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*April 7, 2024
Sunday of Divine Mercy*

Divine Mercy Sunday



Jesus I Trust In You

The Second Sunday of Easter or the Sunday of Divine Mercy
Sunday, April 7, 2024
Regular Mass of Masses at our Partnering Parishes

Plus

Special Devotions at St. Charles Borromeo Church:

12Noon Exposition and Adoration

2:00-3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany of Divine Mercy and Benediction

4:00pm Mass



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Tuesday and Thursday-
10:00AM-3:00PM

Sunday -10:00AM-12Noon

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Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

Say the Word

- “Happiness makes you healthy!” - and live longer - but what defines it?
- What we're searching for isn't something we're going to find in the world.
- It's hard for me to stay at the place of asking. I want to jump right into the answers!
- What do you seek? The fulfillment of Life's journey...following God's path through the Holy Spirit.

These were some of the take-aways from the first Session of the **The Search**, offered this winter. Participants included parishioners from Sacred Heart and St. Charles, PREP parents, those involved and uninvolved in other aspects of the parishes. After seven weeks of asking questions, viewing inspiring and thought-provoking videos, and building bonds through sharing our reflections, here are some of the concluding thoughts.

- For a Christian, joy isn't what happens when life is going perfectly. It happens when you know you are loved perfectly, even when life is a mess.
- This experience has helped me to look at myself and make some big decisions. [It] also helped me to get to know other people.
- We can't fulfill our destiny by ourselves. We are made by relationship for relationship. At Mass we encounter Jesus for our bodies and spiritual souls - our full experience in relationship with God.
- Awe + wonder...of God's creation and His love for humanity (and me!)

Would you like to walk on this journey into life's biggest questions? Do you know someone you could invite? We'll be offering **The Search** this Easter Season on Thursday mornings from 10:30-12noon, April 11 - May 23. More information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/thesearch-scb/home> or by calling the parish offices.

Prayers for PREP

Merciful Heart of Jesus, You desire each person to come to You and trust in You. Please help many in our parishes and larger community ask the big questions of life, so that they can truly live and not just exist. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 6– Saturday within the Octave of Easter (First Saturday)

8:30AM– Theresa Newcomb
5:30PM—Louis Pontarelli

Sunday, March April 7-Sunday of Divine Mercy

10AM—Thomas and Jennie Hughes
4:00PM –Sandi Zamonski (20th Anniversary)

Thursday, April 11– Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

8:30AM-Jo Ann Archer

Friday, April 12– Easter Weekday

8:30AM– Sister Eileen Marie Laird, PVMJ

Saturday, April 13-Easter Weekday

8:30AM—The Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish
5:30PM—Mary and Edward Boyle

Sunday, April 14—Third Sunday of Easter

10AM—Eleanor Cantalupi
4:00PM—Grace Mc Kenna

Please pray for the following people for whom Sanctuary and Saint Anne’s Chapel candles are burning the week of:



April 7—April 13
Church
Rev. Dennis Boyle
Mary and Edward Boyle
Chapel

PARTNERING PARISHES OF SACRED HEART AND ST. CHARLES BORROMEO MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

SACRED HEART

4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass ~ 7:30 AM Mass

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass ~ 10:00 AM Mass ~ 4:00 PM Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

SACRED HEART

8:30 AM Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

8:30 AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

7:00 PM Vigil Mass

8:30 AM Morning Mass

SACRED HEART

12:00 Noon Mass

7:00 PM Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SACRED HEART

3:00—3:45 PM—Before Saturday Vigil Mass

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO

4:30-5:15 PM—Before Saturday Vigil Mass

6:30—7:30 PM—Thursday before First Friday

9:15-10:00— On First Saturday (barring a funeral)

FIRST FRIDAY AT ST. CHARLES

8:30AM—Mass

7:00-8:00PM—Holy Hour of Reparation

FIRST SATURDAY AT ST. CHARLES

8:30AM Morning Mass

Exposition, Devotions, Confession and Benediction

Flame of Love Holy Hour - Join us on Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 in Saint Charles Borromeo Church as we pray for the Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Are you being asked to be Sponsor and need a Letter of Sponsorship?

Make sure you are an Active Parishioner.

To receive a letter of Sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation from the Pastor, one has to be an active parishioner of this parish for at least six months, be of age, received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist), and if married, be in a valid Roman Catholic Church recognized marriage.

The Partnering Parishes of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Drexel Hill, and Sacred Heart Church, Clifton Heights, defines an “active/participating parishioner” as one who is registered and worshipping at this parish on a regular (“weekly”) basis; and who supports the parish with their time, talent and treasure.

Mass Celebrants for April 6 and April 7, 2024 (Subject to Change)

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Vigil-Fr. Barron, SJ

7:30AM-Fr. Stenson

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Vigil-Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM –Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM-Fr. Stenson

Mass Celebrants for April 13 and April 14, 2024 (Subject to Change)

Sacred Heart

4:00PM Vigil-Fr. Anderson

7:30AM-Msgr. Majoros

St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Vigil—Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM –Fr. Stenson

4:00PM-Fr. Stenson

DIVINE MERCY IN ACTION—Everyone loves hearing stories of miracles. Whether it's a young child being cured of a terrible disease or an older person somehow recovering from the point of death, or a person somehow surviving a terrible disaster, we all look to the story for a hint or a whisper of God's intervention for that person.

The background of Divine Mercy has often been used by God to intercede and perform miracles for people. God's mercy has manifested itself through history and the life of the Church. Untold numbers of miracles have happened, and many have been recorded. What we now define as Divine Mercy is a modern demonstration of this love of God for His people in a recognizable form of mercy that has been offered to us through a revelation by Jesus through his visit to a Polish nun back in the 1930s. The nun, Sister Faustina, recorded these revelations in a diary. She described herself as Jesus' secretary and the message that she wrote down as the message of Divine Mercy.

The Diary lists three tasks Jesus asked of Sister Faustina that included first, reminding people of the truth of our faith as found in scriptures about the merciful love of God for every human being. Second, praying for God's mercy for everyone especially those caught in the web of sin. Our prayers should be reflected in new forms of devotions such as the veneration of the image of Divine Mercy when it is displayed at Church on the first Sunday after Easter and by saying the Divine Mercy chaplet. Third, initiate the Apostolic Movement of the Divine Mercy in actions and behaviors which proclaims God's mercy for the world.

All who wish to follow Jesus by living Divine Mercy, were encouraged in the Diary to adopt a childlike attitude of trust in Jesus and always show mercy to his or her neighbor. The Dairy reminds us that if we turn to God in our suffering and sin and pray for his help and forgiveness, God's love for us will always be given through His mercy. Countless miracle stories attest to this simple truth found in the Diary. The Divine Mercy website includes one of the most famous miracle stories involving a priest and his faith and prayerful congregation. The priest's name is Father Ronalde Pytel and it took place in 1995.

Fr. Pytel of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Baltimore, U.S.A. had been devoted to St. Faustina for many years. In 1995, though he was only 48 years old, he suffered with a very serious heart problem. His heart was so damaged that even a short walk left him exhausted and he needed to rest most of every day. He had lost a great deal of weight and was resigning himself to dying young. What confirmed his suspicions was he had gone to his cardiologist, Dr. Nicholas Fortuin, who was a professor of medicine at the famous John Hopkins University in Baltimore who reluctantly agreed and told him he was suffering from a profound heart failure problem. The doctor arranged for Fr. Pytel to undergo a very complex heart operation to replace an aortic valve with the help of one of Hopkin's best surgeons, Dr. Peter S. Greene. Dr. Greene's prognosis though was not very helpful. If Father survived the operation, he would never be able to return to active ministry work. This is when his parishioners joined the fight.

Around this time, his parishioners made a special pilgrimage to the tomb of Saint Faustina's in Poland. They knelt at her grave and promised that if she interceded with Jesus to heal Father Pytel, they would spend the rest of their lives promoting devotion to Divine Mercy. They returned home to the

United States and continued praying for a miracle for their beloved priest.

On Saint Faustina's feast day on 5th October, 1995, Fr. Pytel and his parishioners were praying for an improvement in his health. During this prayer, Fr. Pytel fell to the floor and although fully conscious, he could not move or get up for 15 minutes. Fr. Pytel afterwards told people, "I could talk, but I couldn't move a muscle...It was as though I was paralyzed." When he finally stood up, he felt so good he could hardly believe it.

Although Fr. Pytel felt better immediately he did not rush off to his doctors to confirm what he felt was a miracle. He waited until his November doctor's appointment. Medical experts have concluded that the full healing of Fr. Pytel's heart was so extraordinary that it could only be the result of divine intervention. There is no medical or scientific research or evidence to explain the remarkable recovery of Fr. Pytel's heart."

As dramatic as this story is, there are other stories where miracles include an increase in faith and trust in Jesus. One lady from Melbourne Australia, wrote about being a regular attendee to a Divine Mercy chaplet (a prayer group who gathers to say these special prayers) in her community. She prayed with the group the "Surrender Prayer" and how we should leave all our problems to God.

Trust in God for this lady was tested not too long ago when a routine physical revealed she had uterine cancer. It was detected early, and treatment was arranged. But fear kept her from trusting completely in God. She prayed each day at the shrine. When the treatment was over and she was diagnosed cancer free, she was ashamed she had not trusted enough in God and promised to spread her story so that others would come to believe and trust more fully in God's mercy. She wrote a tweet on the Divine Mercy website that Jesus had given her a lesson in humility and God's faithfulness in times of trial. She ended her tweet by saying, "Prayers do get answered. My cross carries me."

Many chaplets of Divine Mercy have been created around the world. They get together to pray, do charitable works such as feed the hungry and work at spreading the word of God's mercy for all people. An example of work done through the inspiration of Divine Mercy is the charity "Help Us Dry the Tears." It was founded by a lay person, Val Conlon, and uses donations made by Divine Mercy Disciples to feed impoverished children in third world countries and in eastern Europe.

Let us encourage each other and all we meet to say the prayers of the chaplet of Divine Mercy. Pray the chaplet, trust in Jesus and do works of charity in Jesus' name.—Deacon John



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