

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

STM Church

Sunday, April 23rd

3 pm

Ready to tap into the extraordinary graces available to us through the Divine Mercy?
Living out a devotion to Divine Mercy is one important way.

Just remember the word, **F-I-N-C-H**:

F = Feast

The Feast of Divine Mercy, also called Divine Mercy Sunday, is celebrated on the eighth day of Easter, the Second Sunday of Easter. The pinnacle of the Easter celebration, on that day, Jesus' unfathomable mercy is poured out to souls who approach Him with trust and love. Come join us at STM for our Feast Day celebration, to include Exposition, Benediction, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and the Chaplet; light refreshments to follow in the Disciples' Room.

I = Image

The image of Jesus with a red and pale ray emanating from his heart, and His hand raised in blessing. As Jesus told St. Faustina, the mystic to whom he appeared, "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces...that vessel is the image with the signature, Jesus I trust in You. By means of this image, I shall be granting many graces to souls."

N = Novena

The Novena to Divine Mercy is nine consecutive days of prayer, with each day devoted to a different group of people, as Jesus instructed St. Faustina (e.g., all sinners on Day 1 and all priests and religious on Day 2, etc.). While it can be prayed at any time a special time for this novena is in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, starting on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday after Easter. Jesus promised, "By this Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls." Diary 796. Novena prayer pamphlets are available at all church exits and in the chapel or go to www.the-divine-mercy.org.

C = Chaplet

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed on ordinary rosary beads and takes just about seven minutes. This is a powerful prayer as it's based in the most powerful point in the Mass, the consecration of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. We offer up our sacrifices to God, along with the ultimate sacrifice of Christ. Chaplet prayer cards will be available during our celebration on April 23rd.

H – Hour

What hour? The Hour of Great Mercy, the hour between 3-4 pm, as Jesus died for us at 3 pm. Jesus told St. Faustina, "This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world... I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." This is a great time to pray for loved ones, those who are ill or dying, and for the conversion of sinners.