



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
April 23, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

EASTER

Easter has a happiness and joy all of its own. The Scriptural readings this past week give us the apparitions of Jesus to individuals and groups of people. The victory was so much greater because of the apparent defeat on the cross.

Jesus did not hesitate to explain to His followers that the Messiah had to suffer first before entering into His glory. You see, the language of love is sacrifice and God had to show His love for us, as the Scriptures indicate. So we too must have our little sufferings before we enter the glory of the eternal life of perfect happiness with Him who loves us so much.

DIVINE MERCY

Think about it for a moment! Is there anyone of us who can say he or she is ready to stand before Jesus and state he or she does not absolutely NEED His mercy? Without exception, all of us must plead for mercy. We pray for mercy frequently at Mass. Yet, we tend to overlook the reality of our absolute need for His mercy! It is like the way we overlook or ignore the great love Jesus has for each of us.

When Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary in the seventeenth century and told her to be an apostle of devotion to His love for us (devotion to the Sacred Heart), it meant we humans were woefully lacking here.

In the twentieth century, in the Lord's goodness, He found it necessary to appear to another nun, the recently canonized St. Faustina, to remind people of the need to beg for His mercy. He longs to give us this mercy if we ask. Part of this devotion to Divine Mercy is that we show mercy to other people. Also, in teaching us a devotion to Divine Mercy through St. Faustina, Jesus

admonishes us to exercise more trust in His goodness, His wisdom, mercy, and love for us. So, on the picture of Divine Mercy which He described to St. Faustina, He wanted the words:

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

Pope John Paul II declared the first Sunday after Easter to be DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY for the UNIVERSAL CHURCH. The hour Christ died, 3:00 p.m., is a sacred hour. According to St. Faustina, a short prayer to heaven is recommended daily at this hour, professing trust and asking for mercy, if one can think about it at 3:00 p.m. Great numbers of parishes all over the world are sponsoring an hour's devotion to Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday. We at OUR LADY OF SORROWS, FOR THE THIRTEENTH YEAR, will have the holy hour from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. We usually have a full church at 3:00 p.m. on this Feast of Divine Mercy!

Why is this Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday? The Gospel assigned for this Sunday has been the one in which Jesus leaves with His Church His power to forgive sins.

Divine Mercy devotion is not just another private devotion. Nothing so corresponds to the essence of our faith, the Mass, as does this devotion. How often during Mass we bow humbly before God asking for mercy! We start Mass with:

“Lord, have mercy...”

Before Communion,

“Lamb of God, Who takes
away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.”

In the chaplet, on the large beads of the rosary, we say:

“Eternal Father, I offer the
body and blood, soul and divinity
of your dearly beloved son, Our
Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement
for our sins and for that of the
whole world.”

That's about the same prayer we all say after the consecration at Mass...

"We offer you this life giving bread, this saving cup."

The *Image* of Divine Mercy is a great reminder of this needed devotion. It seems to me every home should have this image.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. Many thanks to Bob Henger, who spoke at six Masses inviting people to come to the Parish Hall and write letters to our congressmen to continue helping the poor, who cannot help themselves in this great country and in other countries.

There were 226 hard copies mailed, plus others who took the material and went home and wrote or emailed the congressmen.

Thanks to all who wrote, and to Bob Henger, our Bread for the World representative and who is also head of our Social Action Committee.



Jerry Noto, Vivian Bonamy,
Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
Melanie Gilchrist, Charlie Kai
Wadsworth

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 9 AM (With Partner)

Tuesday at 4:00 PM (With Partner)

Saturday at 11:00 AM (With Partner)

Saturday at 5:00 PM (With Partner)

Sunday at 11:00 PM

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed, but do select an hour that best fits your schedule.

Please call Mary Claire Brouillette at 871-2909 or Trudy Carpri at 643-0248.

ATTENTION COMMITTED ADORERS:

Fr. Michael Doody from the United Kingdom is hoping to start Perpetual Adoration in his diocese. Please provide him with testimonies, miracles, and blessings you have received from committing to a Holy Hour once a week in Our Lord's Eucharistic Presence. You may leave your testimonies and the graces you have received in a designated box in the Chapel kitchen. God bless you.



<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Monday, April 24	Special Intention Anthony Ross Kenneth Huie
Tuesday, April 25	Rev. Andy Kennedy John Milazzo Kenneth Huie
Wednesday, April 26	Special Intention John David Hutto Sp. Int. Marie Case
Thursday, April 27	Anita Noto Peggy Beuerlein Sp. Int. Debbie Barranco & family
Friday, April 28	William J. Stephens Dolores Geary Sp. Int. Vic & Marianne DeJohn & family
Saturday, April 29	Donors to OLS School Foundation Anthony Ross Kenneth Huie
Sunday, April 30	People of the Parish Anthony Ross Ronald Durst, Sr.

The Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23

*The Holy Hour will begin at
3:00 p.m.*

*with exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, prayers,
the Chaplet of Divine Mercy,
and Benediction.*

Come join us in prayer!

Everyone is welcome to attend *Adult Education: Encounter and Evangelize* on Sunday April 30. Our speaker will be Doug Moellering, PhD. His topic is *Nutritional Significance of Biblical Dietary Recommendations – What We Know Now*. The gathering begins in the **Assembly Hall of the Family Life Center** at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments. The class begins at 10 a.m.

V.I.P. will be held on Tuesday, May 2. Come join your friends and neighbors for Mass at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Lunch and bingo will follow.

**What's Goin on
In High School Youth Group?**

Sunday, April 23: Faith Formation at 10 a.m., focusing on the Eucharist with Matthew Kelly's Decision Point series (pg. 121-124). 7 p.m. dinner and Life Night – "Red Soldier", A Life Night on St. Jose Sanchez Del Rio and the Universal Call to Holiness.

Our "Senior Send Off" is May 7th! Parents, send us a childhood photo of your teen to be in the slideshow and a graduation photo!

Find our summer schedule on olsyouth.com.

**Here's the Scoop
on MID Youth Group!**

Sunday, April 23: This Edge night will help us understand the impact that original sin has on our relationship with God and the world around us. We will be challenged to recognize our own sin and experience Christ's healing presence in the form of Eucharistic Adoration with Fr. John Paul. Meet in the Assembly Hall at 7 p.m. for dinner!

Register now for Vacation Bible School
www.ourladyofsorrowsspr.com



The best week of the summer!

June 12-16th, 2017

9 am- 12 pm Monday-Friday

Rising 4K-4th grade

We need volunteers too! Register www.ourladyofsorrowsspr.com

Trash and Treasure News

Now is the time to start gathering your donations for TNT, as June will be here before you know it! If you have furniture items you would like picked up and CANNOT keep until June, call Melanie Falconer at 281-9695 or Mike Montenegro at 335-9046. Also, TNT will host a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. on April 27, for anyone interested in volunteering. For more information, contact Melanie Falconer.

The TNT Potluck Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 27th. Please join us at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite dish and a friend! Contact Melanie Falconer for details.