

September 21, 2025  
Twenty-Fifth 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

### September

- 9/25 Healing Mass at 7pm**  
• see flyer on page 10 for more information
- 9/26 Outdoor Stations of The Cross at 10:50am**  
• see flyer on page 9 for more information
- St. Faustina Novena Begins**  
• see flyer on page 11 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 12 for more information
- 10/4 First Saturday Talk and Devotions at 11am**  
• see flyer on page 12 for more information
- 10/6 Commemoration of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska**  
• see flyer on page 13 for more information
- Special Talk with Fr. Chris Alar at 11am**
- 10/7 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

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





*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 BENEDICT XVI**

#### **ANGELUS ADDRESS- SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

Dear brothers and sisters, I know that you have prepared for my Visit today with an intense spiritual itinerary, adopting a very important verse of John's First Letter as your motto: "We know and believe the love God has for us" (4: 16). *Deus caritas est*, God is love: [my first Encyclical](#) begins with these words that concern the core of our faith: the Christian image of God and the consequent image of man and his journey. I rejoice that you have chosen these very words to guide you on the spiritual and pastoral journey of the Diocese: "We know and believe the love God has for us". We have believed in love: this is the essence of Christianity. Therefore, our liturgical assembly today must focus on this essential truth, on the love of God, capable of impressing an absolutely new orientation and value on human life. Love is the essence of Christianity, which makes the believer and the Christian community a leaven of hope and peace in every environment and especially attentive to the needs of the poor and needy. This is our common mission: to be a leaven of hope and peace because we believe in love. Love makes the Church live, and since it is eternal it makes her live for ever, to the end of time.

Last Sunday, St Luke the Evangelist, who was more concerned than others to show Jesus' love for the poor, offered us various ideas for reflection on the danger of an excessive attachment to money, to material goods and to all that prevents us from living to the full our vocation to love God and neighbour. Today too, through a parable that inspires in us a certain surprise since it speaks of a dishonest steward who is praised (cf. Lk 16:1-3), a close look reveals that here the Lord has reserved a serious and particularly salutary teaching for us. As always, the Lord draws inspiration from the events of daily life: he tells of a steward who is on the point of being dismissed for management of his master's affairs and who, to assure a future for himself, cunningly seeks to come to an arrangement with his master's debtors. He is undoubtedly dishonest but clever: the Gospel does not present him to us as a model to follow in his dishonesty, but rather as an example to be imitated for his farsighted guile. The short parable ends, in fact, with these words: "The master commended the dishonest steward for his prudence" (Lk 16:8).

But what does Jesus wish to tell us with this parable? And with its surprising conclusion? The Evangelist follows the parable of the dishonest steward with a short series of sayings

and recommendations on the relationship we must have with money and the goods of this earth. These short sentences are an invitation to a choice that presupposes a radical decision, a constant inner tension. Life is truly always a choice: between honesty and dishonesty, between fidelity and infidelity, between selfishness and altruism, between good and evil. The conclusion of this Gospel passage is incisive and peremptory: "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other". Ultimately, Jesus says, "You cannot serve God and mammon" (Lk 16: 13). *Mammon* is a term of Phoenician origin that calls to mind economic security and success in business; we might say that riches are shown as the idol to which everything is sacrificed in order to attain one's own material success; hence, this economic success becomes a person's true god. As a result, it is necessary to make a fundamental decision between God and mammon, it is necessary to choose between the logic of profit as the ultimate criterion for our action, and the logic of sharing and solidarity. If the logic of profit prevails, it widens the gap between the poor and the rich, as well as increasing the ruinous exploitation of the planet. On the other hand, when the logic of sharing and solidarity prevails, it is possible to correct the course and direct it to a fair development for the common good of all. Basically, it is a matter of choosing between selfishness and love, between justice and dishonesty and ultimately, between God and Satan. If loving Christ and one's brethren is not to be considered as something incidental and superficial but, rather, the true and ultimate purpose of our whole existence, it will be necessary to know how to make basic choices, to be prepared to make radical renuncements, if necessary even to the point of martyrdom. Today, as yesterday, Christian life demands the courage to go against the tide, to love like Jesus, who even went so far as to sacrifice himself on the Cross.



We could then say, paraphrasing one of St Augustine's thoughts, that through earthly riches we must procure for ourselves those true and eternal riches: indeed, if people exist who are prepared to resort to every type of dishonesty to assure themselves an always unpredictable material well-being, how much more concerned we Christians must be to provide for our eternal happiness with the goods of this earth (cf. *Discourses*, 359, 10). Now, the only way of bringing our personal talents and abilities and the riches we possess to fruition for eternity is to share them with our brethren, thereby showing that we are good stewards of what God entrusts to us. Jesus said: "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much" (Lk 16: 10).

Today, in the First Reading, the Prophet Amos speaks of the same fundamental decision to be made day by day. Using strong words, he stigmatizes a lifestyle typical of those who allow themselves to be absorbed by a selfish quest for profit in every possible form and which is expressed in the thirst for gain, contempt for the poor and their exploitation, to one's own advantage (cf. Am 8: 5). The Christian must energetically reject all this, opening his heart on the contrary to sentiments of authentic generosity. It must be generosity which, as the Apostle Paul exhorts in the Second Reading, is expressed in sincere love for all and is manifested in prayer. Actually, praying for others is a great act of charity. The Apostle invites us in the first place to pray for those who have tasks of responsibility in the civil community because, he explains, if they aspire to do good, positive consequences derive from their decisions, assuring peace and "a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way" (1 Tm 2: 2). Thus, may our prayer never be lacking, a spiritual contribution to building an Ecclesial Community that is faithful to Christ and to the construction of a society in which there is greater justice and solidarity.

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>  
Excerpt from Homily given by Pope Benedict XVI September 23, 2007  
[https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/homilies/2007/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_hom\\_20070923\\_velletri.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/homilies/2007/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20070923_velletri.html)  
Picture of Pope Benedict XVI from **Pope Benedict XVI's Top 10 Mercy Quotes:**  
<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/pope-benedict-xvis-top-10-mercy-quotes>



## 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.

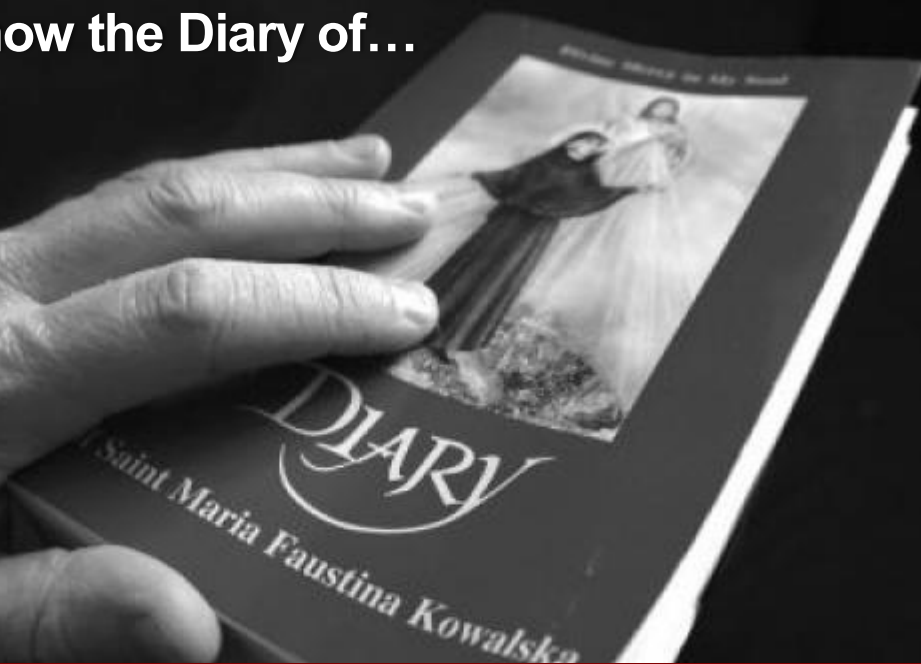


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Get to know the Diary of...



Saint Faustina

**“VIRTUE WITHOUT PRUDENCE IS NOT VIRTUE AT ALL...  
AND IT IS ONLY LOVE WHICH LENDS VALUE TO OUR ACTIONS”**

+ Virtue without prudence is not virtue at all. We should often pray to the Holy Spirit for this grace of prudence. Prudence consists in discretion, rational reflection and courageous resolution. The final decision is always up to us. We must decide; we can and we ought to seek advice and light...

During Holy Hour today, I asked the Lord Jesus if He would deign to teach me about the spiritual life, Jesus answered me, **My daughter, faithfully live up to the words which I speak to you. Do not value any external thing too highly, even if it were to seem very precious to you. Let go of yourself, and abide with Me continually. Entrust everything to Me and do nothing on your own, and you will always have great freedom of spirit. No circumstances or events will ever be able to upset you. Set little store on what people say. Let everyone judge you as they like. Do not make excuses for yourself, — it will do you no harm. Give away everything at the first sign of a demand, even if they were the most necessary things. Do not ask for anything without consulting Me. Allow them to take away even what is due you — respect, your good name — let your spirit rise above all that. And so, set free from everything, rest close to My Heart, not allowing your peace to be disturbed by anything. My pupil, consider the words which I have spoken to you.**

O Jesus, my only solace! How frightful is this exile! How terrible this wilderness I have to cross! My soul is struggling through a terrible thicket of all kinds of difficulties. If You Yourself did not support me, Lord, there would be no thought of my moving forward.

O eternal and incomprehensible Love, I beg You for one grace: enlighten my mind with light from on high; help me to know and appreciate all things according to their value. I feel the greatest joy in my soul when I come to know the truth.

Oh, how sweet it is to have in the depth of one's soul that which the Church tells us we must believe. When my soul is immersed in love, I solve the most intricate questions clearly and quickly. Only love is able to cross over precipices and mountain peaks. Love, once again, love.

O my Jesus, midst the dangers which surround me,  
I go through life with a cry of joy, my head raised proudly,  
Because against Your Heart so filled with love, O Jesus,  
All enemies will be crushed, all darkness dispelled.

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?

Once, the Lord said to me, **My daughter, take the graces that others spurn; take as many as you can carry.** At that moment, my soul was inundated with the love of God. I feel that I am united with the Lord so closely that I cannot find words to express that union; in this state I suddenly feel that all the things God has, all the goods and treasures, are mine, although I set little store by them, for He alone is enough for me. In Him I see my everything; without Him — nothing.

I look for no happiness beyond my own interior where God dwells. I rejoice that God dwells within me; here I abide with Him unendingly; it is here that my greatest intimacy with Him exists; here I dwell with Him in safety; here is a place not probed by the human eye. The Blessed Virgin encourages me to commune with God in this way.

Love is a mystery that transforms everything it touches into things beautiful and pleasing to God. The love of God makes a soul free. She is like a queen; she knows no slavish compulsion; she sets about everything with great freedom of soul, because the love which dwells in her incites her to action.

Jesus, You yourself have deigned to lay the foundations of my sanctity, as my cooperation has not amounted to much. You have taught me to set no store on the use and choice of created things, because my heart is, of itself, so weak. And this is why I have asked You, O my Master, to take no heed of the pain of my heart, but to cut away whatever might hold me back from the path of love. I did not understand You, Lord, in times of sorrow, when You were effecting Your work in my soul; but today I understand You and rejoice in my freedom of spirit. Jesus himself has seen to it that my heart has not been caught in the snares of any passion. I have come to know well from what dangers He has delivered me, and therefore my gratitude to my God knows no bounds.

My Jesus, penetrate me through and through so that I might be able to reflect You in my whole life. Divinize me so that my deeds may have supernatural value

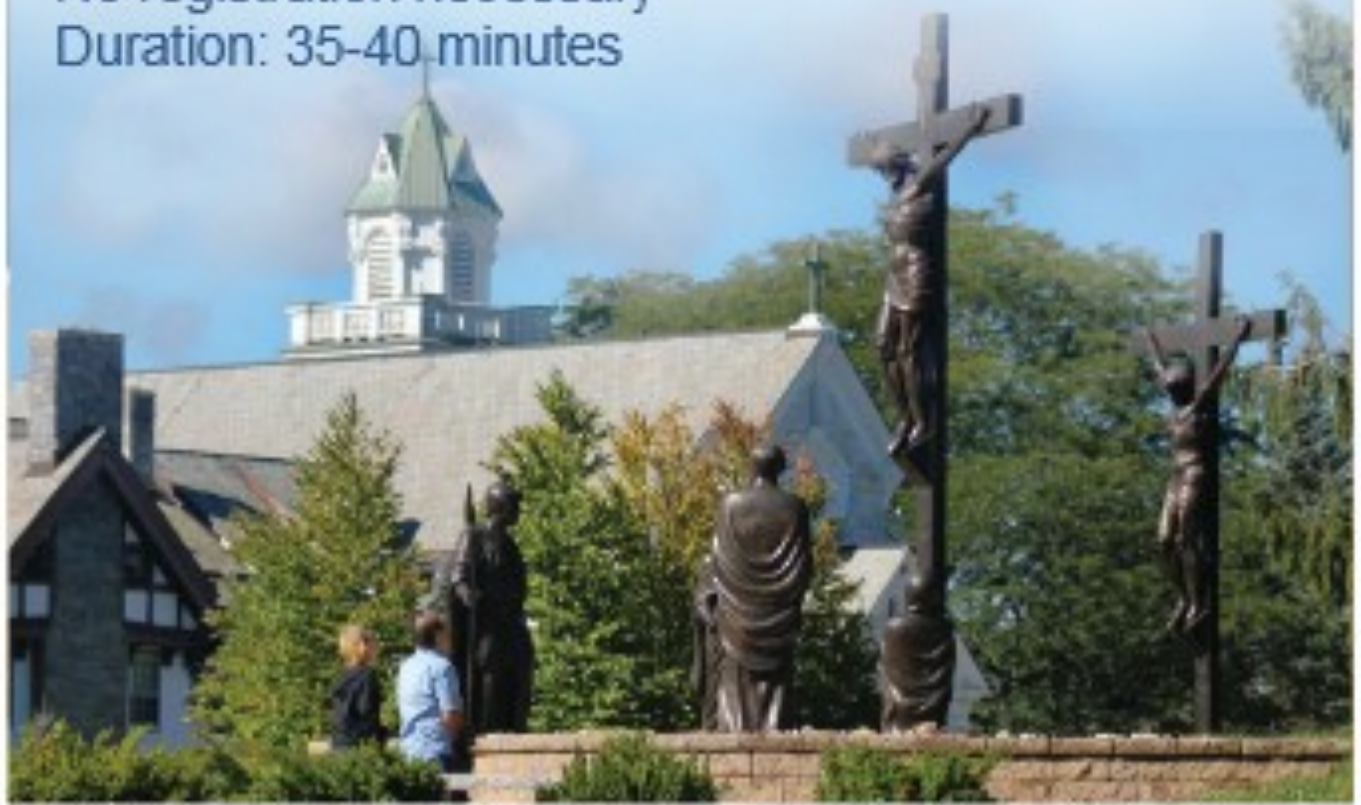
Once, I suddenly saw Jesus in great majesty, and He spoke these words to me: **My daughter, if you wish, I will this instant create a new world, more beautiful than this one, and you will live there for the rest of your life.** I answered, “I don’t want any worlds. I want You, Jesus. I want to love You, with the same love that You have for me. I beg You for only one thing: to make my heart capable of loving you. I am very much surprised at Your offer, my Jesus; what are those worlds to me? Even if You gave me a thousand of them, what are they to me? You know very well, Jesus, that my heart is dying of longing for You. Everything that is not You is nothing to me.” — At that moment, I could no longer see anything, but a strange force took over my soul, a strange fire sprang up in my heart, and I entered into a kind of agony for Him. Then I heard these words: **With no other soul do I unite myself as closely and in such a way as I do with you, and this because of the deep humility and ardent love which you have for Me.**

# Guided Outdoor *Stations of the Cross*

Led by the Marians  
every Friday



Meet in front of the National Shrine at 10:50 a.m.  
(weather permitting)  
No registration necessary  
Duration: 35-40 minutes



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# THE MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

*invites you to a*

# Healing Mass

ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF  
EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.  
NATIONAL SHRINE OF  
THE DIVINE MERCY

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**July 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Celebrant: Fr. Ray Introvigne*  
*Musician: Joe Lamothe*

**Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Celebrant: Marian Priest*  
*Musician: Alan Besseze*

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Celebrant: Fr. Tom Reilly*  
*Musician: Alan Besseze*

**Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>**

*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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# **Novena to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska**

**September 26 - October 5**

Affectionately known as "The Divine Mercy Saint" and dubbed by Pope John Paul II as "The Great Apostle of Divine Mercy," St. Faustina was a simple Polish nun with only a few years of education. Yet, her Diary has been counted among the greatest literary works of mysticism. In the Diary, St. Faustina recorded revelations from our Lord for the whole world — calling everyone to turn with trust to His mercy. She was declared a saint on Divine Mercy Sunday 2000, the feast day which our Lord described to her decades earlier.

The Marians have been promoters of the authentic Divine Mercy message since 1941. They are pleased to invite you to participate in this Novena. Send your special intentions to be remembered in this Novena to St. Faustina.

To Enroll your loved one; follow the link below:

**<https://www.shrineofdivinemeracy.org/novenas/st-faustina-novena>**

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

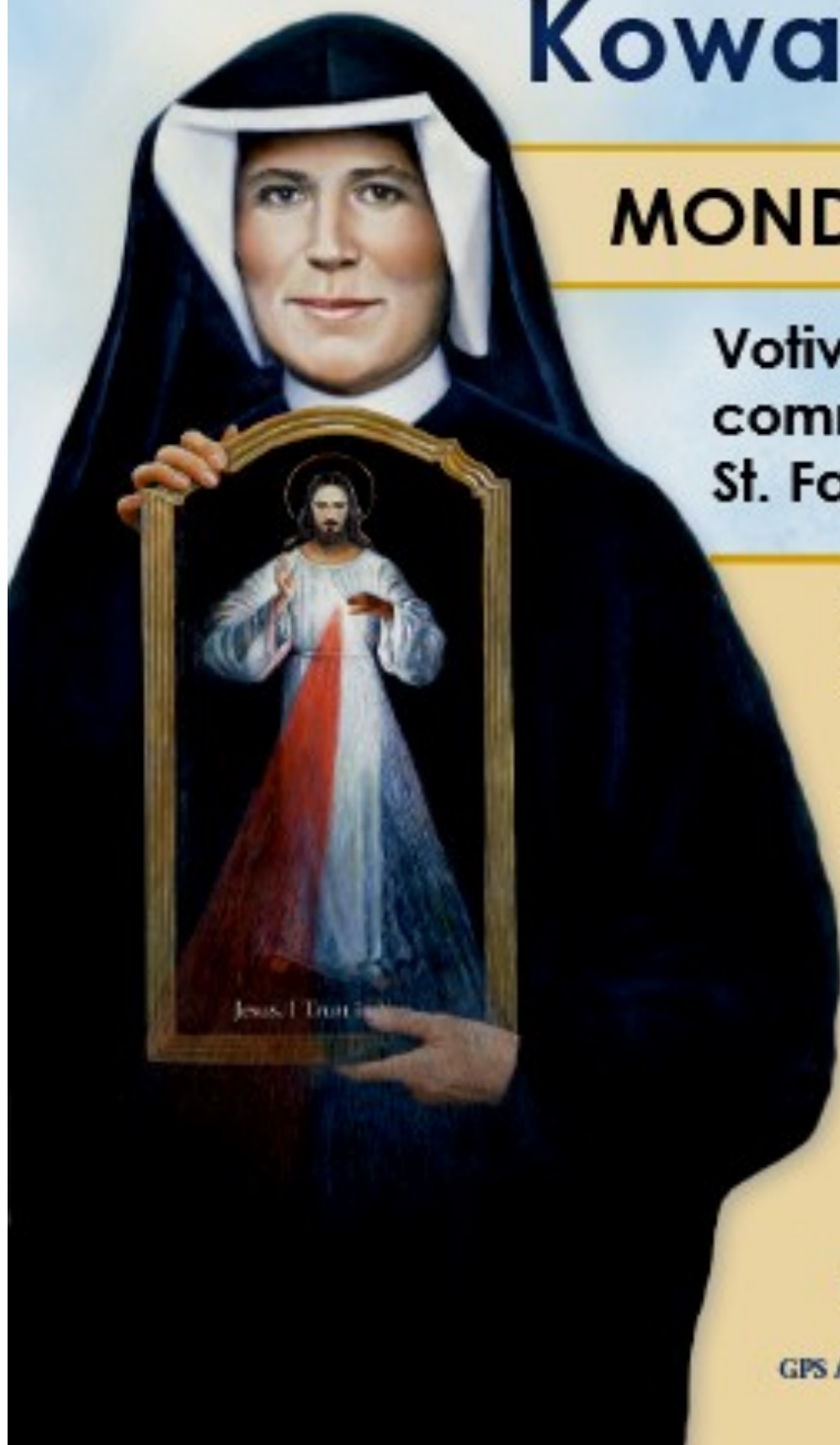
3:00 p.m. Hour of Great Mercy:

- 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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9:30am - 4:30pm  
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*Yes, I want to Help!*



## *How to help*

Please visit [www.marian.org/ukraine/](http://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](mailto: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>

## Embrace Life! Be A Hospice Volunteer.

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A contagious passion for just about anything?

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Please contact Lori Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, at

**413-443-2994**

Or email:

***[ljohnson4@integritus1.org](mailto:ljohnson4@integritus1.org)***

Visit their website for more information:

**<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>

# 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