

MASS INTENTIONS

First Saturday, April 2

5:00 p.m. +**Della Rebinski**
 By Henry Rebinski

Sunday, April 3

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

10:30 a.m. +**Theresa Risoldi**
 By The Saksa Family

Monday, April 4

8:45 a.m. +**Joseph Iwanowski**
 By The Sanocki Family

Tuesday, April 5

8:45 a.m. +**Jean Moran**
 By Tim, Ginny and Family

Wednesday, April 6

8:45 a.m. +**Theresa Rebinski**
 By Henry Rebinski

Thursday, April 7

8:45 a.m. +**Vito and Marietta Masellis**
 By Angela Gross

Friday, April 8 NO MASS

Saturday, April 9

5:00 p.m. +**Jeanne McCormick**
 By Cathy and Tom Bennett

Sunday, April 10

8:00 a.m. +**John Woltering**
 By Karl and Rose Strohmaier

10:30 a.m. +**Karen Rutherford**
 The Saksa Family

Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people know well how necessary was this message of mercy.”

In April 1978, the Holy See in Rome permitted spread of this devotion. This does not mean that you are required to believe in the apparitions or practice this devotion; you are free to do so and free to spread the devotion since the Church has found nothing in it contrary to our faith. The one primarily responsible for the Holy See approving the authenticity of the apparitions was Karol Wojtyla, then Archbishop of Cracow, later that year elevated as Pope. In 1981, Pope John Paul said his destined role was to bring the era of Divine Mercy into the world. “Right from the beginning of my ministry in St Peter’s See in Rome, I consider this message my special task. Providence has assigned it to me in the present situation of man, the Church and the world.”

Today we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy and so we usually call today Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina was privileged to receive apparitions from Jesus emphasizing his mercy, and especially his mercy today. Jesus promised that those who go to Confession and receive Holy Communion today will receive not only forgiveness of their sins, but the total remission of all temporal punishment for their sins. It is like a second baptism, all sin and punishment is wiped out. Confession during the week beforehand is also acceptable. Our attitude should be one of total trust in Jesus’ Divine Mercy. Confession before today in preparation for this feast is also okay; Sister Faustina used to confess on Saturday. (Jesus’ promise is recorded three times in the Diary of Saint Faustina, each time in a slightly different way. This is the first teaching from Jesus: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that

Divine Mercy Devotion at St. Theodore Church: April 3 at 3 p.m.

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul, II instituted a new feast, the Feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated for the first time

in 2001 on the Second Sunday of Easter, today. It arises out of a series of apparitions, which a Polish nun, Sr. Faustina, received. Sr. Faustina was born in Poland in 1905. When she was twenty years old she entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where she lived for the next thirteen years until her death on October 5, 1938. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1993 and canonized in 2000. When canonizing her, John Paul II said, “Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By Divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the twentieth century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and



exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary §699).

This is the second teaching from Jesus:

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy." (Diary §1109)

This is Jesus' third teaching:

"Ask of my faithful servant [a priest] that, on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."

Salvatorian Fathers Monastery

As of March 1 2016 Divine Mercy Hill was added to Pilgrim Churches during Jubilee of Mercy with the Holy Door.

The Holy Door is open Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. and Wednesday and Friday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. In May and October, Monday through Friday, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Also available by appointment. Confession is available every day before mass. Also available upon request.



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 Philip Kinney, Mary D., Eleanor D., Kerry Kraft

Our Offering: Easter: \$7,154.

Last Year: \$7,155.65



You have to be in it to win it!!!!

**Drawing: Sunday, May 29
 11:30 in the Paris Center**

1st Prize: 40% of total,

2nd Prize: 6% of total

3rd Prize: 4% of total.

Ticket Price \$10.00 each. Please visit Rosarians' Gift Shop in the Parish Center to buy tickets. Proceeds will be applied to Parish Expenses.

April Schedule

Apr. 4, 6:15: 7th Graders & Parents at church

Apr. 6, 7:00: Altar Rosary Society Meeting

Apr. 16, 2p-6p: 7th Grade Retreat

Apr. 18, 6:15: 2nd Grade at church

Apr. 23, 6:00: 2nd Grade at church w/parents

Apr. 25, 6:15: 2nd Grade at church

May 1, 12:00: 2nd Grade at church (report to the Parish Center) Please be on time! First Communion begins at 12:30



HELP NEEDED: Our church is in need of volunteers to help clean the church. Currently, we clean on Wednesday

mornings but willing to change day, if necessary. Please see Fr. Damian if you are available.

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