

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday
of Lent

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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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

March

- 3/20 St. Faustina's Way of The Cross**
• See flyer on page 12 for more information
- 3/21 Marian Teaching at 11am with Fr. David Gunter, MIC**
• **IN PERSON IN THE SHRINE CHURCH**
• Topic: *Prayer and Healing*
- Explaining the Faith Talk at 11am with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC**
• **ONLINE ONLY**
• Topic: *Palm Sunday*
- St. Faustina's Way of The Cross**
• See flyer on page 12 for more information
- 3/22 St. Faustina's Way of The Cross**
• See flyer on page 10 for more information
- 3/26 Healing Mass at 7pm**
• See flyer on page 13 for more information
- 3/27 St. Faustina's Way of The Cross**
• See flyer on page 12 for more information
- 3/28 Explaining the Faith Talk at 11am with Fr. Chris, Alar, MIC**
• Topic: *The Last Supper*

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



Diocese of Springfield
Office of the Bishop

February 1, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you as we begin the holy season of Lent on February 18, 2026.

Each year, Lent invites us into the desert with the Lord—a place of prayer, repentance, and renewal. For forty days, the Church calls us to slow our pace, to examine our hearts, and to turn more fully toward God, who is always rich in mercy and eager to forgive.

In the midst of our busy and often distracted lives, Lent is a sacred gift. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are reminded of what truly matters: our relationship with Jesus Christ and our responsibility to love one another as He has loved us. These practices are not meant to burden us, but to free us—free us from sin, from indifference, and from anything that prevents us from living as joyful disciples.

I encourage each of you to make this Lent a time of intentional renewal. Set aside time each day for prayer, whether through Scripture, the Stations of the Cross, or quiet conversation with the Lord. Consider meaningful fasting that opens your heart to the needs of others. Let your almsgiving be an expression of genuine charity, especially toward the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten among us.

Above all, do not be afraid to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There, we encounter the healing mercy of Christ, who never grows weary of welcoming us home.

As we journey together toward Easter, may this season deepen our faith, strengthen our hope, and renew our love. Entrusting you and your families to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I assure you of my prayers and ask humbly for yours.

May the Lord bless you abundantly this Lent.

With every good wish, I am

Your friend in Christ,

Most Reverend William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield



Diocese of Springfield

Lenten Regulations, 2026

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. On days of fast, two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
3. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at age fourteen (14) and does not cease.
4. The obligation to fast begins at age eighteen (18) and ceases at age fifty-nine (59).

Please note: Although the faithful may excuse themselves from fast and abstinence for a just cause, there is an obligation to substitute another penance in its place.
No Catholic should lightly excuse him/herself from these Lenten obligations.

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.

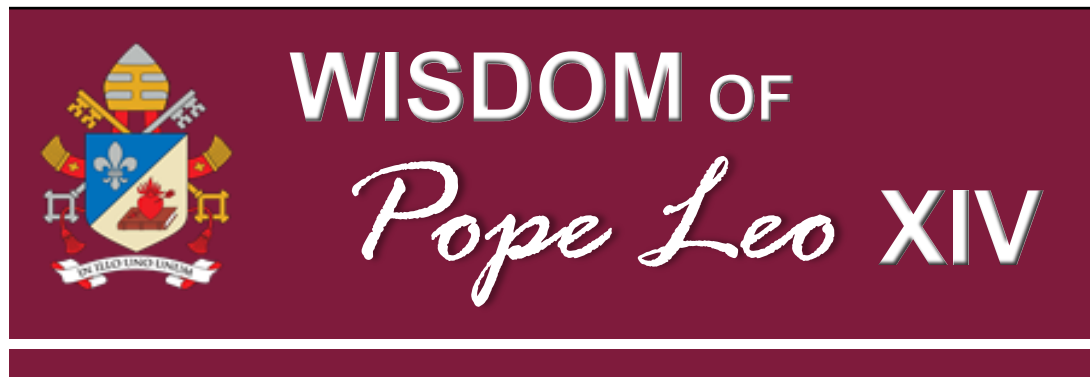


Continuing series of Catechesis by Pope Leo XIV dedicated to Vatican Council II and its documents to “rediscover the beauty and importance of this ecclesial event.”

Quotation from General Audience January 7, 2026



*Leo PP. XIV
8 maggio 2025*



GENERAL AUDIENCE

St. Peter's Square

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

Continuing in our reflection on the Dogmatic Constitution [Lumen gentium](#) (LG), today we will look at the second chapter, dedicated to the People of God.

God, who created the world and humanity, and who wishes to save every man, carries out his work of salvation in history, choosing a real people and dwelling among them. For this reason, He calls Abraham and promises him descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore (cf. *Gen 22:17-18*). With Abraham's children, after freeing them from slavery, God makes a covenant with them, accompanies them, cares for them, and gathers them together whenever they stray. Therefore, the identity of this people is given by God's action and by faith in Him. They are called to become a light for other nations, like a beacon that will draw all peoples, the whole of humanity, to itself (cf. *Is 2:1-5*).

The Council affirms that “All these things, however, were done by way of preparation and as a figure of that new and perfect covenant, which was to be ratified in Christ, and of that fuller revelation which was to be given through the Word of God Himself made flesh” ([LG](#), 9). Indeed, it is Christ who, in giving His Body and His Blood, unites this people in Himself and in a definitive way. It is a people now made up of members of every nation; it is united by faith in Him, by adherence to Him, by living the same life as Him, animated by the Spirit of the Risen One. This is the Church: the people of God who draw their existence from the body of Christ [\[1\]](#) and who are themselves the body of Christ; [\[2\]](#) not a people like any other, but the People of God, called together by Him and made up of women and men from all the peoples of the earth. Its unifying principle is not a language, a culture, an ethnicity, but faith in Christ: the Church is therefore – according to a splendid expression of the Council – the assembly of “all those who in faith look upon Jesus” ([LG](#), 9).

It is a messianic people, precisely because it has Christ, the Messiah, as its head. Those who belong to it do not pride themselves on merits or titles, but only on the gift of being, in Christ and through Him, daughters and sons of God. Above any task or function, therefore, what really matters in the Church is to be grafted onto Christ, to be children of God by grace. This is also the only honorary title we should seek as Christians. We are in the Church in order to receive life from the Father unceasingly and to live as His children and brothers and sisters among ourselves.

Consequently, the law that animates relationships in the Church is love, as we receive and experience it in Jesus; and her goal is the Kingdom of God, towards which she walks together with all humanity.

Unified in Christ, Lord and Saviour of every man and woman, the Church can never turn inwards on herself, but is open to everyone and is for everyone. If believers in Christ belong to it, the Council reminds us that “All men are called to belong to the new people of God. Wherefore this people, remaining one and unique, must extend to the whole world and to all ages, so that the intention of God’s will may be fulfilled, who in the beginning created human nature as one and wants to gather together his children who were scattered” ([LG](#), 13). Even those who have not yet received the Gospel are therefore, in some way, oriented towards the people of God, and the Church, cooperating in Christ’s mission, is called upon to spread the Gospel everywhere and to everyone (cf. [LG](#) 17), so that every person may enter into contact with Christ. This means that in the Church there is, and there must be, a place for everyone, and that every Christian is called to proclaim the Gospel and bear witness in every environment in which he or she lives and works. Thus, this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the Gospel to purify them and to raise them up (cf. [LG](#), 13).

In this regard, the Church is one but includes everyone. A great theologian described it thus: “The unique Ark of Salvation must welcome all human diversity into its vast nave. The only banquet hall, the food it distributes is drawn from all of creation. The seamless garment of Christ, it is also – and it is the same thing – the garment of Joseph, with its many colours”. [\[3\]](#)

It is a great sign of hope – especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars – to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages and cultures live together in faith: it is a sign placed in the very heart of humanity, a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

[\[1\]](#) Cf. J. Ratzinger, *The New People of God*, Brescia 1992, 97.

[\[2\]](#) Cf. Y. M.-J. Congar, *A Messianic People*, Brescia 1976, 75.

[\[3\]](#) Cf. H. de Lubac, *Catholicism: A study of dogma in relation to the corporate destiny of mankind (Catholicisme: Les aspects sociaux du dogme)*.

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APPEAL

Today in Qlayaa, Lebanon, the funeral of Father Pierre El Raii, Maronite parish priest of one of the Christian villages in southern Lebanon, is being celebrated. These villages are once again experiencing the tragedy of war. I am close to all the Lebanese people at this time of grave trial.

In Arabic, “El Raii” means “the shepherd”. Father Pierre was a true shepherd, who always stayed beside his people, with the love and sacrifice of Jesus the Good Shepherd. As soon as he heard that some parishioners had been wounded in a bombing, he rushed to help them without hesitation. May the Lord grant that the blood he shed be a seed of peace for beloved Lebanon.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us continue to pray for peace in Iran and throughout the Middle East, especially for the many civilian victims, including many innocent children. May our prayer be a comfort to those who suffer and a seed of hope for the future.

Summary of the Holy Father's words

I greet all the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today’s Audience, particularly the groups from Denmark, Australia and the United States of America. With prayerful good wishes that this Lent will be a time of grace and spiritual renewal for you and your families, I invoke upon all of

Picture of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV from **ShopMercy**:

<https://shopmercy.org/pope-leo-xiv-prayer-card.html>

From the General Audience of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on March 11, 2026:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260311-udienza-generale.html>

Sunday Gospel insights from the:

Teachings of the Popes



Saint Pope Pius X

Pope Pius XII

Pope John XXIII

Saint Pope John Paul II

Pope Benedict XIV

Pope Francis

Pope Benedict XVI

HOMILY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 2, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On these Sundays in [Lent](#) the liturgy takes us on a true and proper baptismal route through the texts of John's Gospel: last Sunday, Jesus promised the gift of "living water" to the Samaritan woman; today, by healing the man born blind, he reveals himself as "the light of the world"; next Sunday, in raising his friend Lazarus, he will present himself as "the resurrection and the life". Water, light and life are symbols of Baptism, the Sacrament that "immerses" believers in the mystery of the death and Resurrection of Christ, liberating them from the slavery of sin and giving them eternal life.

Let us reflect briefly on the account of the man born blind (Jn 9: 1-41). According to the common mentality of the time, the disciples take it for granted that his blindness was the result of a sin committed by him or his parents. Jesus, however, rejects this prejudice and says: "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him" (Jn 9: 3).

What comfort these words offer us! They let us hear the living voice of God, who is provident and wise Love! In the face of men and women marked by limitations and suffering, Jesus did not think of their possible guilt but rather of the will of God who created man for life. And so he

solemnly declares: "We must work the works of him who sent me.... As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (Jn 9: 5).

And he immediately takes action: mixing a little earth with saliva he made mud and spread it on the eyes of the blind man. This act alludes to the creation of man, which the Bible recounts using the symbol of dust from the ground, fashioned and enlivened by God's breath (Gn 2: 7). In fact, "Adam" means "ground" and the human body was in effect formed of particles of soil. By healing the blind man Jesus worked a new creation.



But this healing sparked heated debate because Jesus did it on the Sabbath, thereby in the Pharisees' opinion violating the feast-day precept. Thus, at the end of the account, Jesus and the blind man are both cast out, the former because he broke the law and the latter because, despite being healed, he remained marked as a sinner from birth.

Jesus reveals to the blind man whom he had healed that he had come into the world for judgement, to separate the blind who can be healed from those who do not allow themselves to be healed because they consider themselves healthy. Indeed, the temptation to build himself an ideological security system is strong in man: even religion can become an element of this system, as can atheism or secularism, but in letting this happen one is blinded by one's own selfishness.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us allow ourselves to be healed by Jesus, who can and wants to give us God's light! Let us confess our blindness, our shortsightedness, and especially what the Bible calls the "great transgression" (cf. Ps 19[18]: 13): pride. May Mary Most Holy, who by conceiving Christ in the flesh gave the world the true light, help us to do this.

Angelus Address given by Pope Benedict XVI on March 2, 2008

https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/angelus/2008/documents/hf_ben-xvi_ang_20080302.html

Cover Pictures of Popes St. Pius XII, Pius X, John XXIII, St. John Paul II, and Benedict XVI:

<https://marian.org/mary/teaching-of-the-popes>

Cover Picture of Pope Francis: <https://marian.org/articles/pope-francis-rest-peace>

Picture Pope Benedict XVI second page from ***The Papal Transformation of Benedict XVI:***

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/papal-transformation-benedict-xvi>

Here are a few words from a conversation I had with the Mother Directress [Mary Joseph] toward the end of my novitiate: "Sister, let simplicity and humility be the characteristic traits of your soul. Go through life like a little child, always trusting, always full of simplicity and humility, content with everything, happy in every circumstance. There, where others fear, you will pass calmly along, thanks to this simplicity and humility. Remember this, Sister, for your whole life: as waters flow from the mountains down into the valleys, so, too, do God's graces flow only into humble souls."

O merciful God, who still allow me to live, give me strength that I may live a new life, the life of the spirit, over which death has no dominion. And with that, my heart was renewed, and I began a new life while still here on earth, a life of love of God. Nevertheless, I do not forget that I am weakness itself, though I do not doubt even for a moment that I will obtain the help of Your grace, O God..

+The Resurrection. Today, during the [Mass of the] Resurrection, I saw the Lord Jesus in the midst of a great light. He approached me and said, **Peace be to you, My children**, and He lifted up His hand and gave His blessing. The wounds in His hands, feet and side were indelible and shining. When He looked at me with such kindness and love, my whole soul drowned itself in Him. And He said to me, **You have taken a great part in My Passion; therefore I now give you a great share in My joy and glory**. The whole time of the Resurrection [Mass] seemed like only a minute to me. A wondrous recollection filled my soul and lasted throughout the whole festal season. The kindness of Jesus is so great that I cannot express it.

Once during Lent, I saw a great light and a great darkness over house and chapel. I saw the struggle of these two powers...

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of pagans who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart.

May the light of Your love
Enlighten the souls in darkness;
Grant that these souls will know You
And, together with us, praise Your mercy.

O God, who are happiness in Your very self and have no need of creatures to make You happy, because of Yourself You are the fullness of love; yet, out of Your fathomless mercy You call creatures into being and grant them a share in Your eternal happiness and in Your life, that divine indwelling life which You live, One God in Three Persons. In Your unfathomable mercy, You have created angelic spirits and admitted them to Your love and to Your divine intimacy. You have made them capable of eternal love. Although You bestowed on them so generously, O Lord, the splendor of love and beauty, Your fullness was not diminished in the least, O God, nor have their love and beauty completed You, because You are everything in Yourself. And if You have allowed them to participate in Your happiness and to exist and to love You, that is only due to the abyss of Your mercy. This is Your unfathomable goodness, for which they glorify You without end, humbling themselves at the feet of Your majesty as they chant their eternal hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy ...

+ Today, my soul is preparing for Holy Communion as for a wedding feast, wherein all the participants are resplendent with unspeakable beauty. And I, too, have been invited to this banquet, but I do not see that beauty within myself, only an abyss of misery. And, although I do not feel worthy of sitting down to table, I will however slip under the table, at the feet of Jesus, and will beg for the crumbs that fall from the table. Knowing Your mercy, I therefore approach You, Jesus, for sooner will I run out of misery than will the compassion of Your Heart exhaust itself. That is why during this day I will keep arousing trust in The Divine Mercy.

Saint Faustina's **WAY OF THE CROSS**

Starting Feb. 20, 2026,
we will pray *St. Faustina's Way of The Cross*,
Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday during
LENT, through **GOOD FRIDAY**
immediately after the
2:00 p.m. Mass and Chaplet

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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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March 29, 2026

The Church remembers the “triumphal entry” of Jesus into Jerusalem, days before His Death and Resurrection, as palm branches were laid on the road before Him.

- 9:00 a.m. – Holy Mass with Distribution of Palms
- 10:30 a.m. – Holy Mass with Distribution of Palms
- 1:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration
- 1:00 & 3:30 p.m. – Confessions
- 1:30 p.m. – Rosary for Life
- 2:00 p.m. – Holy Mass with Distribution of Palms
- 3:00 p.m. – Chaplet of The 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.



TheDivineMercy.org
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Easter Triduum

APRIL 2

Holy Thursday

3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
(no Benediction)

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Livestreamed

APRIL 3

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. St. Faustina's Way of the Cross
(Outdoors — weather permitting)

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion
of the Lord – Holy Communion will
be distributed during celebration
Livestreamed and available online

7:00 p.m. Solemn Divine Mercy Novena –
Day 1 (no Benediction)
Livestreamed and available online

7:45 p.m. Tenebrae (Meditation on the Seven
Last Words of Christ)

Confessions Daily: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
(except Easter Sunday 3:30 - 4:15 only)

April 3 – April 12

Solemn Novena to the Divine Mercy
Daily at 3:00 p.m.
(except Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.)
Livestreamed and available online



APRIL 4

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

3:00 p.m. Solemn Divine Mercy
Novena – Day 2
(no Benediction)
Livestreamed and
available online

10:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

APRIL 5

Solemnity of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass
Livestreamed

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

2:00 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass

3:00 p.m. Solemn Novena to
the Divine Mercy
Livestreamed and
available online



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DIVINE MERCY

WEEKEND

2026

The Marian Fathers extend a warm invitation to come to The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge on **April 11 and 12** to experience this annual celebration and the promise of extraordinary graces.

Admission is free and parking for cars is plentiful.

This year's theme is *"USA 250: One Nation Under God's Mercy."*

Opportunities on both days for talks, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Rosary, and perusing the Divine Mercy Gift Shop.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, EWTN will broadcast live starting at 12 Noon.

The principal celebrant for the Mass will be the Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay, WI, in whose diocese is the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

ShrineofDivineMercy.org

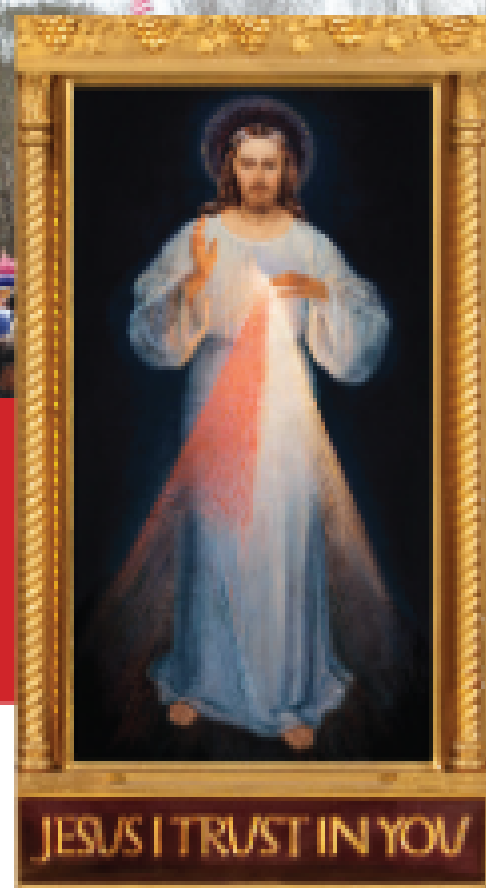
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Please see flyer on the next page for schedule of events

DIVINE MERCY

WEEKEND: APRIL 11-12



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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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please sign up at
ShrineofDivineMercy.org/volunteer

Call: (413) 298-1114

Email: Volunteers@Marian.org



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April 11, 2026

EVE OF THE SOLEMNITY OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Confessions

3:00 p.m. — Solemn Novena to Divine Mercy
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

4:00 p.m. — Divine Mercy Sunday Mass
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

April 12, 2026

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

There will be NO 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
or a 2:00 p.m. Mass.

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Confessions

1:00 p.m. — Solemn Mass
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

Mass will also be broadcast live on EWTN
starting at 12 Noon EST and available to view on
Facebook ([DivineMercyOfficial](https://www.facebook.com/DivineMercyOfficial))
and TheDivineMercy.org

Shrine Bulletin Board



Blessed Oil of St. Faustina

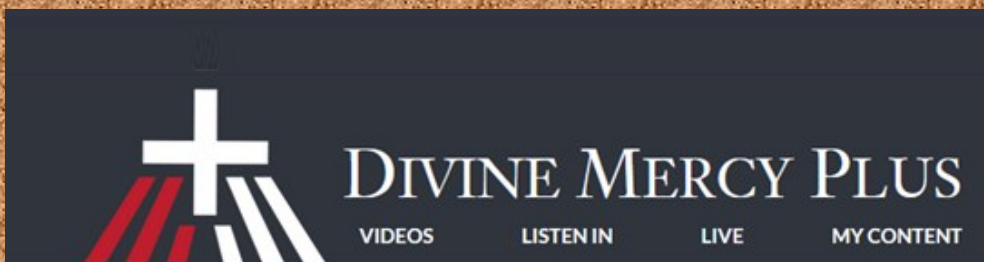
Oil blessed in honor of St. Faustina is available at the Shrine Reception desk.

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.divinemercury.org



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.shrineofdivinemercury.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.

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

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.

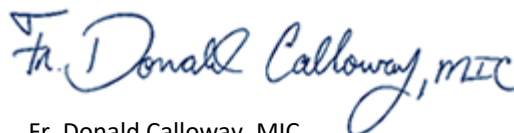
Please feel free to call or email me. You also might want to come to a Vocation Retreat.

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.



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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.*

*Intercede 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.*

*Prayer from the United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops*



MARIANS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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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

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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