

November 30, 2025

First Sunday

Of Advent

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

December

- 12/5** First Friday Devotions at 8pm
• See flyer on page 9 for more information
- 12/6** First Saturday Devotions
• See flyer on page 9 for more information
Marian Teaching at 11am with Fr. Daniel Klimek
• Topic: TBD
- 12/8** **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
• **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
• See flyer on page 11 for more information
- 12/13** 2nd Saturday Jubilee Day of Pilgrimage
• See flyer on page 6 for more information
“Explaining the Faith Talk in 15 Minutes” with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
• Topic: TBD
- 12/20** “Explaining the Faith Talk in 15 Minutes” with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
• Topic: TBD
Movie Night: *It's a Wonderful Life* 4pm
• See flyer on page 12 for more information
- 12/24** **Vigil of the Nativity of The Lord**
• 11pm Silent Holy Hour of Adoration
• 12:00am Midnight Christmas Mass
• See flyer on page 13 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.



Wisdom of Pope Leo XIV



“As the liturgical year draws to a close, today’s Gospel (Lk 21:5-19) invites us to reflect on the travails of history and the end times. Looking at these events and knowing our hearts, Jesus invites us not to be overcome by fear: “When you hear of wars and insurrections,” he says, “do not be terrified” (v. 9).

His appeal is very timely because unfortunately we receive daily news about conflicts, disasters and persecutions that torment millions of men and women. However, in the face of these afflictions, and in the face of the indifference that seeks to ignore them, Jesus’ words proclaim that the attack of evil cannot destroy the hope of those who trust in him. The darker the hour, the more faith shines like the sun.”

Quote from Angelus Address of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV
November 16, 2025



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 - NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Good morning!

Today in the Church a new liturgical year begins, which is a new journey of faith for the People of God. And as always, we begin with Advent. The passage of the Gospel (cf. (Mt 24:37-44) introduces us to one of the most evocative themes of Advent: *the visit of the Lord to humanity*. The first visit — we all know — occurred with the Incarnation, Jesus’ birth in the cave of Bethlehem; the second takes place in the present: the Lord visits us constantly, each day, walking alongside us and being a consoling presence; in the end, there will be the third, the last visit, which we proclaim each time that we recite the Creed: “He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead”. Today, the Lord speaks to us about this final visit, which will take place at the end of time, and he tells us where we will arrive on our journey.

The Word of God emphasizes the contrast between the normal unfolding of events, the everyday routine, and the unexpected coming of the Lord. Jesus says: “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away” (vv. 38-39): so says Jesus. It always strikes a

cord when we think about the hours which precede a great disaster: everyone is calm, and they go about their usual business without realizing that their lives are about to be turned upside down. Of course, the Gospel does not want to scare us, but to open our horizons to *another*, greater dimension, one which, on the one hand puts into perspective everyday things, while at the same time making them precious, crucial. The relationship with the God-who-comes-to-visit-us gives every gesture, every thing a different light, a substance, a symbolic value.



From this perspective there also comes an invitation to *sobriety*, to not be controlled by the things of this world, by material reality, but rather to govern them.

If, by contrast, we allow ourselves to be influenced and overpowered by these things, we cannot perceive that there is something very important: our final encounter with the Lord: this is important. That encounter. And everyday matters must have this horizon, and must be directed to that horizon. This encounter with the Lord who comes for us. In that moment, as the Gospel says, "Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left" (v. 40). It is an invitation to be vigilant, because in not knowing when he will come, we need to be ever ready to leave.

In this season of Advent, we are called to expand the horizons of our hearts, to be amazed by the life which presents itself each day with newness. In order to do this, we must learn to not depend on our own certainties, on our own established strategies, because the Lord comes at a time that we do not imagine. He comes to bring us into a more beautiful and grand dimension.

May Our Lady, the Virgin of Advent, help us not to consider ourselves proprietors of our life, not to resist when the Lord comes to change it, but to be ready to let ourselves be visited by him, the awaited and welcome guest, even if it disturbs our plans.

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 **Angelus Address** given by His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on November 16, 2025:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2025/documents/20251116-angelus.html>

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

Angelus Address given by Pope Francis on November 27, 2016

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2016/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20161127.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/>



2025 YEAR OF HOPE JUBILEE INDULGENCE

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

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

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



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Get to know the Diary of...



Saint Faustina

“Be always ready; I will not leave you in this exile for long.”

December 29, [1936]. Today after Holy Communion, I heard a voice in my soul: **My daughter, stand ready, for I will come unexpectedly.** Jesus, You do not want to tell me the hour I am looking forward to with such longing: **My daughter, it is for your own good. You will learn it, but not now; keep watch.** O Jesus, do with me as You please. I know You are the merciful Savior and You will not change towards me at the hour of my death. If at this time you are showing me so much special love, and are condescending to unite Yourself with me is such an intimate way and with such great kindness, I expect even more at the hour of my death. You, my Lord God, cannot change. You are always the same. Heaven can change, as well as everything that is created; but You, Lord, are ever the same and will endure forever. So come as You like and when You like. Father of infinite mercy, I, Your child, wait longingly for Your coming. O Jesus, You said in the Holy Gospel, “Out of your mouth do I judge you.” Well, Jesus, I am always speaking of Your inconceivable mercy, so I trust that You will judge me according to Your unfathomable mercy.

When I look into the future, I am frightened,
But why plunge into the future?
Only the present moment is precious to me,
As the future may never enter my soul at all.

It is no longer in my power,
To change, correct or add to the past;
For neither sages nor prophets could do that.
And so, what the past has embraced I must entrust to God.

O present moment, you belong to me, whole and entire.
I desire to use you as best I can.
And although I am weak and small,
You grant me the grace of your omnipotence.

And so, trusting in Your mercy,
I walk through life like a little child,
Offering You each day this heart
Burning with love for Your greater glory.

One day, I saw two roads. One was broad, covered with sand and flowers, full of joy, music and all sorts of pleasures. People walked along it, dancing and enjoying themselves. They reached the end without realizing it. And at the end of the road there was a horrible precipice; that is, the abyss of hell. The souls fell blindly into it; as they walked, so they fell. And their number was so great that it was impossible to count them. And I saw the other road, or rather, a path, for it was narrow and

and all kinds of suffering befell them. Some fell down upon the rocks, but stood up immediately and went on. At the end of the road there was a magnificent garden filled with all sorts of happiness, and all these souls entered there. At the very first instant they forgot all their sufferings.

When I was left alone with the Blessed Virgin, She instructed me concerning the interior life. She said, *The soul's true greatness is in loving God and in humbling oneself in His presence, completely forgetting oneself and believing oneself to be nothing, — because the Lord is great, but He is well-pleased only with the humble, He always opposes the proud.*

Then I saw a soul which was being separated from its body amid great torment. O Jesus, as I am about to write this, I tremble at the sight of the horrible things that bear witness against him.... I saw the souls of little children and those of older ones, about nine years of age, emerging from some kind of a muddy abyss. The souls were foul and disgusting, resembling the most terrible monsters and decaying corpses. But the corpses were living and gave loud testimony against the dying soul. And the soul I saw dying was a soul full of the world's applause and honors, the end of which are emptiness and sin. Finally a woman came out who was holding something like tears in her apron, and she witnessed very strongly against him.

O terrible hour, at which one is obliged to see all one's deeds in their nakedness and misery; not one of them is lost, they will all accompany us to God's judgment. I can find no words or comparisons to express such terrible things. And although it seems to me that this soul is not damned, nevertheless its torments are in no way different from the torments of hell; there is only this difference: that they will someday come to an end.

A certain person whom I have mentioned before visited me again. When I saw that she was beginning to get entangled in her own lies, I let her know that I knew she was lying. She became very embarrassed and stopped speaking. Then I spoke to her about the great judgments of God, and I also remarked that she was leading innocent souls astray and along dangerous roads. I uncovered before her everything that was in her heart. Since I had to overcome my own feelings in order to talk to her, to prove to Jesus that I love my enemies, I gave her my afternoon snack. She went away enlightened in soul, but action is still far away...

When I was attending Mass in a certain church with another sister, I felt the greatness and majesty of God; I felt the church was permeated by God. His majesty enveloped me and, though it terrified me, it filled me with peace and joy. I knew that nothing could oppose His will. Oh, if only all souls knew who is living in our churches, there would not be so many outrages and so much disrespect in these holy places!

Today I heard the words: **In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. I use punishment when they themselves force Me to do so; My hand is reluctant to take hold of the sword of justice. Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy.** I replied, "O my Jesus, speak to souls Yourself, because my words are insignificant."

Today I said to the Lord, "When will You take me to Yourself I've been feeling so ill, and I've been waiting for Your coming with such longing!" Jesus answered me, **Be always ready; I will not leave you in this exile for long.**

When I met with the Lord, I said to Him, "You are fooling me, Jesus; You show me the open gate of heaven, and again You leave me on earth." The Lord said to me, **When, in heaven, you see these present days, you will rejoice and will want to see as many of them as possible. I am not surprised, My daughter, that you cannot understand this now, because your heart is overflowing with pain and longing for Me. Your vigilance pleases Me. Let My word be enough for you; it will not be long now.**

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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Immaculate Conception Novena

Nov. 30th-Dec. 7th

Solemnity:
December 8th



To honor Our Lady and prepare to receive the graces available on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Marians at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy are offering this Novena. The Immaculate Conception was a frequent topic in the homilies and writings of Saint Stanislaus Papczynski, the Founder of the Marians — and this was some two centuries before the dogma would be proclaimed by the Church. He wrote: "I believe everything that the holy Roman Church believes ... but first of all I profess that the Most Holy Mother of God, Mary, was spotless from original sin, from the moment of her conception." Saint Stanislaus recognized that Mary's redemption was the very masterpiece of God's merciful plan for the world. Among all human beings, she alone received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception — a unique privilege derived from God having chosen her as Mother of the Savior.

**To ENROLL your loved one;
follow the link below:**

**[www.shrineofdivinemercury.org/novenas/
immaculate-conception-novena](http://www.shrineofdivinemercury.org/novenas/immaculate-conception-novena)**



December 8th

Feast of the
*Immaculate
Conception*

HOLY DAY

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

No 8 a.m. Mass

**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 1:00-2:00 p.m.



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MOVIE NIGHT

DECEMBER 20, 4 PM

All are welcome and the movie will be shown
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Festive
refreshments
will be served.



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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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Shrine Bulletin Board



Blessed Oil of St. Faustina

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

A suggested donation of \$5.00 which would go to support Shrine Ministries.

Join the Marian Fathers in person or via livestream for the

First Fridays and First Saturdays



Livestream:

First Fridays at 8pm

First Saturdays at 11:45am



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Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Dying

LIVE with Fr. Mark Baron, MIC

Fridays, 3 p.m. EDT



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9:30am - 4:30pm
Find us at:
divinemercurygiftshop.org

There are so many ways
to **GIVE** this
Christmas Season at
the National Shrine of
The Divine Mercy!



Visitation House, Inc.

New this year is an opportunity to support the incredible work being done at the **Visitation House** in Worcester, Massachusetts. It was the vision of newly named Servant of God, Ruth Pakaluk, who recognized the “urgent need to establish a home for pregnant women...to surround them with the culture of life, allowing them to choose life for their babies and themselves”. The Visitation House has helped more than 350 women and children since opening in 2005 by the Worcester Diocese.

If visiting the Shrine you can make a donation to the red box next to our **Advent Giving Tree** in the Shrine Chapel.

If you would like to donate via credit card you can call: **413-298-3931** and speak with the Receptionist.

For more information about the Visitation House and their services please visit <https://www.visitationhouse.org/>

To learn more about Servant of God, Ruth Pakaluk go to: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/267897/vatican-says-sainthood-cause-for-american->



Gunny Bear is all “wrapped up” in the holiday spirit!

Help him provide hope and joy —
and light up Christmas for children in need!

Collection box is located now in the Pilgrim Information Center one floor below the Shrine Church



We are excited to again be hosting our **Annual Advent Giving Tree**. It is a special tradition created to help local children and families in need during the Christmas season. By selecting an ornament from our tree, you can purchase a gift card(s) for that child, and make a real difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

The Advent Giving Tree will be available Sunday, November 30—December 17



MARIANS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Yes, I want to Help!



How to help

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

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

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

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

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

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413-443-2994

Or email:

ljohnson4@integritus1.org

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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