

Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy

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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm

(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am

(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days

(Schedule varies)

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is arranged by appointment. Please call the office.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession) 4:00-4:45 pm on Saturday, or by appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Please call the office as soon as anyone is seriously ill.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Please call the office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

PARISH REGISTRATION We invite anyone wishing to register in our Parish to visit or call the Parish Office, or stop by the Welcome table when you come for Sunday Mass to complete a census card and learn more about our Parish Family.



Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Sebastian Parish, are a stewardship parish, sharing God's Gifts. We are the hands and feet of Christ on Earth. In union with the Universal Roman Catholic Church, we endeavor to become a prayerful and unified community deeply committed to Jesus Christ, and loving service in His name. We hope to be a welcoming, caring and friendly Parish Family, wherein the gifts and talents of all - young and old - are recognized, nurtured and used to build the Kingdom of God in the world.

St. John Paul II's Devotion to Divine Mercy

BY MARGE FENELON CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

<http://margefenelon.com>.



Original 1934 painting of the Divine Mercy by Eugeniusz Kazimirowski. Wikiimedia Commons

Editor's note: Considered a mystic, St. Faustina Kowalska spread the message of divine mercy in her personal journal called "Divine Mercy in My Soul." St. Faustina's message reverberated in St. John Paul II's heart. During the homily for her canonization on April 30, 2000, the pope declared Divine Mercy Sunday to be celebrated worldwide.

There are many notable things about the life and papacy of St. John Paul II, but the most notable is his devotion to divine mercy. In 1980, he wrote an entire encyclical on it, "Dives in Misericordia" ("Rich in Mercy"), in which he outlines the truth and meaning of mercy from biblical times to the present and beyond.

In it, he states mankind's mission of mercy. "The church must profess and proclaim God's mercy in all its truth, as it has been handed down to us by revelation," he wrote. He took this task upon himself becoming for many the champion of divine mercy.

Not surprisingly, he seemed to have found in St. Faustina Kowalska a kindred spirit. She was a humble, uneducated and holy nun of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland who received extraordinary revelations of Our Lord. Jesus instructed mercy. She did and compiled them into a diary.

Faustina's message reverberated in John Paul II's heart, as he demonstrated in his homily at her canonization on April 30, 2000.

"And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of divine mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters.

"May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood.

"Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in you! 'Jezu, ufam tobie!'" he said.

At the same time, John Paul II declared Divine Mercy Sunday to be celebrated worldwide on the Sunday after Easter.

In 2002, the apostolic penitentiary of the Holy See issued a decree granting a plenary indulgence to those who comply with all the established conditions (confession, Communion and praying for the pope's intentions) and a partial indulgence to those who incompletely fulfill the conditions.

This was in accordance with Jesus' own wishes as told to Faustina. Together, these two papal acts are the highest endorsement the church can give to a private revelation.

In his 2001 homily on Divine Mercy Sunday, John Paul II pointed to the revelations of Faustina as "the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies. ... Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium."

His confidence in divine mercy never waived. Throughout his life, he not only promoted it, but he personified it. John Paul II died on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday 2005 and he was canonized on April 27, 2014.

Thank God for Pope Saint John Paul II

Fr. Jim

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	April 23 Living & Deceased of our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	April 24 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by The Fink Family † Nathan Van Fleet, req. by wife, friends and Co-workers
11:00 am	Special Intention
Monday 8:30 am	April 25 † Marie Bourke, req. by Don Bourke † Jack Fitzpatrick, req. by Jacquie Anselmo
Tuesday 8:30 am	April 26 † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey † Christine Beaty, req. by M.L. Toomey
Wednesday 8:30 am	April 27 † Ellie Loughran, req. by husband, Bill Wellbeing of Jill Drohan, req. by Tom & Kaye Drohan
Thursday 8:30 am	April 28 † Gentile Giovannis, req. by Tod & Nancy Olson-Weston Wellbeing of Mary Connors, req. by S.S.C.C.W.
Friday 8:30 am	April 29 † Rene Chabot, req. by Family † Dick Pearce, req. by The Church Group
Saturday 5:00 pm	April 30 † Leo McGinity, req. by Grace Middlemiss † Ricardo Cordova, req. by Don Bourke † Judith Lambertson, req. by Bowes, Moffatt, Shaffer Families
Sunday 8:30 am	May 1 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by Sandy Polselli † Grace & Murray Toomey, req. by M.L. & Helen Toomey † Albert Bourke, req. by Don Bourke
11:00 am	Living & Deceased of our Parish



What a joy to the needy in Fort Lauderdale to know there are people in their city who care about their welfare. With our weekly contributions of non-perishable food and hygiene items we make this possible. Our church shopping carts eagerly await your gifts. To care is to share. **If you know of anyone in need, please let them know that The St.**

Vincent DePaul Society conducts a drive thru grocery distribution every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd (entrance to the parking lot is located on NE 33rd Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

BIBLE SHARING

Come for coffee and scripture sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. Everyone is invited. You may also join us on-line by dialing 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434#. For more information, please call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Luke.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK

The St. Vincent de Paul truck is scheduled to be in our parking lot this weekend for your donations of gently used clothing and household items. The truck is open for one half hour before and after each Mass. All contributions should be clean and in working order.

BLOODMOBILE HERE THIS SUNDAY

The OneBlood Bloodmobile will be in front of the church this Sunday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm for your donation of "gently used" blood. Please take about one half hour of your time, roll up your sleeve, and give a lifesaving gift. Someone is counting on you. Thank you.

ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH CRUISE

November 5, 2022, 14 Night Spanish Farewell on the Oosterdam sailing from Barcelona, Spain to Ft. Lauderdale. Ports of Call: Murcia (Cartagena) Spain, Malaga, Seville (Cadiz) Spain, Lisbon, Portugal, Funchal (Madeira) Portugal. Oosterdam, a Vista-class ship, recently emerged from dry dock with exciting updates - including completely refreshed suites and new lounge, dining and entertainment venues. Package includes shipboard accommodations, ocean transportation, entertainment and daily activities, on-board meals, and some beverages. Limited Ocean View Balcony cabins available starting at \$1854. per person, based on Double occupancy, which includes all taxes and fees, but no insurance and no air transportation to Barcelona. Initial payment is due June 1 with the final payment due on July 27. Contact Lou Abitabilo, Independent Vacation Specialist, Dream Vacations at: labitabilo@dreamvacations.com or 570-955-0470 or 570-237-5128.

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don

Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodrigues, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, , Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Dr. Laura Evatt, Kari Albertson, Diane & Alexander Garville, Paul Ristow, Betty O’Gorman, Craig & David Mitchell, Carol Houghton, Mary Connors

IN MEMORIUM

**+ MICHAEL CAVALLARO +
April 17, 2022**

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Have a wonderful week!

HELP FOR UKRAINE

As Ukrainians flee from the Russian bombardments **Catholic Relief Services** and its Caritas partners on the ground are ready, across Ukraine and in bordering countries, to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling and more. Donations can be made directly to CRS: Online: support.crs.org/ukraine; Phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS; By check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303.

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Jesus, I Trust in You