

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

April 27th- 28th, 2019
Sunday of Divine Mercy



Mass times:
Saturdays at 5:30pm
& Sundays at 10:45am

Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession:
Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Message from our Pastor:

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE & HAPPY DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!!!

Today we continue to celebrate the most glorious day in the history of the universe, the day Jesus Christ defeated death and gave to the world the blessed opportunity to be with Him in Heaven forever!

Today we also celebrate a special feast day in the Church, Divine Mercy Sunday. It is really a continuation of Easter but was a day proclaimed more recently in the Church, by Saint John Paul II.

This day is in response to apparitions that Sister Maria Faustina (now Saint Faustina) had of Jesus during her life as a religious sister.

Jesus appeared to her and they conversed. And at the command of her spiritual director, she wrote down the substance of the conversations she had with Jesus. It is all recorded in a book called "Divine Mercy in my Soul." You should order it if you don't have it.

Here are a few quotes from the book:

"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."

"I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour [3pm], immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was open wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice."

"When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul."

Jesus appeared to St Faustina to remind her to tell the world what He said in one of the most quoted bible verses of all time, John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

While everyone quotes John 3:16, I think John 3:17 is even more the point. John 3:17 says "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

God appeared to St Faustina to remind the world of something it continually forgets. God does not desire to condemn the world. God is not 'out to get' the world. God does not want any part of the world or its people to perish.

It is sin that makes people feel like God is out to get them. Sin makes us feel terrible and makes us feel estranged from God. And in response, the world denies God. They think that they can get rid of the bad feeling, the guilt, that comes from sin by simply denying the existence of God. Well that is ridiculous. It's like a kid when they close their eyes when they get scared of something in the room. It doesn't make the bad thing in the room go away; it just allows you to fool yourself into thinking it's gone. But that is foolish.

God appeared to St Faustina to say, 'come to me.' 'Be reconciled to me and forgiven of your sins.' 'Come back to a life with me where everything you want will be provided for you.'

God does not condemn. People reject God because they think they cannot live without their sins. But that is a lie.

The message of Divine Mercy is what Christ has taught us from the beginning but is something the world needs to continually be reminded of.

-Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

St Patrick May Procession: On Sunday May 5th we will continue with a long-time tradition our annual May procession to honor our Blessed Mother. All children and adults in the parish are invited and encouraged to participate. We will process from Patrick Henry Park on broad st and up 25th street and into the church right before the beginning of mass. We will meet in the social hall at 10.20 am to prepare. All are encouraged to wear their Sunday best for this special day. There will be an ice cream social for all after mass to continue the celebration. Please let Donna Baird know at 804.888.3470 or at donnahbaird@yahoo.com if you and your children plan to participate so enough flowers can be purchased

Join us on May 12th as we celebrate not only Mother's Day but First Communion Sunday. We will have a reception in the hall to celebrate the children receiving their first communion as well as honoring all our Mothers.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Join us after mass on April 28th in the Parish Hall at 1:15pm with a welcome and a movie (Divine Mercy 101). Confessions will be available at 2:30 and we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. A reception is to follow.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is May 5th. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

FOR SALE - 4 burial plots at Washington Memorial Park – we recently came into possession of 4 burial plots at Washington Memorial Park. They are in a beautiful location within the cemetery. The cost of the burial plots is approximately \$20k (or \$5k each) but we are planning to sell them at a discount of 20% to anyone interested in \$16k. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the office. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Thank you: Thank you to all who came out to St. Francis home Saturday morning and visited with residents for Easter.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Upcoming class dates are 7/7, and 10/6. If you are interested in attending a class or scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby

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