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Registering in the Parish of Saint Edward

The law of the Church defines a parish as a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a [Diocese]. The pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop. The law of the Church also states that a parish is to be territorial and embraces all the Christian faithful within a certain territory [cc 515, 518]

The certain territory for Saint Edward Parish established at its founding is the area of Palm Beach Island from the north end of the Island south to Sloan’s Curve.

To register as a parishioner of Saint Edward requires residence within its territory.

MASSES SUSPENDED

SACRAMENTS

Celebration of the Eucharist

Monday through Friday: 7:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM
Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for information.

First Penance and First Eucharist Programs

Beginning in the First Grade, children of registered parishioners are to be enrolled in a two- year Parish Religious Education sacramental program. Registered parishioners whose children attend Catholic Grade Schools are to participate in the immediate sacramental preparation programs of the Parish. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Confirmation Program

Children of registered parishioners who are to be enrolled as candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must have been baptized, capable of renewing their Baptismal promises, and properly instructed by participation in the two-year parish program beginning in the seventh grade. The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually scheduled for September, when the candidate is a ninth grader.

Marriages at Saint Edward Parish

Saint Edward Parish reserves the celebration of the sacrament of marriage to registered parishioners who are practicing Catholics and their immediate family members. Registration requires residence within the territory of the parish [the North End of the Island south to Sloan’s Curve.] New parishioners must be registered for one year before being considered for the scheduling of a marriage.

Saint Edward Marriage Regulations

All couples intending to marry at Saint Edward must meet with the pastor. No date is promised or scheduled before this initial meeting with the pastor, who is to assess the freedom to marry of the couple and explain other marriage regulations. Saint Edward Parish is not a destination site for marriage and Saint Edward does not rent the Church to non-parishioners for marriage ceremonies.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be administered to the sick after the age of reason when the person begins to be in danger due to sickness or age. It is preferred that the sacrament be administered when the person is in control of their faculties.

Please contact the parish in emergencies. After hours leave a message as directed by the parish voicemail.

Privately Said Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, April 18

8:30 AM †Barbara Brogie By Nancy & Ward Bitter

5:30 PM †Michael Penello By The Family

SUNDAY, April 19

7:00 AM †Nicholas John Mazzaresse

By Alessandra Gieffers

9:00 AM †Maita Labarrere Sanchez

By Jorge Sanchez & Family

10:30 AM Parishioners & Benefactors

12:00 PM †Anne Reveley Eliassen

By Julie & Rob Reveley & Family

MONDAY, April 20

7:30 AM †John Donald Pietrina By Al Martin

8:30 AM †Cynthia Fenning Rehm By Joan Navin

TUESDAY, April 21

7:30 AM †Johnny Perem

By Liam, Olive and Family

8:30 AM †Dexter D. Coffin, Jr.

By Glanaan Robbins

WEDNESDAY, April 22

7:30AM †Alexander Comandini

By Laura Freeman

8:30 AM †Paul McKenna By Joan Navin

THURSDAY, April 23

7:30 AM †Donald Zeug By Laura Freeman

8:30 AM Spec. Int. Dr. Marioanne Carroll & Dr. Richard Herdener By Rosemarie & Walter Leonhardt

FRIDAY, April 24

7:30 AM †Kevin Coleman By Mary Butler

8:30 AM †Tracy & Frank Maguire, Sr.

By Kathy Strom & Michael Misisco

SATURDAY, April 25

8:30 AM †Arthur Bohner BY Nancy & Ward Bitter

5:30 PM †Anthony Nanna By the family

SUNDAY, April 26

7:00 AM †Marilyn Kasputys By The Kasputys Family

9:00 AM †Bill Wagner By Carla Cove

10:30 AM Parishioners & Benefactors

12:00 PM Special Int. Virginia Longo Dee Dee Parson

By The Sledz Family

A Message from the Pastor

Today the Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Easter. Today the Church also celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday.

In the Gospel Reading, the risen Jesus appears to ten of his apostles. Thomas is missing. The ten are convinced; but when Thomas rejoins them after Jesus has vanished, Thomas is highly skeptical.

A week later, Jesus appears to all eleven of them and invites Thomas to make good on his skeptical challenge: Put your finger in my wounds and believe! Jesus tells him. Saint Augustine thinks that, without touching Jesus, Thomas believes. The Gospel does not say that Thomas did touch Jesus, Saint Augustine says; and Jesus says that Thomas *saw* and believed, not that Thomas *touched* and believed.

Thomas had trusted Jesus and believed he was the Messiah—and then the Romans killed Jesus and, with Jesus, the hope in Jesus that Thomas had. How much Thomas trusted before the crucifixion can be understood by the way Thomas hardened his heart against trust in the aftermath. “The bigger they are, the harder they fall,” we say. And the bigness of Thomas’s heart and the greatness of his trust in Jesus can be seen by how hard Thomas fell when he thought his trust was betrayed.

Thomas thought he had made a fool of himself by believing in Jesus, and he was not going to let his heart be broken again, and so when he heard the other apostles express their belief, he scoffed. In scoffing, Thomas protected himself against further heartbreak. Yet, without any more evidence than any of the other apostles had, Thomas says to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

Mass Intentions
UNSCHEDULED MASSES FOR
LIVING AND DECEASED

Special Intention for President Donald J. Trump and his

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By The Wright Family

Special Int. Rush Limbaugh

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By Tricia Holloway

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By Anita & Jim Gabler

†Michael Rappold

By Molly Maguire

†Mark Klaine

By Ginny & Tommy Parker

Divine Mercy Sunday

The "First Sunday *after* Easter" which is designated in "The Liturgy of the Hours and the Celebration of the Eucharist" as the "Octave Day of Easter" was officially called the *Second Sunday of Easter* after the liturgical reform of Vatican II. Now, by the Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the name of this liturgical day has been changed to: "*Second Sunday of Easter, or of Divine Mercy.*"

Pope John Paul II made the surprise announcement of this change in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000. There, he declared: "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' "

"The Church sings ... , as if receiving from Christ's lips these words of the Psalm" [that is, *Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His steadfast love (=mercy) endures forever*, This comes] from the lips of the risen Christ, who bears the great message of Divine Mercy and entrusts its ministry to the Apostles in the Upper Room: 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you. ... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained' " (Jn 20:21-23).

The Holy Father continued: "Before speaking these words, Jesus shows His hands and His side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity.

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"From that Heart, Sr. Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that Heart and illuminating the world: 'The two rays,' Jesus Himself explained to her one day, 'represent blood and water' (*Diary*, 299).

"*Blood and water!* We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (cf. Jn 19:34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39).

"Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the Heart of Christ crucified: 'Tell, My daughter, [all people] that I am Love and Mercy itself [personified]' Jesus will ask of Sr. Faustina (*Diary*, 1074). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person Love. And is not mercy love's 'second name' (cf. *Rich in Mercy*, n.7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its most immense capacity for forgiveness?"

From this teaching of the Holy Father on that most solemn occasion of his "presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God to our time," it can be deduced that the most opportune time, the most proper one, for the solemn honoring of The Divine Mercy falls immediately after the Paschal Feast of Easter, recalling the attaining of our Redemption.

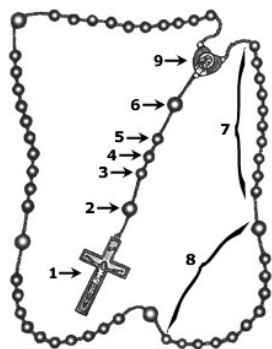
St. Augustine called the eight days of Easter (which the Church liturgically considers as constituting a single day ☩ the day of the new creation) "days of mercy and pardon." He calls the Sunday of this Paschal Octave (which our Lord insisted with St. Faustina is the Feast of Mercy [*Diary*, 88]) "the summary of the days of mercy" (Sermon 156, Dom. In Albis). It is no wonder, then, that already during his pilgrimage to Blessed Faustina's tomb on June 7, 1997, Pope John Paul II declared: "I give thanks to Divine Providence that I have been enabled to contribute personally to the fulfillment of Christ's will through the institution of the Feast of Divine Mercy."

During this time of crisis, may we turn to the Mother of God and her Son the Lord Jesus and pray the Divine Chaplet.

How to recite the Divine Chaplet is continued on the next page.

How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.



1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

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.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

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

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

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

10. Optional 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.

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Diocesan Prayer for God's Protection in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic

Loving and gracious God, as in all times, we turn to You and implore Your protection and healing as we face a new threat to our health and peaceful well-being in the coronavirus pandemic before us. Help us to be united with each other and with all of our brothers and sisters around the world affected by this illness. We pray for all those in the medical field who are assisting patients and in the field of science who are discerning a cure, as well as for all government leaders. Remember those who, through this virus, have passed from this life as well as their families in their loss.

At this time of fragile uncertainty, we also humbly implore You to grant us prudence, hope, courage and patience. Dispel from us fear, panic and distrust which disrupt us in spirit to the detriment of our well-being.

We make our prayer in the name of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who always cured those who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. Our Lady, Patroness of our Diocese, Queen of the Apostles and Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us, Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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