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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Jesus, I Trust in You

The Octave of Easter culminates today in the beautiful feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. Coming exactly one week after the triumph of the Resurrection, this day serves as a profound reminder that the victory of Easter is not a distant historical event, but a living reality that seeks to penetrate our hearts here and now. In the Gospel for this Sunday, we find the Apostles huddled in fear behind locked doors. Jesus enters their midst, not the word of rebuke for their desertion during His Passion, but with transformative greeting: "Peace be with you." This peace is the first fruit of His Mercy, offered freely to a world weary of sin and division.

The image of Divine Mercy, with rays of red and pale light flowing from the heart of Jesus, perfectly illustrates the mystery we celebrate. The pale ray represents the Water which makes souls righteous, while the red ray represents the Blood which is the life of souls. These rays represent the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist, as well as the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) - the "Tribunal of Mercy." For many of

us, the weeks of Lent were a time of intense interior work and purification. Today, we are invited to simply rest in the ocean of God's love trusting that no matter how great our failings may have been, His mercy is infinitely greater.

St. Thomas, often remembered for his doubt, provides us with a deeply relatable entry point into this feast. His desire to touch the wounds of Christ was not merely a request for proof, but a search for intimacy with the suffering of the Lord. When Jesus invited Thomas to place his hand in His side, He is inviting all of us to bring our own wounds, doubts, and insecurities to His Sacred Heart. In the scars of the Risen Lord, we find the proof that God has taken our suffering upon Himself and transformed it into a source of healing. Like Thomas, our response is one of humble adoration: "My Lord and my God."

This feast is a call to action. Receiving mercy necessarily compels us to be merciful to others. As we move out from the joy of the Easter season and back into the routines of

daily life, we are challenged to be vessels of mercy in our families, our workplaces, and our community. Whether through the spiritual or corporal works of mercy - forgiving a grudge, comforting the lonely, or sharing our resources with the poor - we become the visible face of the Risen Christ. Mercy is not a passive feeling; it is a dynamic force that has the power to change the world, one heart at a time.

As we celebrate this day, let us take advantage of the extraordinary graces promised to us. Let us pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for those who are struggling and for the peace of the world. May we walk forward from this Octave with a renewed sense of hope, knowing that the doors of God's heart are always open to us.

By trusting in the promise that His mercy endures forever, we can face the future without fear. Let us repeat with confidence the simple yet profound prayer that has changed countless lives: "Jesus, I trust in You."



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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Church and Toilets Cleaning

Tuyet Suong, Trinh Thi Xuan Thu, Hoang
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Flower Arranging

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 3:
Vietnamese Community

Readers

Vigil Rosette Chidiac, Gerry Pinto,
Rebecca Hanson

10:00 a.m. Merlin Sandhiya, Armani
Barakat, Sisters

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy during holidays

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, John Borg,
Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Gioenco,
Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter
Higgins, Terese Jones, Therese Khalil, Kay King, Jacob Lee,
Josephine Magro, Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott
Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest,
Ricardo Tognini, Sam Wardan, Anthony Vella, Gerard
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Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weaknesses of your servants,
and mercifully restore them to full health.

IN MEMORIAM

Perfecto Arribas Jr., Victor Azzopardi, Joseph Bains, Dick Cahill,
Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri,
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N O T I C E S

A Message of Thanks and Gratitude for all who assisted during Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

On behalf of the clergy and the entire parish community, we wish to extend our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who gave so generously of their time, talent, and devotion during the sacred days of Holy Week. The beauty and solemnity of our liturgies at both Holy Trinity Church and Holy Family Church were made possible only through your tireless efforts and commitment to the life of our parish. While it is impossible to name every individual who assisted, we wish to acknowledge the various groups and ministries whose collective contributions ensured that our journey from Palm Sunday to the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord was conducted with such reverence and grace.

The heart of our worship is elevated by those who lead us in prayer and song, and we offer our sincere thanks to our musicians and cantors, whose beautiful offerings provided a truly prayerful atmosphere across all services. We also thank our lectors, who proclaimed the Holy Scriptures with clarity and devotion, and our altar servers, whose diligent service at the altar assisted the clergy in the smooth conduct of the various ceremonies. A great deal of work occurs behind the scenes to prepare our sacred spaces for the Great Triduum, and we are immensely grateful to those who cleaned the churches in preparation for the festivities, and to all those who assisted in preparing and decorating the sanctuaries for Easter. The floral arrangements and liturgical settings provided a fitting tribute to the joy of the Resurrection.

We wish to give particular thanks to those who dedicated themselves to the preparation of the

stunning Altars of Repose at both Holy Trinity and Holy Family. These traditional spaces of prayer provided a profound setting for silent adoration on Holy Thursday, allowing us to watch and pray with Our Lord. We also wish to recognise those who contributed to the specific traditions of our Holy Week journey, including those responsible for arranging the Easter fire for the Vigil Mass—a powerful symbol of the Light of Christ—and to those who assisted with photography to provide a visual record of our parish life.

The Good Friday Cross Walk was a moving public witness of our faith, and we are grateful to the volunteers who stepped forward to assist with the logistics and those who took charge of leading the walk. We also offer our thanks to everyone involved in the Tenebrae service on Holy Tuesday evening; your contribution to this ancient office was greatly appreciated by all who attended. Finally, we thank you, our parishioners. Whether you helped move chairs, handed out bulletins, or simply joined us in the pews, your presence is what makes our community a living body of Christ. Thank you for coming to our churches this Holy Week to pray, to mourn, and ultimately to celebrate the victory of life over death. May the peace and joy of the Risen Christ be with you and your families throughout this Easter octave and beyond. Your labour for the Lord is never in vain, and we are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and harmonious community. May we continue to support one another in faith as we celebrate the fruits of this holy season throughout the year. We pray that the grace of the Resurrection remains with our parish always. God bless you all.

First Confession (Sacrament of Penance) and First Holy Communion (Sacrament of the Eucharist)

Enrolment forms are now available for first confession (Sacrament of Penance) and first Holy Communion (Sacrament of the Eucharist). To be eligible, your child must have been baptised in the Catholic church, be in year 3 or above and attend Mass every Sunday.

Enrolment forms can be collected from the parish office during regular office hours and must be returned to the parish office by NO LATER than 17 April.

The First Communion Mass will be said on Saturday, 20 June at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Please be aware that those enrolling their children for these Sacraments will be obliged to attend Mass every Sunday in the parish as well as attending all lessons and the preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolment forms are now available for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To be eligible, your child must have been baptised in the Roman Catholic church, be in year 5 or above and attend Mass every Sunday. **Enrolment forms can be collected from the parish office during regular office hours and must be returned to the parish office by NO LATER than 17 April.**

The Mass will be said on Thursday, 25 June at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church. Attendance at all lessons and the preparation is mandatory.

Please be aware that those enrolling their children for this Sacrament are obliged to attend Mass every Sunday. May the Holy Spirit guide our candidates as they prepare to become faithful witnesses of Christ.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY
AFTER 6:00PM MASS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH
AFTER 7:00PM MASS

*Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more!*



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

SUNDAY
4:15PM TO 4:45PM

WEDNESDAY
6:30PM TO 7:00PM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

SATURDAY
5:00PM TO 5:45PM
FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH
6:15PM TO 6:45PM

*Confession heals, confession justifies,
confession grants pardon of sin,
all hope consists in confession;
in confession there is a chance for mercy.*

- St. Isidore of Seville





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Easter Appeal

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DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Our Father, Hail Mary
and the Apostle's Creed

For each of the five decades on each
"Our Father" bead of the rosary, pray:

Eternal Father,
I offer you the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity
of Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.

For each of the five decades on each
"Hail Mary" bead of the rosary, pray:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Prayer

Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat 3 times)

Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless
and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us
and increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments
we might not despair
nor become despondent,
but with great confidence
submit ourselves to Your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

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The Readings

Introit

(1 Peter 2:2)

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading

The Acts of the Apostles

(Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47)

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1)

℟. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' ℟.

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. ℟.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. ℟.

Second Reading

First Letter of St Peter

(1 Peter 1:3-9)

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the

salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

(John 20:29)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of John

(John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion

(Cf John 20:27)

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.