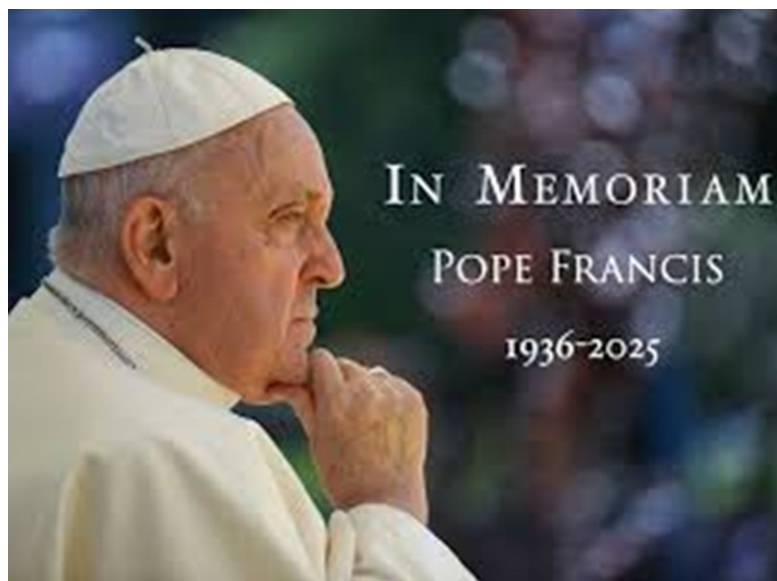
Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

On this first Sunday after Christmas, the Liturgy invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Indeed, every nativity scene shows us Jesus together with Our Lady and St Joseph in the grotto of Bethlehem. God wanted to be born into a human family, he wanted to have a mother and father like us.

And today the Gospel presents the Holy Family to us on the sorrowful road of exile, seeking refuge in Egypt. Joseph, Mary and Jesus experienced the tragic fate of refugees, which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease (cf. Mt 2:13-15; 19-23). Unfortunately, in our own time, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Almost every day the television and papers carry news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and for their families.

In distant lands, even when they find work, refuges and immigrants do not always find a true welcome, respect and appreciation for the values they bring. Their legitimate expectations collide with complex and difficult situation with at times seem insurmountable. Therefore, as we fix our gaze on the Holy Family of Nazareth

as they were forced to become refugees who are victims of rejection and exploitation, who are victims of human trafficking and of slave labour. Let us also think of the other “exiles”: I would call them “hidden exiles”, those exiles who can be found within their own families: the elderly for example who are sometimes treated as a burdensome presence. I often think that a good indicator of knowing how a family is doing is seeing how their children and elderly are treated.



Jesus wanted to belong to a family who experienced these hardships, so that no one would feel excluded from the living closeness of God. The flight into Egypt caused by Herod's threat shows us that God is present where man is in danger, where man is suffering, where he is feeling, where he experiences rejection and abandonment; but God is also present where man dreams, where he hopes to return in freedom to his homeland and plans and chooses life for his family and dignity for himself and his loved ones.

Today, our gaze on the Holy Family lets us also be drawn into the simplicity of life they led in Nazareth. It is an example that does our families great good, helping them increasingly to become communities of love and reconciliation, in which tenderness, mutual help, and mutual forgiveness is experienced. Let us remember the three key words for living in peace and joy family: “may I”, “thank you” and “sorry”. In our family there is peace and joy. Let us remember these three words. Can we repeat them all together: may I, thank you, sorry (Everyone: may I, thank you, sorry!) I would also like to encourage families to become aware of the importance they have in the Church and in society. The proclamation of the Gospel, in fact, passes through the family to reach the various spheres of daily life.

Let us fervently call upon Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, and St. Joseph her spouse. Let us ask them to enlighten comfort and guide every family in the world, so that they may fulfill with dignity and peace the mission which God has entrusted to them.

Picture of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV from **Welcome, Pope Leo XIV** from marian.org:

<https://marian.org/articles/welcome-pope-leo-xiv>

Quote from His Holiness Pope Leo XIV from Catholic News Agency, September 19, 2025:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/266665/pope-leo-xiv-family-is-a-gift-and-a-task-for-the-church-society>

Crest of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV: <https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

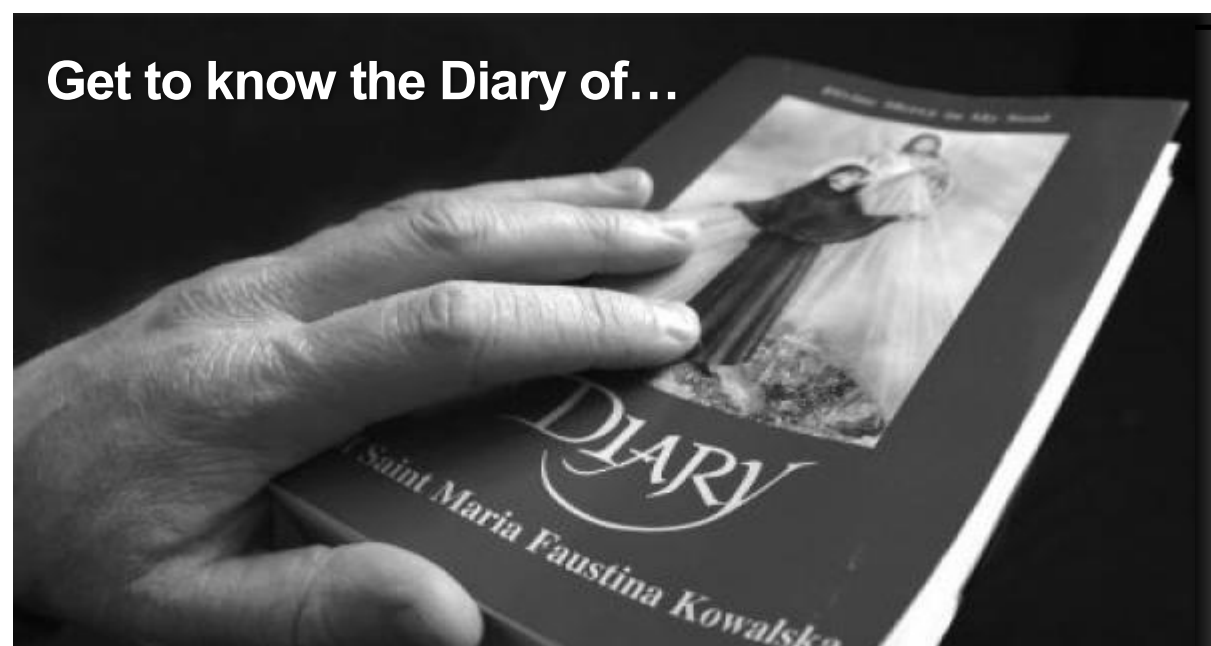
Angelus Address given by Pope Francis on December 29, 2013

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2013/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20131229.html

Picture of Pope Francis from **Pope Francis, rest in peace** :

<https://www.facebook.com/DivineMercyOfficial/photos/may-the-soul-of-pope-francis-rest-in-peace/1070714418415285/>

Get to know the Diary of...



Saint Faustina

“...I saw the stable of Bethlehem filled with great radiance”

+When I arrived a Midnight Mass, from the very beginning I steeped myself in deep recollection, during which time I saw the stable of Bethlehem filled with great radiance. The Blessed Virgin, all lost in the deepest of love, was wrapping Jesus in swaddling clothes, but Saint Joseph was still asleep. Only after the Mother of God put Jesus in the manger, did the light of God awaken Joseph who also prayed. But after a while, I was left alone with the Infant Jesus who stretched out His little hands to me, and I understood that I was to take Him in my arms. Jesus pressed His head against my heart and gave me to know, by His profound gaze, how good He found it to be next to my heart. At that moment Jesus disappeared and the bell was ringing for Holy Communion.

December 25, [193]. Midnight Mass. During Mass, God's presence pierced me through and through. A moment before the Elevation I saw the Mother of God and the Infant Jesus and the good Old Man [St. Joseph]. The Most Holy Mother spoke these words to me: *My daughter, Faustina, Take this most precious Treasure*, and she gave me the Infant Jesus. When I took Jesus in my arms, my soul felt such unspeakable joy that I am unable to describe it. But, strange thing, after a short while Jesus became awful horrible looking, grown up and suffering; and then the vision vanished, and soon it was time to go to Holy Communion. When I received the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion, my soul trembled under the influence of God's presence. The next day, I saw the Divine Infant for a brief moment during the Elevation.

My soul was languishing with joy. But toward the end of the Mass, I felt so weak that I had to leave the chapel and go to my cell, as I felt unable to take part in the community tea. But my joy throughout the whole Christmas Season was immense, because my soul was unceasingly united with the Lord. I have come to know that every soul would like to have divine comforts, but is by no means willing to forsake human comforts, whereas these two things cannot be reconciled.

When I was by myself, I began to reflect on the spirit of poverty. I clearly saw that Jesus, although He is Lord of all things, possessed nothing. From a borrowed manger He went through life doing good to all, but himself having no place to lay His head. And on the Cross, I see the summit of His poverty, for He does not even have a garment on Himself.

February 2, [1936]. In the morning, when the bell awoke me, I was so overcome by drowsiness which I could not shake off that I jumped into the cold water, and after two minutes the sleepiness left me. When I came to meditation a host of absurd thoughts swarmed into my head, so much so that I had to struggle through out the whole meditation. It was the same during

prayer time, but when Mass began, a strange silence and joy filled my heart. Just then, I saw Our Lady with the Infant Jesus and the Holy Old Man [St. Joseph] standing behind them. The most holy Mother said to me, *Take My Dearest Treasure*, and She handed me the Infant Jesus. When I took the Infant Jesus in my arms, the Mother of God and Saint Joseph disappeared. I was left alone with the Infant Jesus. I said to Him, "I know that You are my Lord and Creator even though You are so tiny." Jesus stretched His little arms out to me and looked at me with a smile. My spirit was filled with incomparable joy. Then suddenly Jesus disappeared, and it was time for Holy Communion. I went with the other sisters to the Holy Table, my soul deeply moved. After Holy Communion, I heard these words in my soul: **I am in your heart, I whom you had in your arms.**

In the evening, I just about got into bed, and I fell asleep immediately. Though I fell asleep quickly, I was awakened even more quickly. A little child came and woke me up. The child seemed about a year old, and I was surprised it could speak so well, as children of that age either do not speak or speak very indistinctly. The child was beautiful beyond words and resembled the Child Jesus, and he said to me, **Look at the sky.** And when I looked at the sky I saw the stars and the moon shining. Then the child asked me, **Do you see this moon and these stars?** When I said yes, he spoke these words to me, **These stars are the souls of faithful Christians, and the moon is the souls of religious. Do you see how great the difference is between the light of the moon and the light of the stars? Such is the difference in heaven between the soul of a religious and the soul of a faithful Christian.** And he went on to say that, **True greatness is in loving God and in humility.**

A moment later, I again saw the child who had awakened me. It was of wondrous beauty and repeated these words to me, **True greatness of the soul is in loving God and in humility.** I asked the child, "How do you know that true greatness of the soul is in loving God and in humility? Only theologians know about such things and you haven't even learned the catechism. So how do you know?" To this he answered, **I know, I know all things.** And with that, He disappeared.

But I could no longer get to sleep; my mind became exhausted by thinking about the things I had seen. O human souls, how late you learn the truth! O abyss of God's mercy, pour yourself out as quickly as possible over the whole world, according to what You yourself have said.

One day, after Holy Communion, I suddenly saw the Infant Jesus standing by my kneeler and holding on to it with His two little Hands. Although He was but a little Child, my soul was filled with awe and fear, for I see in Him my Judge, my Lord, and my Creator, before whose holiness the Angels tremble. At the same time, my soul was flooded with such unspeakable love that I thought I would die under its influence. I now see that Jesus first strengthens my soul and makes it capable of abiding with Him, for otherwise I would not be able to bear what I experience at such a moment.

...I am fully resigned to the will of God. Let God do with me as He pleases. I desire nothing but the fulfillment of His holy will. I am uniting myself with the Mother of God, and I am leaving Nazareth and going to Bethlehem. I will spend Christmas there among strangers, but with Jesus, Mary and Joseph, because such is the will of God. I am striving to do the will of God in all things.

When I arrived at Warsaw, I went into the small chapel for a moment to thank the Lord for a safe journey, and I asked the Lord to give me the assistance and the grace necessary for everything that was in store for me here. I submitted myself in all things to His holy will. I heard these words: **Fear nothing, all difficulties will serve for the fulfillment of My will.**

Then I saw the Mother of God who said to me, *Oh how pleasing to God is the soul that follows faithfully the inspirations of His grace.*

Saint Joseph urged me to have a constant devotion to him. He himself told me to recite three prayers [the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be] and the *Memorare* once every day. He looked at me with great kindness and gave me to know how much he is supporting this work [of mercy]. He has promised me this special help and protection. I recite the requested prayers every day and feel his special protection.



Feast of the Holy Family

Feast Day
December
28th

Here in the Holy Family, we have divinity obedient to humanity, for Jesus, the divine Son, was obedient to Joseph and Mary (see Lk 2:51). We see creatures and Creator living as family, living in relationships of love, not of fear; of mutual self-gift, not of dominance. We see the same sort of infinite generosity in the earthly Holy Family as we see in the Heavenly Trinity. And we see there modeled the whole ecclesial life in the Spirit to which we are called.

Saint Faustina had a living relationship with all three members of the Holy Family. She saw Joseph and Mary as well as Jesus, and loved all three with a great and fervent love (see, for instance, *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 608, 846, 1203, 1442). Even as she had near daily conversations with Jesus, still she turned in prayer to Mary and Joseph regularly. Indeed, she had been told to do so:

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Why? Because to love God properly means we should love what — and whom — He loves. And God loves no one more than His earthly parents. Think of the trust God must have had for them! Think of the love, to look on Joseph and Mary and to believe them capable of being people to whom He could be obedient, to whom He could entrust God the Son. Think of the extraordinary humility God must have, being willing to make Himself subject to creatures.

During these trying times, come home to the Holy Family. Welcome these most powerful protectors and intercessors into your life, and you'll have all the help you need to meet any challenge, no matter how great.

Excerpt from *Come Home to the Holy Family* by Chris Sparks, May 7, 2020:

<https://www.thedivinermercy.org/articles/come-home-holy-family>

Picture from *All in the Holy Family*: <https://www.thedivinermercy.org/articles/all-holy-family>



Christmas

and New Year

Mass Schedule

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve

11:00 p.m.

Silent Holy Hour of Adoration

12:00 a.m. Midnight

Midnight Mass (Christmas)

THURSDAY, DEC. 25

Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day*

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m.

Holy Mass

Confessions only at 3:30 p.m.

**Holy Day of Obligation.*

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31

New Year's Eve

11:00 p.m.

Holy Hour of Adoration

with Christmas Hymns

12:00 a.m. Midnight

New Year's Eve Mass

(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 2026

Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God*

9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m.

Holy Mass

**Holy Day of Obligation.*

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Solemnity of *Mary, Mother of God*

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday
Jan. 1, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
10:30 a.m. Holy Mass
1:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions
1:30 p.m. Rosary for Life
2:00 p.m. Holy Mass
3:00 p.m. Hour of Great Mercy:
• Chaplet of Divine Mercy
• Benediction
• Blessing of
Religious Articles
• Blessing with a Relic
of St. Faustina

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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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Join the Marian Fathers in person or via livestream for the

First Fridays and First Saturdays



Livestream:

First Fridays at 8pm

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

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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>

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