



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

April 10-11, 2021

### NEW SUNDAY DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



#### What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

##### When and why did the church begin celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday?

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a

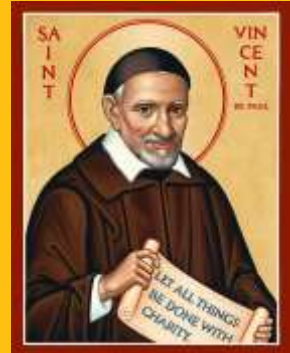
series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina's diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?"*

#### Saint Vincent de Paul



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been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind [sic] will experience in the years to come." *This article appeared in the May 2011 issue of U.S. Catholic (Vol. 76, No. 5, page 46).*

<https://uscatholic.org/articles/201104/what-is-divine-mercy-sunday/>

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you for the beautiful Easter well wishes, cards and offerings. This has been a wonderful journey of Lent and I pray each of us has gained much from this journey. Wishing you all the hope and joy that Jesus brings with His resurrection. Messiah Qam! Hakkan Qam!

## BISHOPS APPEAL UPDATE

As of this publication, we have collected \$3,348.00. Throughout Lent, we will be taking a second collection to help meet our stated amount of \$3,500.00. I thank you all in advance for your continued support of our Church and our Eparchial responsibilities as well. God bless all of you.

## SAINT CANDLES FOR SALE

We are offering Saint candles which will be sold after Divine Liturgies and on the website. The candles we are offering are the picture of Our Lady of Purgatory stained glass that is in the sanctuary, Saint Maron, Saint Charbel, Saint Rafka, Saint Rita, and Our Lady of Fatima. These candles come in red or amber. The inserts are removable after they are finished and may be replaced with another insert. As the candle burns down, the pictures are illuminated. These beautiful candles may be viewed in the Church or on the website. The cost of the candles is \$8.00 each. This includes the glass and the candle insert. You may also purchase the insert candles for \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00. Please take a look at the different candles we offer by visiting our website at [www.ourladyofpurgatory.org](http://www.ourladyofpurgatory.org) or by visiting the table at the back of the Church.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Cardinal Medeiros Residence in Fall River is looking for overnight shifts, two shifts a week for a Resident Service Assistant. If you are interested please call the number on ad. Thank you.



## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, April 13, we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus and ask for His help. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful service

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

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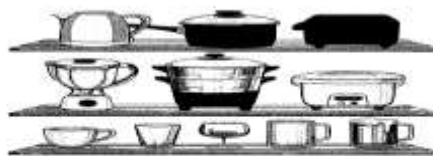
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Pots/pans  
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Lamps with shades

Gift cards welcomed!

**Saturday, April 10, @ 4:30 PM, Palm Sunday Vigil, (Feast of Saint Agabus)** liturgy is being offered in memory of Michel and Annal Magaletta, Sr., Michel, Jr., and Baldassare Magaletta requested by Joann, Anthony, and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, April 11, @ 10:30 AM, Palm Sunday, (Feast of Saint Antipas)** liturgy is offered for the soul of Fr. George Saad requested by Hyatt Thomas and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered in memory of Lee Kalife and the deceased members of the Kalife family requested by Louis Kalife. May their souls rest in peace.

**Monday, April 12, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Mennas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus)** liturgy is offered for the soul of Rose Gamello requested by the Farhat Family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Tuesday, April 13, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Zosimas)**

**Wednesday, April 14, @ 6:00 PM, Welcome Me Into Your Kingdom,** liturgy is being offered for the souls of James and Catherine Graham by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Thursday, April 15, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Soter)**

**Saturday, April 17, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Agapitus)** liturgy is being offered for the souls of the McAllister and Maslanka Families requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Arthur and Annie Thomas and Edouard Matter requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, April 18, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Thais)** liturgy is being offered for the souls of Edward and Bertha Baroody requested by Gaby and Amal

Baroody and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Chris David requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

### NO DAILY LITURGIES

Please note that there will be no daily liturgies from Monday, April 19-April 24. Thank you for your understanding.

### WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine are in loving memory of Boutros and Joseph BouRamia requested by Jacques BouRamia and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Anyone who would like to give an offering in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for the month of April, 2022, please see Fr. Vincent. The cost for the month is \$75.00, which covers the cost of the communion bread and wine. Thank you and God bless.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Michael Ellis, Kenza Sellami, Tommy Hatem, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo and Ida Roderick, Theresa John, Laurette BouRamia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, Edmond Salameh, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time, I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

### LECTORS FOR APRIL 2021

**Saturday, April 10, 4:30 PM,**

Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, April 11, 10:30 AM,**

Joan T. Mello / Jano Baroody

**Saturday, April 17, 4:30 PM,**

Rachael Higgins/

**Intercessions Anna Higgins**

**Sunday, April 18,**

Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, April 24,**

Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, April 25,**

Jean Barbour/Hiba Chedid

### WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR April 3-4, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,534.00
Holy Land Collection	\$ 240.00
Donations	\$ 200.00
Saint Candles	\$ 97.00
Candles	\$ 49.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 6,120.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEELY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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Joseph & Marie Kenyon

*How empty life is without you.  
Your Love and Patience has made us into who we are today. Your Guidance has set our path in life. We Miss seeing your face, hearing your voice, seeing your smile and hearing your laugh. We Love you and miss you even more with each passing day*

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