

## Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday Saint Charles Borromeo Church, April 16, 2023

10am Morning Mass

12Noon –Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

2:00-3:00pm – The Sacrament of Penance

3:00pm – Devotions (Chaplet and Litany) and Benediction

4:00pm- Evening Mass

The Vatican Apostolic Penitentiary Decree entitled, "Indulgences attached to devotions in honor of Divine Mercy" also grants an indulgence to those who fulfill the specific requirements 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

These graces are separate from the special graces Jesus describes to St. Faustina in her private revelation.

To gain the Plenary Indulgence:

- 1) Approach this day with a spirit "completely detached from the affection for a sin," both mortal and venial.
- 2) Go to Confession (on Divine Mercy Sunday, or up to 20 days after)
- 3) Receive Holy Communion (on Divine Mercy Sunday, or up to 20 days after)
- 4) Pray for the Intentions of the Pope (*Our Father, Hail Mary* on Divine Mercy Sunday, or up to 20 days after)

You are encouraged to participate in Mass and devotional services honoring the Divine Mercy in any church or chapel in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Church also allows the ill or homebound who cannot attend church to obtain this Indulgence. "If it is impossible that people do even this," the decree continues, "on the same day they may obtain the Plenary Indulgence if with a spiritual intention they are united with those carrying out the prescribed practice for obtaining the Indulgence in the usual way and offer to the Merciful Lord a prayer and the sufferings of their illness and the difficulties of their lives, with the resolution to accomplish as soon as possible the three conditions prescribed to obtain the plenary indulgence." One may fulfill the three usual conditions as described above as soon as possible, along with reciting an *Our Father, Hail Mary, Creed, and prayer to the Merciful Jesus* (that is, "Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!")