

September 14, 2025
Feast of the Exaltation
of The Holy Cross

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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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

September

- 9/19 Outdoor Stations of The Cross at 10:50am**
• see flyer on page 9 for more information
- 9/20 Polish Day**
• see flyers on pages 10 (English) and 11 (Polish) for more information
- 9/23 Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**
- 9/25 Healing Mass at 7pm**
• see flyer on page 12 for more information
- 9/26 Outdoor Stations of The Cross at 10:50am**
• see flyer on page 9 for more information
- 9/27 Marian Teaching at 11am**
• Speaker and topic TBD

October

- 10/3 Outdoor Stations of The Cross at 10:50am**
• see flyer on page 9 for more information
- First Friday Devotions at 8pm**
• see flyer on page 13 for more information
- 10/4 First Saturday Talk and Devotions at 11am**
• see flyer on page 13 for more information
- 10/6 Commemoration of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska**
• see flyer on page 14 for more information

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

THIS IS A TEMPLE OF THE LORD



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**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

Dear brothers and sisters, today we reflected more deeply on the gift of hope. Like children digging in the earth, we are called to dig beneath the surface of life with curiosity and trust to discover the hidden treasure of God's Kingdom. Among them was the mother of Emperor Constantine, Empress Helena, who, motivated by her humble faith, found Jesus' cross in Jerusalem. Let us imitate her example by rekindling in our hearts the desire to clear away hardness and pride, uncovering the greatest treasure of all: friendship with the Lord Jesus.

from Pope Leo XIV's Jubilee Audience Sept. 6, 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2025/documents/20250906-udienza-giubilare.html>

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

Teachings of the Popes

POPE FRANCIS

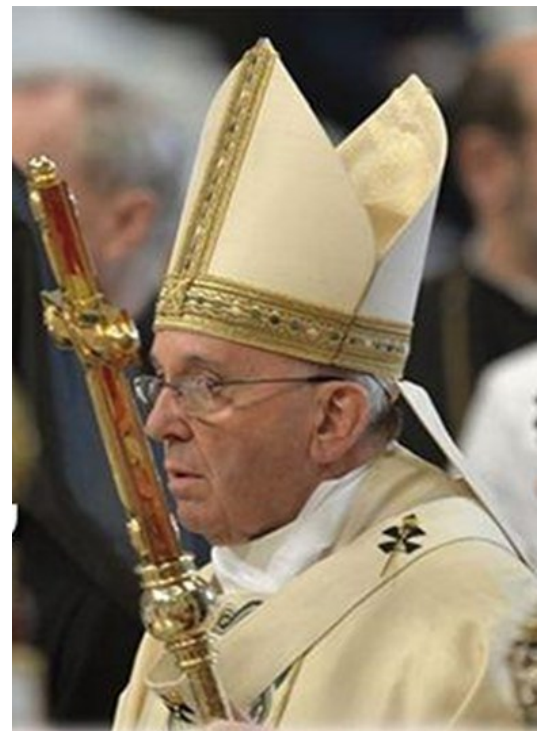
HOMILY ON THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

On 14 September the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Some non-Christian person might ask: why "exalt" the Cross? We can respond that we do not exalt *any* cross whatsoever or *all* crosses: we exalt *the* Cross of Jesus, because in it God's love for humanity was fully revealed. That's what the Gospel of John reminds us of in today's liturgy: "God so loved the world that He gave his only Son" (3:16). The Father "gave" the Son to save us, and this resulted in the death of Jesus, and his death on the Cross. Why? Why was the Cross necessary? Because of the gravity of the evil which enslaved us. The Cross of Jesus expresses both things: all the negative forces of evil, and all of the gentle omnipotence of God's mercy. The Cross would seem to decree Christ's failure, but in reality it signals His victory. On Calvary, those who mocked him said to him, "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross" (cf. Mt 27:40). But the opposite was true: it was precisely because Jesus was the Son of God, that He was there, on the Cross, faithful to the end to the loving plan of the Father. And for this very reason God "exalted" Jesus (Phil 2:9), conferring universal kingship on Him.

When we look to the Cross where Jesus was nailed, we contemplate the sign of love, of the infinite love of God for each of us and the source of our salvation. The mercy of God, which embraces the whole world, springs from the Cross. Through the Cross of Christ the Evil One is overcome, death is defeated, life is given to us, hope is restored. This is important: through the Cross of Christ hope is restored to us. The Cross

of Jesus is our one true hope! That is why the Church “exalts” the Holy Cross, and, why we Christians bless ourselves with the sign of the cross. That is, we don’t exalt crosses, but the glorious Cross of Christ, the sign of God’s immense love, the sign of our salvation and path toward the Resurrection. This is our hope.



While we contemplate and celebrate the Holy Cross, we think with emotion of so many of our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted and killed because of their faith in Christ. This happens especially wherever religious freedom is still not guaranteed or fully realized. It happens, however, even in countries and areas which, in principle, protect freedom and human rights but where, in practice, believers, and especially Christians, encounter restrictions and discrimination. So today we remember them and pray for them in a special way.

On Calvary, there at the foot of the Cross, was the Virgin Mary (cf. Jn 19:25-27). She is Our Lady of Sorrows, whom we shall celebrate tomorrow in the liturgy. To her I entrust the present and the future of the Church, so that we may all always be able to discover and welcome the message of love and salvation of the Cross of Christ. In particular I entrust to her the newlywed couples whom I had the joy of joining in matrimony this morning, in St Peter’s Basilica.

Picture of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV from *New Pope, New Hope for the Pro-Life Movement* on marian.org:

<https://marian.org/articles/new-pope-new-hope-pro-life-movement>

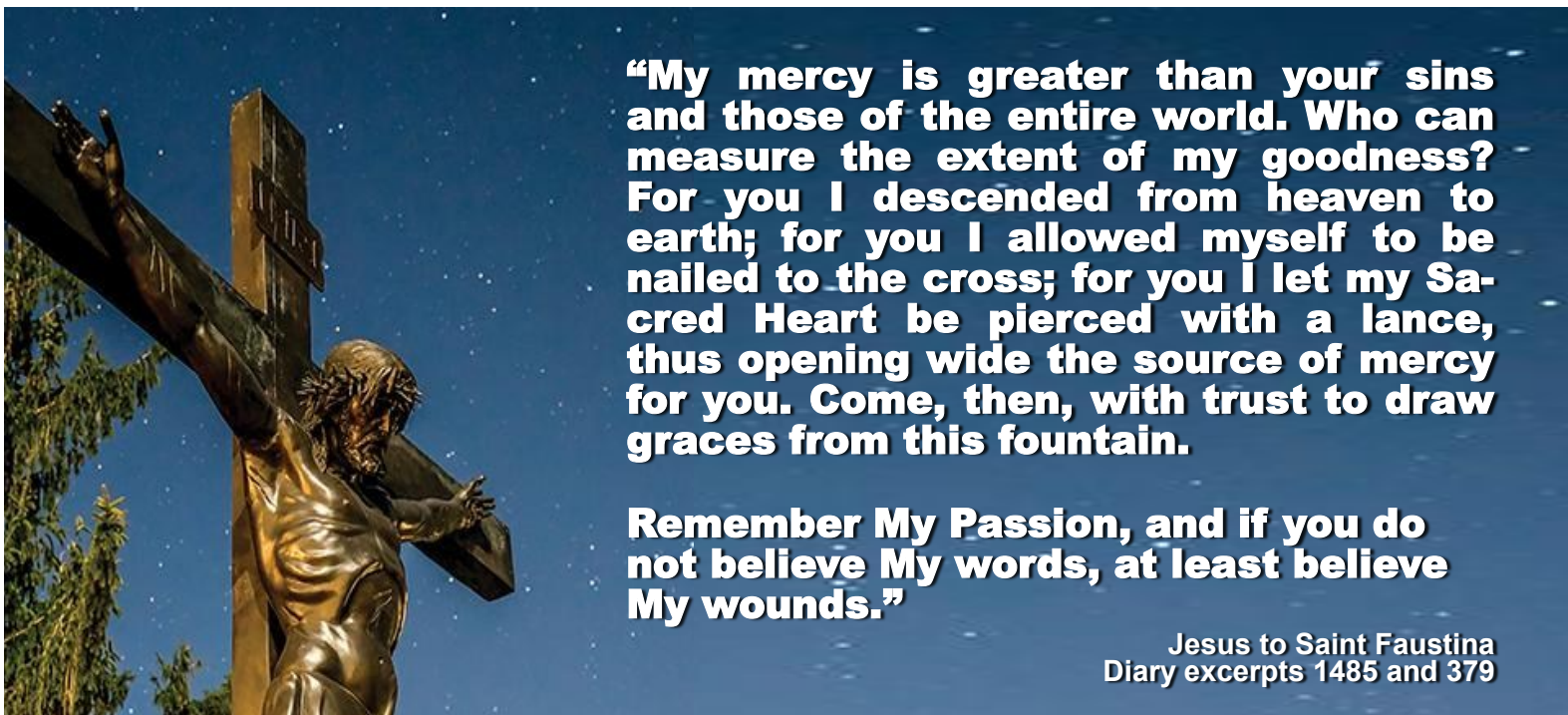
Quote from His Holiness Pope Leo XIV ‘s Message to the Jubilee Audience on September 6, 2025

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2025/documents/20250906-udienza-giubilare.html>

Homily given by His Holiness Pope Francis on September 14, 2015

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2014/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20140914.html

Picture of Pope Francis from *Pope Francis’ Divine Mercy Sunday Homily* on thedivinemercury.org:



“My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of my goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain.

Remember My Passion, and if you do not believe My words, at least believe My wounds.”

Jesus to Saint Faustina
Diary excerpts 1485 and 379

Picture from *Exaltation, then Sorrows? Here’s why they go together.* on thedivinemercury.org: <https://www.the-divine-mercy.org/articles/exaltation-then-sorrows-heres-why-they-go-together>



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

“O Savior of the world, Lover of man’s salvation, who in such terrible torment and pain forget Yourself to think only of the salvation of souls...”

God, You could have saved thousands of worlds with one word; a single sigh from Jesus would have satisfied Your justice. But You Yourself, Jesus, purely out of love for us, underwent such a terrible Passion. Your Father’s justice would have been propitiated with a single sigh from You, and all Your self-abasement is solely the work of Your mercy and Your inconceivable love. On leaving the earth, O Lord, You wanted to stay with us, and so You left us Yourself in the Sacrament of the Altar, and You opened wide Your mercy to us. There is no misery that could exhaust You; You have called us all to this fountain of love, to this spring of God’s compassion. Here is the tabernacle of Your mercy, here is the remedy for all our ills. To You, O living spring of mercy, all souls are drawn; some like deer, thirsting for Your love, others to wash the wound of their sins, and still others, exhausted by life, to draw strength. At the moment of Your death on the Cross, You bestowed upon us eternal life; allowing Your most holy side to be opened, You opened an inexhaustible spring of mercy for us, giving us Your dearest possession, the Blood and Water from Your Heart. Such is the omnipotence of Your mercy. From it all grace flows to us.

In the evening, I saw the Lord Jesus upon the cross. From His hands, feet and side, the Most Sacred Blood was flowing. After some time, Jesus said to me, **All this is for the salvation of souls. Consider well, My daughter, what you are doing for their salvation.** I answered, “Jesus, when I look at Your suffering, I see that I am doing next to nothing for the salvation of souls.” And the Lord said to me, **Know, My daughter, that your silent day-to-day martyrdom in complete submission to My will ushers many souls into heaven. And when it seems to you that your suffering exceeds your strength, contemplate My wounds, and you will rise above human scorn and judgment. Meditation on My Passion will help you rise above all things.** I understood many things I had been unable to comprehend before.

O my Jesus, have mercy, sorrowful was Your life on this earth,
And in terrible torment Your work came to an end,
Hanging stretched out on the wood of the Cross,
And all this for the love of our souls.

My daughter, consider the life of God which is found in the Church for the salvation and the sanctification of your soul. Consider the use that you make of these treasures of grace, of these efforts of My love.

96 Jesus looked at me and said, Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near.

Today I heard a voice in my soul: **Oh, if sinners knew My mercy, they would not perish in such great numbers. Tell sinful souls not to be afraid to approach Me; speak to them of My great mercy.**

The Lord said to me, **The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.**

When the clock struck twelve, my soul immersed itself more deeply in recollection, and I heard a voice in my soul: **Do not fear, My little child, you are not alone. Fight bravely, because My arm is supporting you; fight for the salvation of souls, exhorting them to trust in My mercy, as that is your task in this life and in the life to come.** After these words, I received a deeper understanding of divine mercy. Only that soul who wants it will be damned, for God condemns no one.

Today I saw the Crucified Lord Jesus. Precious pearls and diamonds were pouring forth from the wound in His Heart. I saw how a multitude of souls was gathering these gifts, but there was one soul who was closest to His Heart and she, knowing the greatness of these gifts, was gathering them with liberality, not only for herself, but for others as well. The Savior said to me, **Behold, the treasures of grace that flow down upon souls, but not all souls know how to take advantage of My generosity.**

I have come to know that, in order for God to act in a soul, it must give up acting on its own; otherwise, God will not carry out His will in it.

+ Oh, if only the suffering soul knew how it is loved by God, it would die of joy and excess of happiness! Some day, we will know the value of suffering, but then we will no longer be able to suffer. The present moment is ours.

Prayer. O Jesus, stretched out upon the cross, I implore You, give me the grace of doing faithfully the most holy will of Your Father, in all things, always and everywhere. And when this will of God will seem to me very harsh and difficult to fulfill, it is then I beg You, Jesus, may power and strength flow upon me from Your wounds, and may my lips keep repeating, "Your will be done, O Lord." O Savior of the world, Lover of man's salvation, who in such terrible torment and pain forget Yourself to think only of the salvation of souls, O most compassionate Jesus, grant me the grace to forget myself that I may live totally for souls, helping You in the work of salvation, according to the most holy will of Your Father....

Jesus: **Listen, My child, to what I desire to tell you. Come close to My wounds and draw from the Fountain of Life whatever your heart desires. Drink copiously from the Fountain of Life and you will not weary on your journey. Look at the splendors of My mercy and do not fear the enemies of your salvation. Glorify My mercy.**

O inconceivable goodness of God, which shields us at every step, may Your mercy be praised without cease. That You became a brother to humans, not to angels, is a miracle of the unfathomable mystery of Your mercy. All our trust is in You, our first-born Brother, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. My heart flutters with joy to see how good God is to us wretched and ungrateful people. And as a proof of His love, He gives us the incomprehensible gift of Himself in the person of His Son. Throughout all eternity we shall never exhaust that mystery of love. O mankind, why do you think so little about God being truly among us? O Lamb of God, I do not know what to admire in You first: Your gentleness, Your hidden life, the emptying of Yourself for the sake of man, or the constant miracle of Your mercy, which transforms souls and raises them up to eternal life. Although You are hidden in this way, Your omnipotence is more manifest here than in the creation of man. Though the omnipotence of Your mercy is at work in the justification of the sinner, yet Your action is gentle and hidden.

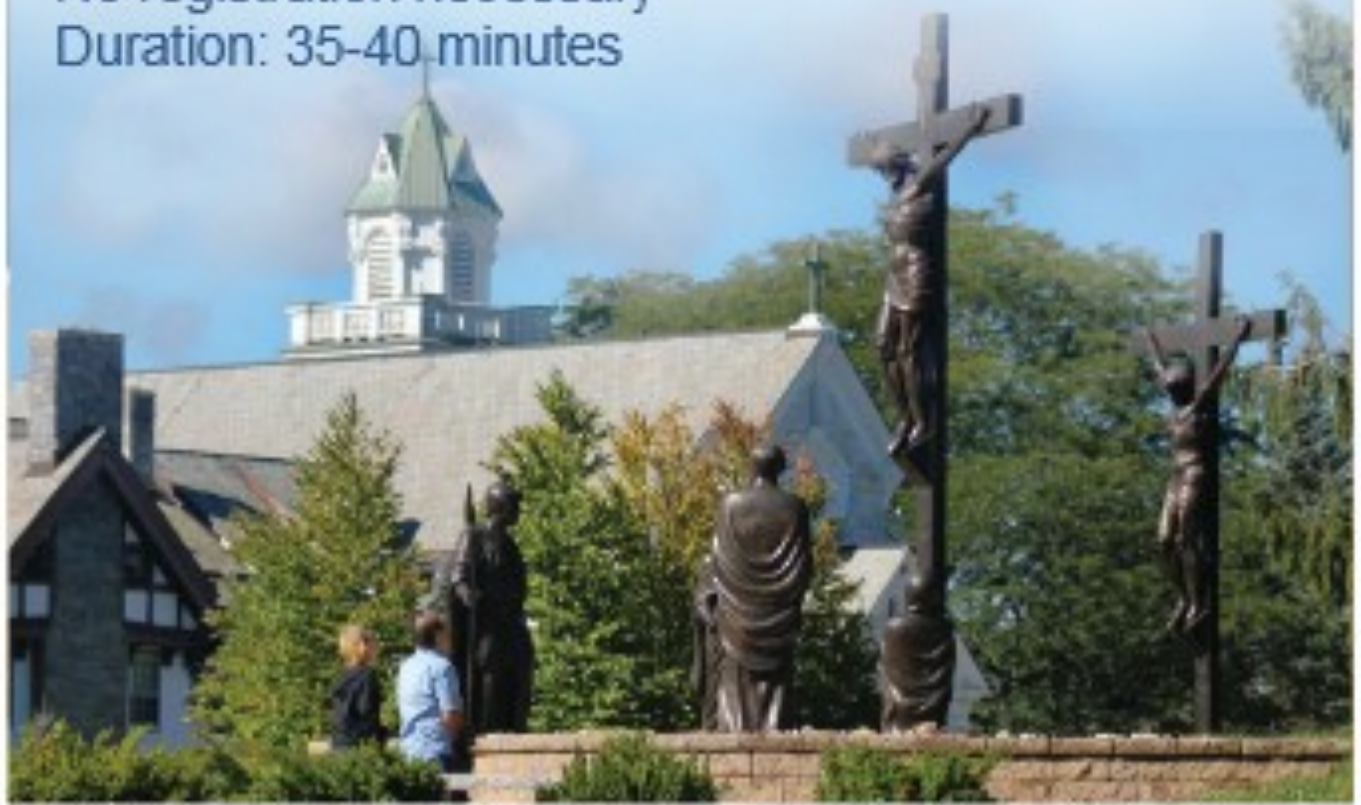
Today,²⁵⁴ I saw the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the sky, in the midst of a great brilliance. The rays were issuing from the Wound [in His side] and spreading out over the entire world.

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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POLISH DAY

Saturday, September 20, 2025



1:00 p.m.

**Adoration, Rosary (in Polish),
Confessions (inside the Shrine)**

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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DZIEŃ POLSKI

Sobota, 20 września 2025



13:00

**Adoracja, Różaniec (po polsku)
Spowiedź (w Sanktuarium Miłosierdzia Bożego)**

14:00

Msza Święta w języku polskim i angielskim
(Msza Św. o godz. 14:00 nie spełnia obowiązku niedzielnego)

15:00

Po Mszy Św.:

- **Koronka do Miłosierdzia Bożego (po polsku)**
- **Poświęcenie artykułów religijnych**
- **Droga krzyżowa (po polsku)**

Sklepek z artykułami religijnymi

Przed przyjazdem pielgrzymki autokarem i grupy od 15 osób prosimy o zarejestrowanie się w Sanktuarium:

ShrineofDivineMercy.org

**Wszelkie pytania prosimy kierować pod:
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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

March 27th

Celebrant: Fr. Michael Callea, MIC
Musicians: Fablen & Melvia Salomen

May 29th

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC
Musician: Joe Lamothe

June 26th

Celebrant: Fr. Tyler Mentzer, MIC
Musician: Alan Besseze

July 31st

Celebrant: Fr. Ray Introvigne
Musician: Joe Lamothe

Aug. 28th

Celebrant: Marian Priest
Musician: Alan Besseze

Sept. 25th

Celebrant: Fr. Tom Reilly
Musician: Alan Besseze

Oct. 30th

Celebrant: Fr. David Gunter, MIC
Musician: Joe Lamothe



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 WBBB 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 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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Commemoration of **St. Maria Faustina Kowalska**

MONDAY, OCT. 6

**Votive Mass in
commemoration of
St. Faustina at 2 p.m.**

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

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

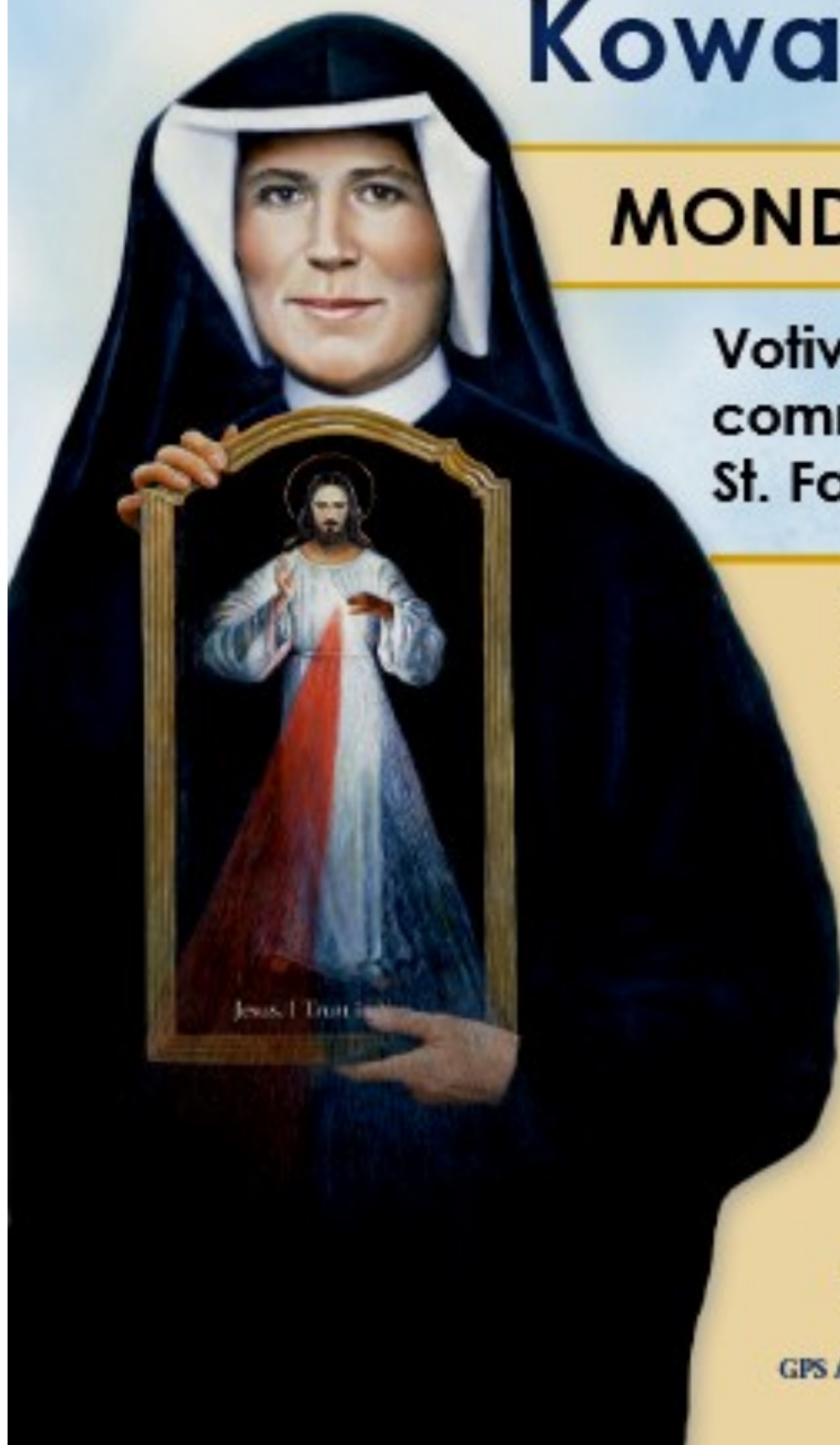
3:00 p.m. Hour of Great Mercy:

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Benediction
- Blessing of Religious Articles
- Blessing with a Relic
of St. Faustina

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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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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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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