

9 things you need to know about Divine Mercy Sunday, Part 2

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5. What is the Divine Mercy image?

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. The original, though not the most popular one today, is shown above. A basic explanation of the image is: Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent). The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy".

According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus.

6. What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. They are usually said using a standard set of Rosary beads, often at 3 p.m. (the time of Jesus' death), but with a different set of prayers than those used in the Marian Rosary.

7. How is the Divine Mercy devotion linked to the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Easter?

The Divine Mercy image depicts Jesus at the moment he appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, after the Resurrection, when he empowers them to forgive or retain sins. This moment is recorded in John 20:19-31, which is the Gospel reading for this Sunday in all three yearly Sunday liturgical cycles (A, B, and C). This reading is placed on this day because it includes the appearance of Jesus to the Apostle Thomas (in which Jesus invites him to touch his wounds). This event occurred on the eighth day after the Resurrection (John 20:26), and so it is used on the liturgy eight days after Easter. (It also, however, includes the appearance of Jesus to the disciples on Easter evening, a week earlier, in which he empowered them to forgive or retain sins.)

8. How did Jesus empower the apostles to forgive or retain sins?

That part of the text reads: "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'" He thus gave them a special empowerment with the Holy Spirit to forgive or retain sins.

9. How does this relate to the sacrament of confession?

It relates directly to it. Jesus empowered the apostles (and their successors in ministry) with the Holy Spirit to *either* forgive *or* retain (not forgive) sins. Because they are empowered with God's Spirit to do this, their administration of forgiveness is efficacious—it really removes sin rather than just being a symbol of forgiveness a person is already thought to have obtained. Because they are instructed to forgive *or retain*, they must discern which they are to do. This means that they need to know about the sin and whether we are truly repentant of it. As a result, we must tell them about the sin and our sorrow for it. Hence: confession.

Schedule of Events:**Tuesday, May 14**

7:30 a.m. Confession

8 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Chapel Night

Wednesday, May 15

7:30 a.m. Confession

8 a.m. Mass

6:30 Triple Fs Men's Fellowship Night

Thursday, May 16

7:30 a.m. Confession

8 a.m. Mass

Friday, May 17

7:30 a.m. Confession

8 a.m. Mass

Saturday, May 18 (youth bread fundraiser)

3:30 Confession

4 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 19 (youth bread fundraiser)

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. mass

9:30 a.m. Confessions

10 a.m. Mass/Graduates



MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of May 14, 2019 –May 19, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Tuesday May 14

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin

8:00 A.M. – Wednesday May 15

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Jan Chwalek

8:00 A.M. Thursday May 16

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Leon Champagne

8:00 A.M. Friday May 17

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

4:00 P.M. Saturday, May 18

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*Parishioners of St. Ann, Loyd Savin, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender,
Wilbert & Elsie Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne,
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Valerie Bascle, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Jerry & Matthew Arceneaux, Keri Lynn Niette,
Albert Pinell Sr., Boquet families, Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Clinton & Wilma Picou,
Jerry & Betty Bascle, Dolores Viteaux, Cynthia Charpentier, Geri Rhodes*

8:00 A.M. - Sunday, May 19

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Rev. Guy Zeringue, Rev. Gregory Boquet,
Sue Bueche, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle family, Arthe' Breaux family,
Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet,
Cindy R. Broussard, Erous & Eric Eschete, Julius & Melanie Boquet
Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family, Mary Authement (B),
Doris Meeker (B), Dot Dupre (B), Kerry & Melissa Authement (WA),
Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Ann Hebert,
Veronica Trahan, Terry Lirette, Amelie Thibodeaux, Clyde Pitre, Clyde, Elizabeth & Curtis Lirette,
Matthew & David Naquin Sr, Andrew Sr., Edna, Elie, Morris, Bruce Pitre,
Special intention, Marie Gaston, Ernestine Pitre*

10:00A.M. - Sunday, May 19

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Geraldine Dupre, Herbert, Celina, Joyce,
Deborah & Ronald Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont
Living & Deceased Members of the Naquin, LaJaunie, LeBoeuf & Lapeyrouse Families
Ruth Pinell, Maxine Christoffersen, Steve & Nelly Bergeron & family,
Terry, Karen Susan, Leslie & family, Diana & Norris Bourg*

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF May 12, 2019

The Sanctuary Light burns this week for *Aaron Portier*.
The Altar Bread is in memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Duhon*
requested by Wayne & Judy Duhon.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May 4 & 5: Envelopes: \$3969.00+Loose: \$968.00 + \$654.43(Online)
Maintenance collection: \$1035.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Graduation Mass:

All High school and College graduates are invited to attend Mass on **May 19 at 10 a.m.**
Please contact Mrs. Lisa Lapeyrouse for more information and to RSVP (985) 852-2007.

Vacation Bible Camp 2019:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Ann's VBS this year will be June 25-28 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The Theme will be "Come to the Table"

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

Registration forms are available in the back of church.

Adult Lift Conference:

If you would like to attend the Adult Lift Conference
(18yrs & older) please contact

Mrs. Mindy Ard for more information at (985) 688-1872.

The conference is September 27-29.

There is a \$50.00 deposit that is due by June 1st.

CHURCH CLEANING: Week of May 19- Kathie B., Betty L., Johnnie O., Mandy L., Susan H.

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>May 18 & 19</u>				
SATURDAY 4:00P.M.	Debra, Alton, Brian, Marianne	Connie, Randolph	Grace, Trenton,	Steve H, Jan
SUNDAY 8:00A.M	Tim, Mona Carol, Monique	Hayes, Jesse	Caleb, Lucas	Butch, Leroy Walton
10:00A.M.	Leslie, Paula, David, Melissa	youth	Anna, Destiny, Madison, Henry	youth

