

November 10, 2024
Thirty-Second 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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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

November 2024

- 11/16 Explaining the Faith Talk at 11 am
- How to Pray with a Chronic Illness by Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC
- 11/21 ***Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
- 11/23 Explaining the Faith Talk at 11 am
- TBD by Fr. Andy Davy, MIC
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Day
- see flyer on page 8 for more information
- 11/30 Explaining the Faith Talk at 11 am
- Judaism Roots of Catholicism by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC

December 2024

- 12/1 First Saturday Talks and Devotion at 11 am
- 12/6 First Friday Devotions at 8pm
- 12/7 Explaining the Faith Talk at 11 am
- First Saturday: Our Lady Star of the Sea by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
- 12/9 ***Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
- **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
 - See flyer on page 9 for more information
- 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Testimony and Catechesis
- see flyer on page 10 for more information

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

Pope

Francis



Angelus Address
November 7, 2021



Dear Brothers and Sisters, *buongiorno!*

The scene described in the Gospel of today's Liturgy takes place inside the Temple of Jerusalem. Jesus looks, he looks at what is happening in this most sacred of places; and he sees how the scribes love to walk around to be seen, greeted and revered, and in order to have the places of honour. And Jesus adds that they "devour widows' houses and recite long prayers in order to be seen" (cf. Mk 12:40). At the same time, another scene catches his eyes: a poor widow, precisely one of those exploited by the powers that be, puts "everything she had, her whole living" (Mk 12:44) in the Temple treasury. This is what the Gospel says, she puts everything she had to live on in the treasury. The Gospel presents us with this striking contrast: the rich who give from their surplus wealth to make themselves seen, and a poor woman, who without seeming to, offers every little bit she has. Two symbols of human attitudes.

Jesus watches the two scenes. And it is this very verb — "to watch" — that sums up his teaching: "we must watch out for" those who live their faith with duplicity, like the scribes, so as not to become like them; whereas we must "watch" the widow, and take her as a model. Let us reflect on this: *to watch out for hypocrites and to watch the poor widow.*

First of all, *to watch out for hypocrites*, that is, to be careful not to base our life on the cult of appearances, the external, and the exaggerated care of one's own image. And most importantly, to be careful not to bend faith around our own interests. In the name of God, those scribes covered-up their own vainglory, and even worse, they used religion to conduct their own affairs, abusing their authority and exploiting the poor. Here we see that very bad attitude that we still see in many places today, clericalism, this being above the humble, exploiting them, "beating" them, considering oneself perfect. This is the evil of clericalism. This is a warning for all time and for everyone, Church and society: never take advantage of one's role to crush others, never make money off the backs of the weakest! And to watch out so as not to fall into vanity, so as not to be fixated on appearances, losing what is essential and living superficially. Let us ask ourselves, it will help us: do we want to be appreciated and gratified by what we say and what we do, or rather to be of service to God

and gratified by what we say and what we do, or rather to be of service to God and neighbour, especially the weakest? Let us watch out for falsehood of the heart, for hypocrisy which is a dangerous illness of the soul! It is a dualism of thought, a dual judgement, as the word itself says: “to judge below”, to appear one way and “hypo”, beneath, to think in a different way. Doubles, people with double souls, a duality of the soul.

And in order to heal this illness, Jesus invites us to *watch the poor widow*. The Lord denounces the exploitation of this woman, who, in making her offering, must return home without even the little she had to live on. How important it is to free the sacred from ties with money! Jesus had already said it elsewhere: you cannot serve two masters. Either you serve God — and we think he will say “or the devil”, no — either God or money. He is a master, and Jesus says we must not serve him. But, at the same time, Jesus praises the fact that this widow puts all she has into the treasury. She has nothing left, but finds her everything in God. She is not afraid of losing the little she has because she trusts in God’s abundance, and God’s abundance multiplies the joy of those who give. This also makes us think of that other widow, the one of the prophet Elijah, who was about to make a flatbread with the last of her flour and the last of her oil; Elijah says to her: “Feed me” and she gives; and the flour never runs out, it is a miracle (cf. 1 Kings 17:9-16). In the face of people’s generosity, the Lord always goes further, is more generous. But it is He, not our avarice. This is why Jesus proposes her as a teacher of faith, this woman: she does not go to the Temple to clear her conscience, she does not pray to make herself seen, she does not show off her faith, but she gives from her heart generously and freely. The sound of her few coins is more beautiful than the grandiose offerings of the rich, since they express a life sincerely dedicated to God, a faith that does not live by appearances but by unconditional trust. Let us learn from her: a faith without external frills, but interiorly sincere; a faith composed of humble love for God and for our brothers and sisters.

And now let us turn to the Virgin Mary, who with a humble and transparent heart made her entire life a gift for God and for his people.

Angelus Address given by Pope Francis on November 7, 2021

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20211107.html

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

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“What makes this particular quality, *lowliness*, so attractive to God? What is God trying to tell us through this attribute of Mary? Simply stated: We are nothing, and God is everything. God has to strip everything away from us so that He alone can be the sole source of our focus, our identity, and our reason for existence. God has created us and knows we will never be complete until He is our all. “

Br. Leonard Konopka, MIC

Quote from **What Does It Mean to Be Lowly?:** <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/lowly-god>

Picture from: **'If They Would Only Give Me Some Return of Love':**

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/if-they-would-only-give-me-some-return-love>

Proper Attire Inside the Church



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

Our Lady of Fatima to Sr. Lucia

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

Dress Code Guideline:

For Women:

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

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

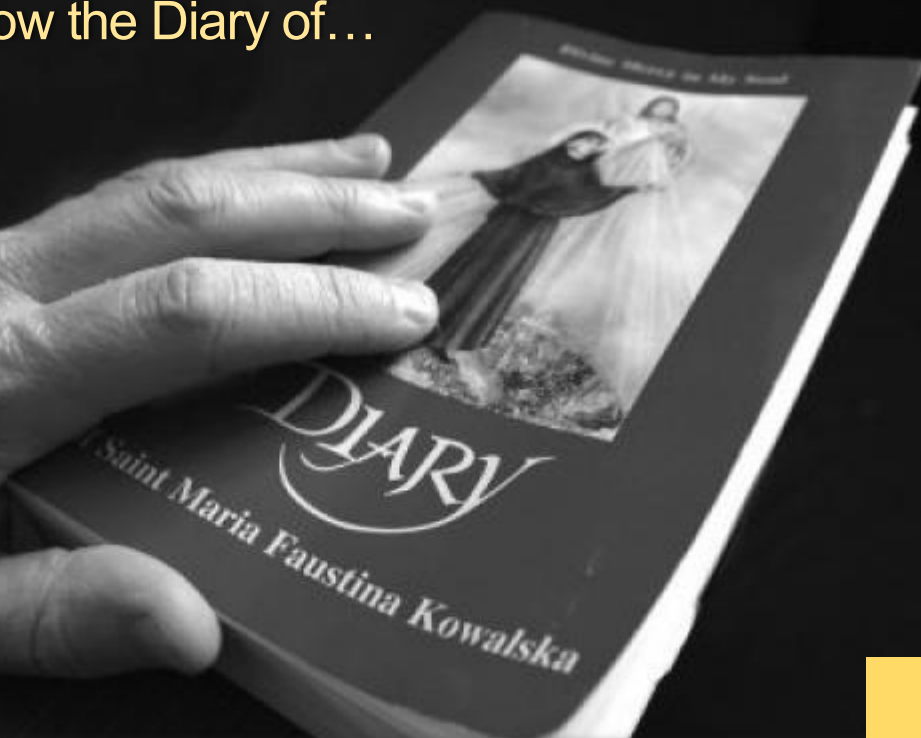
For Men:

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

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

— The Forgotten Virtue: Modesty in Dress

Get to know the Diary of...



Saint Faustina

***“I put myself completely in
God’s hands...”***

Happy the soul that has trusted in Your goodness
And has abandoned herself completely to Your mercy.
Her soul is filled with the peace of love.
You defend her everywhere as Your own child.

+ O my Jesus, from the moment I gave myself completely to You, I have given no thought whatsoever for myself. You may do with me whatever You like. There is only one thing I think about; that is, what do You prefer; what can I do, O Lord, to please You. I listen and watch for each opportunity. It matters not if I am outwardly judged otherwise in this matter...

+ On one occasion, Jesus gave me to know that when I pray for intentions which people are wont to entrust to me, He is always ready to grant His graces, but souls do not always want to accept them: **My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them. You, at least, come to Me as often as possible and take these graces they do not want to accept. In this way you will console My Heart. Oh, how indifferent are souls to so much goodness, to so many proofs of love! My Heart drinks only of the ingratitude and forgetfulness of souls living in the world. They have time for everything, but they have no time to come to Me for graces.**

My Heart finds disappointment; I do not find complete surrender to My love. So many reservations, so much distrust, so much caution.

+ It is when I meet with hypocrisy that I suffer most. Now I understand You, my Savior, for rebuking the pharisees so severely for their hypocrisy. You associated more graciously with hardened sinners when they approached You contritely

During a Mass celebrated by Father Andrasz, a moment before the Elevation, God’s presence pervaded my soul, which was drawn to the altar. Then I saw the Mother of God with the Infant Jesus. The Infant Jesus was holding onto the hand of Our Lady. A moment later, the Infant Jesus ran with joy to the center of the altar, and the Mother of God said to me, *See with what assurance*

I entrust Jesus into his hands. In the same way, you are to entrust your soul and be like a child to him. — After these words, my soul was filled with unusual trust. The Mother of God was clothed in a white dress, strangely white, transparent; on Her shoulders She had a transparent blue; that is, a blue like mantle; with uncovered head [and] flowing hair, She was exquisite, and inconceivably beautiful.

Toward the end of my novitiate, a confessor [perhaps Father Theodore] told me: “Go through life doing good, so that I could write on its pages: ‘She spent her life doing good.’ May God bring this about in you.”

Another time the confessor said to me, “Comport yourself before God like the widow in the Gospel; although the coin she dropped into the box was of little value, it counted far more before God than all the big offerings of others.”

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.

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.

After Holy Communion, I saw the Lord Jesus, who said these words to me: **Today, penetrate into the spirit of My poverty and arrange everything in such a way that the most destitute will have no reason to envy you. I find pleasure, not in large buildings and magnificent structures, but in a pure and humble heart.**

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. O Jesus, through a solemn vow of poverty I desire to become like You; poverty will be my mother. As exteriorly we should possess nothing and have nothing to dispose of as our own; so interiorly we should desire nothing. And in the Most Blessed Sacrament, how great is Your poverty! Has there ever been a soul as abandoned as You were on the Cross, Jesus?

When I entered my room, I steeped myself in prayer of thanksgiving for everything the Lord had been sending me throughout my whole life, surrendering myself totally to His most holy will. A deep joy and peace flooded my soul. I felt a peace so great that, if death had come at that moment, I would not have said to it, “Wait, for I still have some matters to attend to.” No, I would have welcomed it with joy, because I am ready for the meeting with the Lord, not only today, but ever since the moment when I placed my complete trust in the Divine Mercy, resigning myself totally to His most holy will, full of mercy and compassion. I know what I am of myself...

For even if the whole world’s miseries weighed on my soul,
We must not doubt for even a moment,
But have trust in the power of God’s mercy,
Because, with graciousness, God receives a contrite soul.

Because He is a living fire of great love,
When we approach Him with sincerity,
Our miseries, sins and evil deeds vanish;
He will settle our debts when we surrender ourselves to Him.

Thanksgiving

Holiday Schedule 2024

Thursday, Nov. 28

THANKSGIVING DAY

9 a.m. Mass (livestream)

2 p.m. Mass

Confessions only at 1 p.m.

Gift Shop closed Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 29

9 a.m. Mass (livestream)

2 p.m. Mass

Confessions at 1 p.m.

Gift Shop closed Black Friday

Saturday, Nov. 30

9 a.m. Mass (livestream)

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

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

Sunday, Dec. 1

First Sunday of Advent

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

2 p.m. Masses

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

Daily Devotions

1 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

1:30 p.m. Rosary for Life

3 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

• Benediction

• Blessing of Religious Articles

• Blessing with a Relic of
St. Faustina

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December 9th

Feast of the
*Immaculate
Conception*

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

9:00 a.m. Mass (livestream): Marian Renewal of Vows — all are invited to join in celebrating the Patroness of the Marian Fathers and USA.

1:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

1:30 p.m. Rosary for Life

2:00 p.m. Mass

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

Confessions from 1:00-2:00pm



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*“Am I not here, I, who am your Mother?
Are you not under my shadow and protection?”*



*The Marian Fathers invites you
to celebrate in honor of:*

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Thursday, December 12, 2024

**NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY
IN STOCKBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS**

Program:

- 10:00 a.m.:** Catechesis and testimony of Our Lady of Guadalupe pilgrim image
Vivian Mestey (bilingual)
(St. Faustina Center)
- 10:35 a.m.:** Veneration
(St. Faustina Center)
- 1:20 p.m.:** Rosary & procession
(St. Faustina Center)
- 2:00 p.m.:** Holy Mass
(National Shrine of The Divine Mercy)



For more information, or register a bus, please call **413-298-1119**
or visit us at: **ShrineofTheDivineMercy.org**
To locate us by GPS use this address: 11 Pine St., Stockbridge, MA 01262.





Christmas Infant of Prague Novena

During the nine days before Christmas, the Marians annually celebrate a Novena of Holy Masses at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy. Amid the distractions we face as Christmas draws near, this Novena helps us to take time to focus on the Incarnation's role in God's plan of mercy for mankind. As a way of preparing for this festivity in the Middle Ages, people used to offer novenas of prayers for nine days, recalling the nine months our Blessed Mother lovingly carried Our Lord in her womb. During the novena of prayers, people participated in common prayer so to enter more fully into the feast. Today, you may pray along with the Marians online daily. You also may send us your special intentions to have them placed near the altar during the Novena, or ask the Marians to remember someone in need of prayer. The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception wish you a very blessed Christmas.

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Christmas

and New Year

Mass Schedule



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TUESDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve

11:00 p.m.

Silent Holy Hour of Adoration

12:00 a.m. Midnight

Midnight Mass (Christmas)

WEDNESDAY, 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.*

TUESDAY, 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)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 2025

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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RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT October 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

And so we need a revival of prayer and action:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Tell Congress! Tiny preborn lives are at stake

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

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

Take Action Now

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

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

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Or email:

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<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>

Shrine Bulletin Board



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

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MARIANS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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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>

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