

July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

A Ministry of the Marians of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy
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Marians: www.marian.org

*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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Videos posted on our Web-
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

July

- 7/24 Outdoor Stations of The Cross**
- See flyer on page 8 for more information
- 7/30 Healing Mass at 7pm**
- See flyer on page 9 for more information
- 7/31 Outdoor Stations of The Cross**
- See flyer on page 8 for more information

August

- 8/1 Encuentro Latino**
- See flyer on page 10 for more information
- First Saturday Devotions**
- See flyer on page 11 for more information
- Explaining the Faith Talk**
- ONLINE ONLY
 - Topic: *"Sunday Rest: What is forbidden?"*
- 8/7 Outdoor Stations of The Cross**
- See flyer on page 8 for more information
- First Friday Devotions at 8pm**
- See flyer on page 11 for more information

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

THIS IS A TEMPLE OF THE LORD



MODESTY IN DRESS

**In respect of our Lord Jesus Christ and
the dignity of the Human Person.**

Temporary apparel available at Reception if needed.





ANGELUS

Pope Leo XIV

LIBERTY SQUARE

SUNDAY,

JULY 12, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

In today's liturgy, the Evangelist Matthew presents us with the Parable of the Sower (cf. *Mt 13:1–23*), which describes the generosity and trust with which God sows his Word in our hearts and his power in us.

Jesus himself, the Word made flesh, who gave his life for our salvation, is the seed that the Father continues to sow throughout the world so that, by dying, he may bear much fruit (cf. *Jn 12:24*). It is true that sometimes he finds in us hard and unresponsive soil, at other times distracted soil, like the beaten path, the rocky ground, or the thorny bushes. Yet there are also moments when he finds receptive and fertile ground, and then miracles of love are set in motion that have the power to transform everything — as we ourselves have no doubt experienced in our own lives. For this reason, the Father never ceases to sow, because he knows that the power of his love is stronger than our weakness (cf. *2Cor 12:9–10*).

Referring to the “seed” of the Word of God, Saint John Chrysostom asks, “How could it be reasonable to sow among thorns, on rocky ground, or on the path? In the case of seeds and soil, it would not be reasonable; but in the case of souls and doctrine, it is altogether praiseworthy” (*Homilies on the Gospel of Matthew*, 44, 5), because in God's hands it is possible that “rocky ground may be transformed into fertile soil; that the path may no longer be trampled underfoot or exposed to every passer-by, but become rich earth; and that the thorns may be cleared away and the seed may enjoy complete security” (ibid.).

God's generosity towards us is not naïve but wise. He sees within us the potential of a good that, at times, we ourselves might fail to recognize. For this reason, the Lord, who knows the soil of our hearts better than we, never ceases to believe in us — in who we are and in who we can become, day by day, if we entrust ourselves to him in faith.

Thus, from the generosity and trust with which the seed is sown, and from the humility and openness with which it is received, the fruits of the Holy Spirit grow within us and spread. Saint Paul teaches that they are “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Gal 5:22). How greatly our world stands in need of these fruits: to be filled with them and transformed by them!

Let us therefore resolve, especially during these summer days of vacation, to make room for listening to, reading, and meditating on the Word of God, thereby fostering—together with rest and wholesome recreation — meaningful moments of silence and prayer. In this way, we shall return to our usual activities renewed in body and spirit, ready to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel and ever more capable of contributing to the growth of the Kingdom of God.

May Mary, Queen of the Apostles and Star of the Evangelization, help us.

After the Angelus Prayer

Dear brothers and sisters,

I greet the residents of this beautiful town, Castel Gandolfo, where I am resting for a few days, and I joyfully welcome all of you, pilgrims from every corner of the world!

Unfortunately, the winds of war are blowing once again in the Middle East, in Ukraine and in many other parts of the world, sowing violence, terror and death, and once again affecting many innocent people. Let us not allow these winds to extinguish the flame of hope and peace, even when it seems fragile and flickering.

I renew my hope that we will persevere on the path of dialogue, encounter and diplomacy. This is the only path capable of leading to a just and lasting peace, in which peoples can live in reconciliation, mutual security and respect for the dignity of every person.

Today is “Sea Sunday.” My thoughts go out to all sailors, fishermen and port workers around the world who, though marked by separation from their loved ones and sometimes by fear of the conflicts occur on the seas, sustain trade and the lives of many peoples through their patient and quiet labor.

Finally, I offer my prayers for the many Polish faithful gathered for the annual pilgrimage with the icon of Jasna Góra, that, as “missionary disciples,” they may be joyful witnesses to the Gospel.

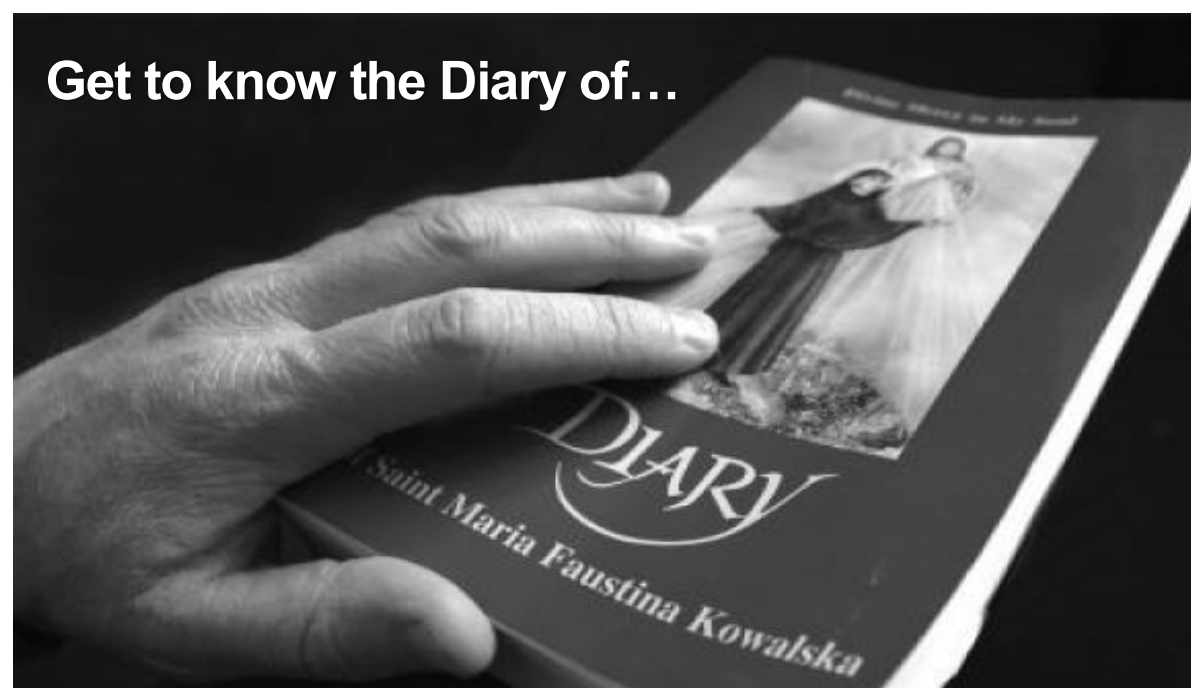
Picture of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV from ***Welcome, Pope Leo XIV:***

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

Regina Caeli of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on July 12, 2026

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2026/documents/20260712-angelus.html>

Get to know the Diary of...



**Saint Faustina
Kowalska**

**“You see, Sister, how Jesus demands that our life
be a life of faith..”**

O merciful God, You do not despise us, but lavish Your graces on us continuously. You make us fit to enter Your kingdom, and in Your goodness You grant that human beings may fill the places vacated by the ungrateful angels. O God of great mercy, who turned Your sacred gaze away from the rebellious angels and turned it upon contrite man, praise and glory be to Your unfathomable mercy, O God who do not despise the lowly heart.

My Jesus, despite these graces which You send upon me, I feel that my nature, ennobled though it be, is not completely stilled; and so I keep a constant watch. I must struggle with many faults, knowing well that it is not the struggle which debases one, but cowardice and failure.

One of the most beautiful spirits would not recognize Your mercy,
And, blinded by his pride, he drew others after him.
Angel of great beauty, he became Satan
And was cast down in one moment from heaven's heights into hell.

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.

O my Jesus, I am making at this very moment a firm and eternal resolution by virtue of Your grace and mercy, fidelity to the tiniest grace of Yours.

+ Today the Lord Jesus is giving me an awareness of Himself and of His most tender love and care for me. He is bringing me to understand deeply how everything depends on His will, and how He allows certain difficulties precisely for our merit, so that our fidelity might be clearly manifest. And through this, I have been given strength for suffering and self-denial.

At the chapter, Mother [Borgia] stressed a life of faith and fidelity in small things. Half way through the chapter, I heard these words: **I desire that you would all have more faith at the present time. How great is My joy at the faithfulness of My spouse in the smallest things.** Then I looked at the crucifix and saw that Jesus' head was turned towards the refectory, and His lips were moving. When I told Mother Superior about it, she answered, "You see, Sister, how Jesus demands that our life be a life of faith."

Then the faithful spirits cried, "Glory to God's mercy!"

And they stood firm in spite of the fiery test.

Glory to Jesus, the Christ abased,

Glory to His Mother, the humble and pure Virgin.

I earnestly begged the Mother of God to obtain for me the grace of fidelity to these inner inspirations and of faithfully carrying out God's will, whatever it might be. I began this retreat with a very special kind of courage.

After this battle, the pure spirits plunged into the ocean of Divinity;

Contemplating and praising the depths of His mercy,

They drown in His mercy and manifold light,

Possessing in knowledge the Trinity of Persons, the Oneness of Godhead.

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."

As I write these words, I hear the cry of Satan: "She's writing everything, she's writing everything, and because of this we are losing so much! Do not write about the goodness of God; He is just!" And howling with fury, he vanished.

Guided Outdoor *Stations of the Cross*

Led by the Marians
every Friday

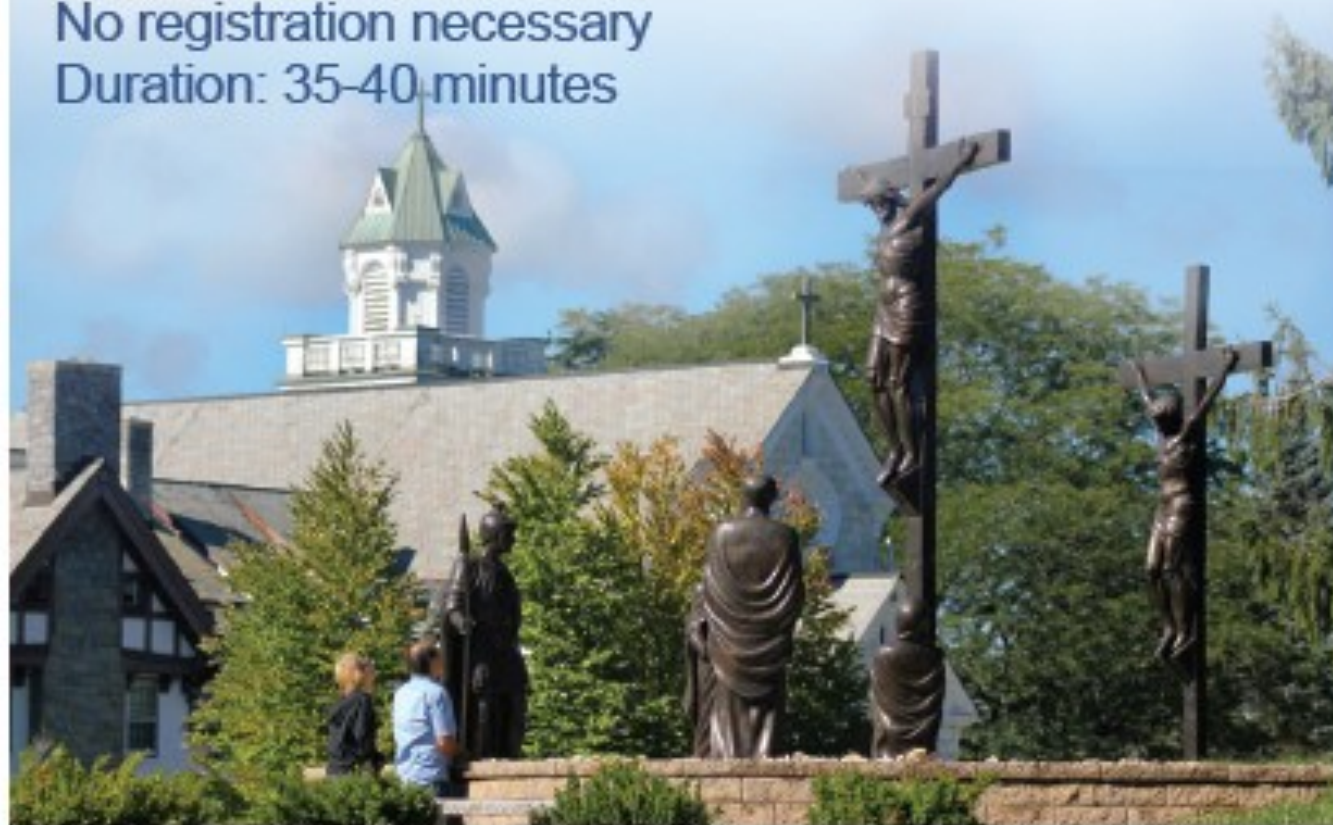


Meet in front of the National Shrine at 10:50 a.m.

(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



January 29th

Celebrant: Fr. Jason Lewis, MIC

February 26th

Celebrant: Fr. Michael Callea, MIC

March 26th

Celebrant: Fr. Bob Vennetti, MIC

April 30th

Celebrant: Fr. Daniel Klimek, MIC

May 28th

Celebrant: Fr. Tyler Mentzer, MIC

June 25th

Celebrant: Fr. Gabriel Cillo, MIC

July 30th

Celebrant: Fr. Gabriel Cillo, MIC

August 27th

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC

September 24th

*Celebrant: Fr. Tom Reilly
Healing Ministry,
Archdiocese of Boston*

October 29th

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC

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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Join the Marian Fathers for a full day of celebration
dedicated to the Latino pilgrims!

Encuentro Latino 2026

Saturday, August 1

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY
in Stockbridge, Massachusetts**

Special Guests



Catechesis:
**Deacon José
Correa Pacheco**



Our Lady of Guadalupe
pilgrim Image:
Vivian Mestey



Principal Celebrant:
**Fr. Dante
Agüero, MIC**



Puppet show:
**Fr. Andy
Davy, MIC**



Masters of Ceremonies:
Alberto Rosario



Naida Costa



Music:
**Saint Michael the
Archangel Ministry**



Folk Dancing:
Illusion

Spiritual Presentations Schedule

9:30 am: Introduction (In the food tent)

9:45 am: Latino music
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

9:55 am: Our Lady of Guadalupe pilgrim image
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

10:00 am: Testimony (Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

10:15 am: Catechesis – Deacon José Correa Pacheco
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

11:00 am: Holy Mass
Principal Celebrant: **Fr. Dante Agüero, MIC**
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

12:45 pm: Puppet show. Ethnic folk dancing. Piñatas
(next to the food tent)

2:00 pm: Rosary and Procession
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

**3:00 pm: The Hour of Great Mercy and Chaplet of
the Divine Mercy, Benediction with
Blessed Sacrament, blessing of religious
articles, and raffle of a Divine Mercy image.**
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

8:00 am — 4:30 pm: Gift Shop

9:00 am — 5:00 pm:

- ✠ Candles Shrines, Lourdes Grotto and Oratory
- ✠ Confessions (Spanish and English)
- ✠ Kids crafts ✠ Oil in Honor of Saint Faustina

Food Sold All Day

All Encuentro Latino events will be in Spanish

For more information to register a bus, or to volunteer, please call: **1-800-462-7426, Ext.3**
or visit us at: **LaDivinaMisericordia.org/encuentrolatino • ShrineofDivinemercy.org/encuentro-latino**
Please note: Buses must be registered for this event. To locate us by GPS use this address: **11 Pine Street, Stockbridge, MA 01262.**



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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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Marian Week

AUGUST 15-22, 2026

Annual celebration beginning on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and culminating on The Queenship of Mary.



9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

**1:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions**

1:30 p.m. Rosary for Life

**2:00 p.m. Holy Mass followed by
Rosary Procession**

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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Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday
Aug. 15, 2026

Holy Day

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
(Livestreamed)
- 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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Polish DAY

Saturday, September 12, 2026



1:00 p.m.

**Adoration, Rosary (in Polish)
Confessions**

2:00 p.m.

Holy Mass (bi-lingual)

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

3:00 p.m.

After Holy Mass:

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in Polish)
- Blessing of Religious Articles
- Way of the Cross (in Polish)

All events will be at the Mother of Mercy
Outdoor Shrine, except as noted.

All buses and groups of 15 or more
must register in advance.

Use the online form at
ShrineofDivineMercy.org

for any questions, please contact:
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Memorial of **St. Maria Faustina**

Kewalska

MONDAY, OCT. 5



**Saint John Paul II
called St. Faustina
“the great apostle
of Divine Mercy
in our time.”**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass**
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass**
- 11:00 a.m. Talk by a Marian Priest**
- 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
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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.



The Gift Shop
is
open daily
9:30am -
4:30pm

Find us at:
www.divinemercy



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**Pray the Divine Mercy
Chaplet for the Dying**
•LIVE with Fr. Mark Baron, MIC

Fridays, 3 p.m. EDT



DivineMercyPlus.org
Facebook & Instagram

Volunteering is a
wonderful way to share
your gifts and God's Mercy
with our pilgrims.
Please follow the link below to
learn more about volunteering
at the National Shrine of The
Divine Mercy.

www.shrineofdivinemercy.org/get-involved/



Do you feel called to a religious vocation?

VOCATION DIRECTOR

“I’m so glad you’re here.”

Father Donald Calloway, MIC, welcomes you to the Marian Vocation Office in the Marian House of Studies, Steubenville, Ohio.

Just by coming to this page, you’ve shown that you are open to wherever our Lord is calling you.

Whether or not your vocation is as a religious—and whether or not you’re called to the Marians of the Immaculate Conception—I’m here to help you.

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC
Vocation Director

Please look through the information we have prepared for you in the Vocation section. If you would like to

glad to send you printed information on the Marians of the Immaculate Conception.

From my own experience, I can tell you that my Congregation is totally consecrated to Mary Immaculate, faithful to authentic Church teaching, obedient to the Pope and Magisterium, and intensely Eucharistic.

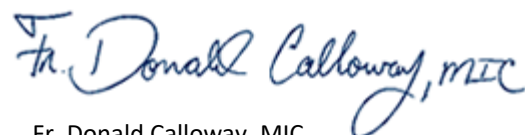
Please feel free to call or email me. You also might want to come to a Vocation Retreat.

You may ask or tell me anything in confidence. You will not receive any phone calls or materials without your request.

Discerning a vocation takes prayer, time, and guidance. Please use this prayer to help you consider where God is calling you.

May our Merciful Savior bless you and guide you.

In the love of Mary Immaculate.



Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC
Vocation Director
<https://marian.org/vocations>

VOCATION PRAYER

*Hail Mary, full of grace;
all generations call you blessed.*

*Hail Mother of God, when asked by the angel
to bear the Son of the Most High,
filled with faith, you responded:
“Let it be done unto me.”*

*Holy Mother of Jesus,
at the wedding feast at Cana,
you prompted your Son to perform His first sign.*

*Be with us as we discern our life’s work
and guide us in the way we are called to follow
in the footsteps of your Son.*

*Holy Mother of the Savior,
at the foot of the Cross
you mourned the death of your only Son.*

*Bless and embrace the loving parents
of all priests,
deacons, brothers and sisters.*

*Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd,
turn your motherly care to this nation.*

*Interceded for us to the Lord of the harvest
to send more laborers to the harvest
in this land dedicated to your honor.*

*Queen of Peace, Mirror of Justice,
Health of the Sick
inspire vocations in our time.*

*Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew
in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim
the good news of everlasting life.
Amen.*

*Prayer from the United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops*



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>



IT'S TIME TO SPEAK OUT AGAIN IN OPPOSITION TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has been following two bills that would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts. House Bill 2505 and Senate Bill 1486, "An Act relative to End-of-Life Options." At present HB 2505 is in the Joint Committee on Healthcare Finance and SB 1486 is in Senate Ways and Means. However, the bills may come to the floor for a vote at any time.

Working together, **we can join health care professionals, disability groups, senior citizens, the infirmed and countless individuals** in saying **NO** to assisted suicide and to stop the legislation from moving forward this session.

Here are some troubling facts to consider before you contact your elected officials:

- 1.) **A DEADLY PRESCRIPTION** - The bill would allow a physician to provide a lethal drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death. NOTE - The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- 2.) **NO REAL SAFEGUARDS** - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a "burden" may be subject to undue influence by others to make the choice of PAS.
- 3.) **MISPLACED PRIORITIES** - The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

Your Voice Matters – Please call today!

Please call or email your elected State Senator and State Representative to voice your opposition. They represent you and should know your views on this topic. You can do this by logging onto [HTTPS://MACATHOLIC.ORG](https://macatholic.org) or scan QR code below. Follow the links to find contact information for your individual State Senator and State Representative via address and zip code link. Stay informed by signing up to receive alerts.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630. We will provide you the legislative contact information.



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).

In answer, she heard these words: "Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace" (313).



Jesus, I Trust in You