

**April 19 & 26, 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

As the Easter Octave (Eight days of Easter from Easter Sunday to the first Sunday after Easter) comes to end, we especially focus on and celebrate Jesus' Divine Mercy for us, which flows from His pierced Sacred Heart to purify our souls! The image of Divine Mercy, is especially venerated on the Divine Mercy feast day (the first Sunday after Easter). The following is taken from St. Faustina's writings;

"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me; *'Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then} throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory.'*" (Divine Mercy in My Soul n. 47-48)

Jesus explained the significance of the two rays coming from His Heart, saying to St. Faustina, *"The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy."* (ibid n.299)

At the center of the Divine Mercy messages Jesus gave to St. Faustina for us in her writings is Trust! Jesus wants us to trust in His boundless eternal mercy. He wants sinners to trust that His mercy is greater than the most terrible sins we could ever commit. Because Jesus' loving mercy triumphs over all, we are to approach Him with confidence, with trust, to give Him all our sins, holding nothing back, so that he can purify us through the Blood and Water that flows from His pierced Sacred Heart. Many people are lead to believe that they are hopeless, that they are beyond redemption and that Jesus' forgiveness couldn't possibly apply to them. This is not true, it is a deception, a lie! Sadly, because of this lie, many don't seek His mercy and that breaks Jesus' merciful Heart. He once said to St. Faustina, *"The flames of*

*mercy are burning Me - clamoring to be spent; I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don't want to believe in My goodness." (ibid n.177)*

Jesus is God, and nothing we can do can out match what God does for us. Regardless of how we feel, or what we think, the truth is Jesus loves us no matter what, and He is always waiting for us to respond to His love, to seek out His mercy, so that He can pour out in superabundance His forgiveness upon us. Therefore, do not fear going to confession, do not doubt Jesus' mercy that you will receive in the confessional, know that Jesus acts through His priest, and by the power of this sacrament; as you confess all your sins without holding anything back from His mercy, they are all totally forgiven and you are set free and given a fresh start, a new beginning through Jesus' Divine Mercy! Jesus, I Trust In You!

#### DIVINE MERCY - CORONAVIRUS

Our Merciful Lord, in another message to St. Faustina, said the following regarding the image of Divine Mercy reminding us that we are called to be agents of mercy; to *"be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful"* Luke 6:36. We read in St. Faustina's diary; *"... I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: first – by deed, the second – by word, the third – by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy. Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy [...] By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."* (ibid n. 742).

As we live these difficult days, when we've seen how some can be selfish by hoarding, or price gouging, fear mongering, and using this pandemic to their advantage in various ways. How are we to respond, what do we do? We are to be mindful of our identity as Christians, our baptismal call as disciples of Jesus most Merciful, to be a reflection of His mercy for those around us by what we do, say, and how we pray! So, let us seek Jesus' mercy for ourselves (imperfect as we are), and let us be merciful like Jesus to those around us. Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us! Saint Faustina; pray for us!

"Jesus, I Trust In You!" Let's go back to those words Jesus asked to be placed on the image of Divine Mercy, and apply them also to our current situation. During this time of pandemic with all that has happened, and continues to happen; many have been shaken! You might feel stressed, maybe lost, or afraid. The turmoil around us could be effecting your inner peace. Again and again, we must turn to those words given by our Lord to St. Faustina and say with her, "Jesus, I Trust In You!" Place your

trust in Jesus throughout this pandemic. Know that He will take care of you, and your loved ones. Share with Him all that occupies your mind, and troubles your heart. He is attentive to us, and provides for all things so that regardless of the outcome (even if the outcome isn't what we wanted or expected) trust all things you endure during this life time help get you to where God desires us all to be in the next life; in Heaven with Him! In this short & sweet little line from the Bible, Saint Peter says it all, "*Casting all your care upon him, for he hath care of you.*" 1 Peter 5:7. And as Jesus Himself says in Matthew 11:28-29, "*Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*" Trust in Jesus, place all your cares upon Him, He cares about you, and He will take care of you... "Jesus, I Trust In You!"

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### NOTICE

To prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, the Quebec Bishops have decided that **all public Masses, and all activities / events / classes / meetings are to be suspended** until the Quebec Bishops permit us to resume the usual parish activities.

Even though our Masses and activities are suspended, our expenses remain at around the same level. Many have been hit by the economic impact of this pandemic. For those who are able to still help support the parish, your contributions are most appreciated.

As the situation evolves, and information changes you can remain informed via a webpage set up by the Archdiocese of Montreal, where they will post updates and info, regarding the actions taken by the Archdiocese, in response to the coronavirus as things unfold: <https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/covid-19>

During these difficult days be assured of my prayers for you, and together let us pray for all those effected by this virus, and for its swift end! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to e-mail me: [fatherjppiper@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjppiper@gmail.com)

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To note for those who have mass intentions booked; although the masses will not be publically celebrated, be assured that I am celebrating a mass for each intention on the scheduled day of the intention.

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## ANNOUNCED MASSES

April 18- May 3, 2020

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Rose Mangahas – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>  Julia Mary Pizzardi – RIP – by the family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saint Anselm</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint George</b> For Souls in Purgatory – by Marie C. Hubert
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen</b> Thanksgiving by Elisa Romea
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Joan Crawford - RIP – by Barbara
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> The Living and Deceased Members of the Borges Family – by Anne Marie  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Peter Chanel</b> Maria E.S. Ponte – RIP – by Connie
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Catherine of Siena</b> Thanksgiving and Blessings
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Marie of the Incarnation</b> Eloy Jacobo – RIP – by his friends
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saint Joseph the Worker</b> Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Athanasius</b> Celine Borges and Eugene Rodrigues Marino – RIP – by Anne Marie
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> In Thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Abilio Carvajal and Gilbert Lynes – RIP – by Mercedes and family  <i>Pro Populo</i>

**SAINTLY PRAYER: by St. Teresa of Avila**

Let nothing disturb you  
Let nothing frighten you  
All things are passing  
God never changes  
Patience obtains all things  
Who possesses God lacks nothing  
God alone suffices.  
Amen.

**PRAYER**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.  
Bring a swift end to this coronavirus.  
Heal the afflicted, comfort the fearful,  
and have mercy on those whom you have been called from this  
life.  
Amen.  
Our Lady of Fatima; pray for us!

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself  
wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.