



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" - Mk 11:9

#### **Sacraments**

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:30 am
	6:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Spanish 1:30 pm

Daily Mass Times Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am, 8:15 am

Holy Day Mass Times 6:30 am, 8:15 am, Noon 7:00 pm

**Reconciliation / Confession** Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm & by appointment

#### All Other Sacraments

Please call the office for information. Please note for marriages please call the office at least 12 months in advance.

#### Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva Pastor Fr. Julius Kaburu Parochial Vicar Fr. Ignatius Haran Pastor Emeritus Dennis Gorsuch Jim McFadden William Goeke Deacons

#### **Parish Office**

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am- 4:30 pm 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom Phone: 916-985-2065

Website: FolsomCatholic.org Social Media: @FolsomCatholic

#### Bulletin

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## Welcome to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

We are a community where we welcome all as members of the Body of Christ. We are welcoming, faithful, passionate, joyful, authentic, sacramental, loving and charitable.

#### **Today's Readings**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Ps 22)

#### **Gospel Meditation**

By Father John Muir

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around … and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

**Lenten challenge:** This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

#### **Scripture Reflections**

#### First Reading

Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?

#### Second Reading

Paul taught that central to Jesus's identity was his humility and obedience to God. How well do you practice these Christian virtues?

#### Gospel

We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. How do you prepare yourself to listen to the passion narrative?



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#### Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29.

#### Family Fellowship Ministry Easter Egg Hunt

March 24, Sunday, After 9am Mass Field behind Gallagher Hall Contact: Rachel Marsh 916-945-6992

Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt directly after the 9am Mass. We will divide up by age groups to ensure each child gets a chance to find eggs. We look forward to seeing you there! We are also looking for donations of bags of candy to fill our eggs. If you would be interested in contributing please contact Rachel Marsh by text or phone. Thank you in advance!

#### St. John's Gift Shop First Eucharist Items

Celebrations of First Eucharist will soon be upon us. Our gift shop has what you need. Available for purchase are saint medals, picture frames, rosaries, crosses, jewelry, keychains, pen and bookmark sets, holy cards, greeting cards, and much more. The Gift Shop is open before and after weekend Masses. Purchases help support the various ministries of our parish.

#### New to the Parish?

April 6, Saturday, 3:30pm Contact: Joyce Starosciak jastaros@gmail.com, 916-740-4628

The St. John the Baptist New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry is holding a welcoming event for new parishioners. You will meet other new parishioners, learn about our ministries, take a guided tour of the parish facilities, and receive a small gift to welcome you. The orientation continues into 5pm Mass where a Blessing will be conferred on all new parishioners. A small wine and cheese reception will follow after mass. Please call or email Joyce to register.

#### Live the Liturgy Inspiration For the Week

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week.

# TRIDUUM

Thursday, March 28 – Sunday, March 31 NO MORNING MASSES Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

> Holy Thursday 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday

12 Noon: Liturgy of the Word & Veneration of the Cross 3pm: Prayers and Stations of the Cross 7pm: Prayers and Stations of the Cross

> Holy Saturday 8:15 pm Easter Vigil Mass

#### Easter Sunday

7:30 am, 9:30 am 11:30 am (Church) 11:45 am (Gallagher Hall) No evening Mass

Monday after Easter: only 8:15am Mass will be celebrated

#### Mother Teresa Maternity Home

Help Needed Contact: Karen Hatch, 530-306-4420

The home located Placerville is looking for a home director, responsible for day-to-day operations; supervises part-time staff and up to 6 residents. Social work/counseling or related education plus 2 years experience needed. Full time position with hours 8-4 M-F. Submit application and resume to mtmh.placerville@gmail.com. For position details and an application, visit https://motherteresamaternityhome.com.



Family Lenten Weekly Challenge 2024

The Parish Council invites all families to participate.

#### March 24

This is Holy Week: Read the Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of John 18:1-19:42, or attend one of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday) services.



At St. John the Baptist Parish, time in conversation with our Lord is at the center of our lives.

#### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 24th

7:30am In Thanksgiving to All Those Who Helped with Jesus & The Eucharist Study Lucio Prades+

9:00am Elsa Lawas+

In Thanksgiving to All Those Who Helped with Jesus & The Eucharist Study 11:30am Denise Marie Scanlan+

In Thanksgiving to All Those Who Helped with Jesus & The Eucharist Study 6:00pm People of the Parish

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#### Monday, March 25th

6:30am Luisita Sogueco+ 8:15am Michal Golanski (healing)

Tuesday, March 26th 6:30am 8:15am Bea Kuntz (birthday)

Wednesday, March 27th 6:30am Sarah Lippsmeyer Fr. Renier

8:15am Al, Theresa & Family

Thursday, March 28th 7:00pm Peter & Maria Thanh Nguyen+ LeCam Family (Thanksgiving)

#### Friday, March 29th

#### Saturday, March 30th

8:15pm Newly Baptized and Received of St. John the Baptist

#### March is Dedicated to: St. Joseph

#### **Observances** We Celebrate This Week

Thursday Holy Thursday Fridav Good Friday Saturday Holy Saturday

#### **Pope Francis'** Monthly Intention for March For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

## Intercessory Prayers

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick parishioners, family and friends, and those in need of healing of the body and soul.

Albertano Estudillo Andrew Speer Angela Vitale Bert Mateo Brian Shannon Connie Ledna Dennis Taverna Dominique Brien Dora Ruiz Edie Hawkinson Elizabeth Mateo Fr. Mark Mitchell Fred Montoya Gloria Marquez Gretchen M. Reindl

John Leonard Iohn Said Ion Penrose **Iosie Carreon** Katie Hobbs Kimanh Davis Kyle Pasterski Margaret Rita Reilly Marilyn Rao Mike Ramirez Mimi McCall Roger Lopez Sandy Young Victor Zapata Virginia Louise Miller

#### Pravers for Our Troops

We pray for our military personnel abroad and at home, and for their families.

Andrew Pecha Brandon Heffel Carl Crossman David Tressler Dylan Flynn

John Lopez Joshua Penman Marc Jules Ocampo Michael Dalupan Samuel R. Rodriguez

#### Prayers for the Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of all who have recently died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.

Allan Salido Bill Platz Caroline Andren Catherine Walczykowski Marcus Tafoya Dan Ignacio Denise Marie Scanlan Diane Moffit Donna Faulkner Fred Martin Gemma Santiago Helen Hanson Joana Marie Daysor Juanito Magno **Junior** Palma Lily Wood

Lolita Baya Lucing Mateo Luisito Maniago, Sr Marilyn Schwan Mario Palma Martha Alkire Natividad Japlit Ronald Pitto Ronnie Lepore Shirley Benecke Sofia P. Aguirre Tersa Kwiatkowski Vanessa Anugwum

#### **Prayer Requests**

Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling our Parish Office. Names will appear for two months. Please visit the parish office for Mass Intentions.



Tuesday after 8:15 am Mass Good Friday 3pm, 7pm





#### **Adoration**

The Adoration Chapel hours are: Mon-Thu 9am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 7am -11am Friday Adoration is in the church: 9am to 7pm

Holy Thursday March 28 Overnight Adoration in Gallagher Hall -St. Theresa Room 8:00pm, Holy Thursday to 11:45am, Good Friday *Adoration Chapel Closed* 

#### Good Friday March 29 Adoration in Gallagher Hall until 11:45am 12:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Veneration of the Cross in the Church. Adoration Chapel Closed

Easter Vigil March 30 Adoration Chapel is closed Holy Saturday March 30 & Easter Sunday March 31.

3 - 4 pm

The Adoration Ministry has immediate need for dedicated adorers for these hours listed. To sign up please contact Veronica Thomas at thomas\_vera@yahoo.com

Monday:	10-11 am	11-12 pm	4 - 5 pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm
Tuesday:	9-10 am	12-1 pm	2 - 3 pm	4-5 pm	
Wednesday:	12 - 1 pm	5 - 6 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm	
Thursday:	9 - 10 am	11 - 12 pm	12 - 1 pm	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 pm
Friday:	6 - 7 pm				
Saturday:	9 - 10 am	10 - 11 am	11 - 12 pm	12 - 1 pm	1-2 pm 2-3 pm
Sunday:	8 - 9 am	9 - 10 am	10 - 11 am		

#### **Respect Life Ministry**

**"40 Days for Life"** February 14 – March 23 Vigil Hours: Mon-Sat. 8am-6:30pm Planned Parenthood 201 29th St., Sacramento Contact: Dcn Danny Patterson 916-733-0133, dpatterson@scd.org Parish contact: Joanne Dudgeon 916-607-2228

An old Irish proverb says, "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to "shelter" them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/ end-of-life-care

"For each expectant mother considering abortion: May the Lord provide for her needs and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child"

Come join us for the 40 Days for Life campaign at Planned Parenthood Abortion Business. Carpools from St. Johns available. Bring a folding chair to sit and pray for this important community outreach. We have signed up for Thursdays from 10am-noon, leaving church at 9:30.



As disciples of Christ, we must allow Mary to draw us close to her son. John Paul II wrote in Ecclesia de Eucharistia, "Mary can guide us toward this most holy sacrament because she herself has a profound relationship with it." Mary's mindfulness, faithfulness, and devotion drew her close to Jesus, and following her example can help us do the same.

#### **Companioned Prayer Ministry**

Mondays, 9:30am, St. John's Church First Saturdays, 9:15 am, (TBA) Contact: Michelle Hendricks www.CompanionedPrayer.org

Thank you to all who attended an Introduction to Companioned Prayer last Monday morning and evening. It was a time that included an opening prayer, sharing from prayer circle members, a time of reflective prayer, an experience of how to foster our awareness of God within us, and a questionand-answer period. If you missed the opportunity you are invited to watch the bulletins for dates in April for those who wish to learn Companioned Prayer.





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#### **Praise and Worship**

March 27, Wednesday, 6:30 pm Contact: David Brauer dabrauer@hotmail.com

Join us for an evening of inspiring music and powerful prayer. This month we will have a special Praise and Worship on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Our theme will be the Events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Please join us!

#### Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

"The Kingdom of God is at Hand" *God's Love in Our Time Men's Retreat:* April 5 - 7 Parish Contact: Doug Heinz, 916-983-4516 *Women's Retreat:* April 12-14, 26-28 Parish Contact: Jan Kurokawa, 916-985-7120 Retreat Center, 916 - 725-4720 Ext. 307

The conferences will ponder what the Spirit might be telling us how to look upon the hurt and hatred we see around us, and center upon God's dream for the next millennium. You can also visit the Center and register for the retreat on line:

www. Christ The King Retreat Center. org

#### **Spring Adult Scripture Studies**

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Beginning Week of April 8 Mondays, April 8, 7pm Wednesdays, April 10, 9:30am Contact: Teresa or Lee Weider 916-398-1116, laweider631@gmail.com

Morning and evening classes will be offered for "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass". This 5-week study will deepen your love and devotion for the Holy Eucharist as it explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Mass. Don't miss it! Sign-ups are available on the parish website or on paper flyers in the vestibule. Scripture studies offer in-person fellowship and an opportunity to learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith. If you have questions contact Lee or Teresa. Everyone is welcome!

#### (Practicing) Catholic Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16



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#### Special Collections This Week Holy Thursday

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. Through the CRS Rice Bowl Collection, a Catholic Relief Services program we will encounter communities in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia and learn how issues like hunger and climate change are impacting our sisters and brothers around the world. Alongside thousands of Catholic faith communities across the United States, our Lenten alms will make a difference in the lives of millions of people worldwide. Together as a Church, we can support people who seek to build a better future for themselves and their communities. 75% of the funds collected goes to CRS and 25% of the funds remain with the Diocese to support local food programs.

#### **Good Friday**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

#### St. Vincent de Paul Raffle Tickets for Hawaii Contact: Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630

As many of you know by now, St. Vincent de Paul is selling raffle tickets for a trip for two to Hawaii (all expenses paid). Each ticket costs \$10 each. The drawing will be held at a St. Vincent de Paul Benefit Dinner ("Seeing God's Blessings"), and you need not be present to win. We will be selling tickets until April 6/7. Please feel free to call me if you wish to purchase any tickets, and we will continue to sell in the vestibule as long as it is available. Please note that we will not be selling tickets on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.

#### **Knights of Columbus Council 6197**

40 Cans for Lent February 14 - March 31 Contact: Percy Park 916-936-6145, dbk576@aol.com

What is 40 Cans For Lent? A Knights of Columbus charity program that connects traditional Lenten alms-giving with the nutritional needs of poor families and homeless in the greater Folsom area. It has been a huge success inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert.

The Program Is Simple Collect cans of food and/or packaged food items each day during the 40 days of Lent. What food should I donate?

- Healthy, non-perishable food
- Items with intact, un-opened, consumer or commercial packaging
- Items with non-breakable packaging (no glass please)
- Food within the expiration date on the packaging
  - What are the most requested food items?
- Canned meats like tuna, chicken, turkey, ham, stew and chili
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta & pasta sauce, Beans, Rice
- Healthy cereals, Peanut Butter
- Baby food & baby formula

Drop off food items in our Knights of Columbus "40 Cans for Lent " cart located outside in front of the church entrance before and after every weekend Mass. Items can also be dropped off at the St. Vincent De Paul location Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 12 Noon.

## MA Read the Gospel and Color

#### John 12:12-16

Your mom tells you, "Grandma should be here any minute." You watch out your window for her little red car to come down your street. After she parks her car, you run out to meet her. You are so happy she came to visit! The people in today's Gospel were waiting for a king to come. This king would ride into Jerusalem, not in a little red car but on a donkey. When the people saw Jesus riding on the donkey, they knew he was the king that they were waiting for. They ran out to meet him and waved palm branches in the air. They were so happy he came.

## S Puzzle

Find and circle 10 things that are different.



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

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Invite your Grandma over to visit. Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.



God, I am so happy you sent Jesus to be my king.





Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. Call the contact listed .

#### **Welcoming Ministries**

**New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry** Joyce Starosciak, 916-740-4628 **Greeter Ministry** 

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139 **Ushers** Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

#### **Prayer Ministries**

Companioned Prayer Michelle Hendricks, mhendricks@companionedprayer.org Wednesdays, 9:30 am -11am, Church Chapel Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer -Cenacle - Leilani Badley, 703-855-6241 -Cenacle-Spanish - Nury Pun, 916-212-7201

**Eucharistic Adoration** Veronica Thomas, thomas\_vera@yahoo.com *Sign Up for adorers is in the vestibule* 

Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests) -English – 1st Wednesday of the month, 10am Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411 -Spanish – Every Saturday Carmen Gaytan, 916-757-3893

Our Lady of Fatima Henry Altamirano, 925-899-7769

#### **Spiritual Growth Ministries**

Adult Scripture Study Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-398-1116 Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

Faith Untapped Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992

Laura Wicklman, 916-933-8471

Praise & Worship David Brauer, dabrauer@hotmail.com

Religious Education Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually) Trista Gooderham, 612-382-7655

Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org Parish Committees/Councils

#### Finance Council Patty Robertson , 916-220-3600 Liturgy Committee Barbara Bowden, 916-984-9476 Pastoral Council Shannon Frazier, 916-761-2912

**Outreach/Charity Ministries** 

**Bereavement Hospitality/Receptions** Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Filipino Apostolate** Lili Rehwald, 916-220-2483 Gabriel Proiect Debbie Sultan, 916-337-5786 Grace Quilters Ministry Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 Knights of Columbus Tom Ireland, 310-347-7180 **Ministerio Pastoral Hispano** Beatriz LeCam, 916-765-3569 **Pastoral Care Ministry** Dan Dunne, 916-817-1675; Sunday Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday **Prayer Shawl Ministry** Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681 **Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry** -Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206 -CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor, Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425 **Respect Life Ministry** Joanne Dudgeon, 916-607-2228 School Ministry (St. John Notre Dame) Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129 **Senior Visitation** Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602 St. Vincent de Paul (311 Montrose Dr.) Mercy Knight, 916-985-4630 Liturgical Ministries **Altar Servers** Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541 **Children's Liturgy during Mass** Rachel Boyd, 916-296-3712 **Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion** Steve & Mary Anne Ashley, 916-479-2214 Lectors Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322 **Liturgical Environment** Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968 **Music -** See choir director after Mass. **Additional Ministries Children's Babysitting at Mass** Parish Office, 916-985-2065 **Family Fellowship** Rachel Marsh, 916-945-6992 Gift Shop Connie Aley, 916-337-3607 **Security Ministry** Jim Miller, 916-220-4311 Women's Game Dav Every Wednesday, Garden Room, 11am - 4:30pm. Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

#### Message and Devotion to the Divine Mercy



This is an invitation to the preparation and celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. A Universal Church Feast observed on the First Sunday after Easter Sunday, April 7, 2024. Divine Mercy Sunday may be the greatest day of the year because of the immeasurable amount of grace Jesus promised to pour forth on this day. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received by emphasizing in a new way the timeless message of God's mercy.

Jesus promised for the Feast of Mercy: " The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)

#### Novena of the Divine Mercy: March 29 – April 6, 2024

*Jesus promised "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." (Diary 796)* 

March 29 – March 31	5:00 pm	Church Chapel
April 1-5	9:00 am	Church Chapel
April 6	4:15 pm	Church

Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday: April 6 (vigil) and 7, 2024 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes before all Masses Mass/Consecration to Jesus, the Divine Mercy ◆ Reception in the courtyard after all Masses

> If you would like more information please contact Leilani Badley, Leilani.badley@gmail.com, 703-855-6241



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