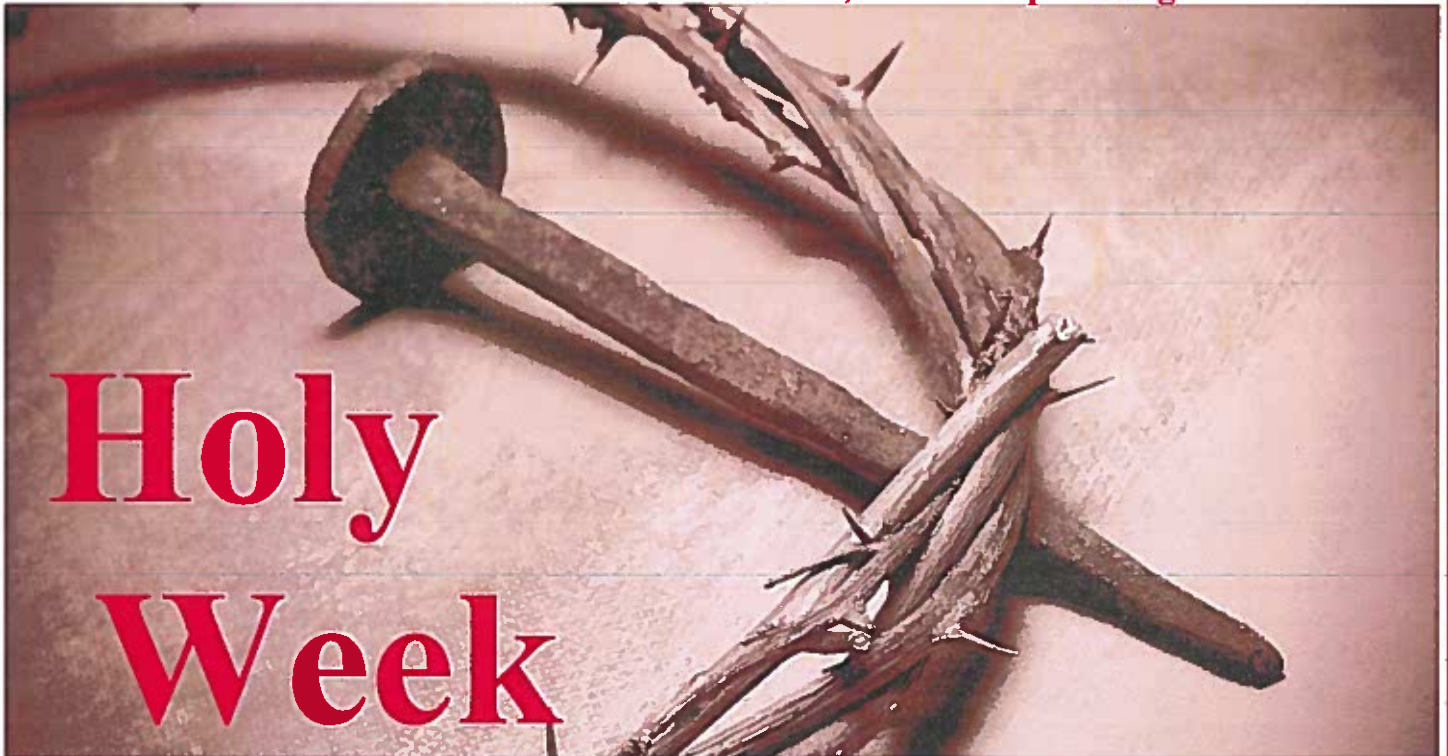


# The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

The Mother Church of the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston  
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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9 to 5 pm, Closed 12 noon to 1 pm

## Holy Week Mass & Confessions Schedule

St. James Chapel: Mon., Tues. & Wed. 7:45 am

Cathedral: Mon., & Wed., 12:10 pm (No Noon Mass Tuesday)

Mass of Chrism: Tues, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm,

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm,

Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord, 3pm,

Holy Saturday Vigil, March 31 8 pm,

Easter Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, & 7:30 pm

Opportunities for Confession "The Light is On!"

One half hour before each Mass held in the Cathedral

Additionally: Wednesdays 1 pm – 5 pm, Holy Thursday, 2-4 pm, &

Good Friday, 9-11 am, 2-2:50 pm

## Palm Sunday: Coming Events

**Billings Life Clinic: Monday, March 26** at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Room D from 7-8 pm (patio entrance). Call us at (613)544-8495 or email: [kingston@naturalfamilyplanning.ca](mailto:kingston@naturalfamilyplanning.ca)

**Tues., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>: Knitting group** meets, Parish centre.

**Wed., April 4<sup>th</sup>: Seniors' Lunch** after the 12:10 pm Mass, Parish Centre.

**Holy Week begins today Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass of Chrism: 7:30 pm March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Thursday: 7 pm March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday: 3 pm March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Easter Vigil: Saturday, 8 pm March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Easter Sunday: 8 am, 10:30 am & 7:30 pm**

**Please pray for our Sick:** Carmen Davies, Bev Dickison, Patrick Gambin, Lori Keyes, Janice Lumb, Matthew McDonald.

**Stations of the Cross** this week will be prayed Monday & Wednesday after the Noon Mass and at 11 am and 7 pm on Good Friday.

**Masses: Monday Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 am Conversion of Sinners

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory

12:40 pm Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 am Al Tamasauskas, 1st anni

7:30 pm Mass of Chrism

**Wednesday Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 am Conversion of Sinners

12:10 pm Clara Corea

12:40 pm Stations of the Cross

**Holy Thursday Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

7-11 pm Adoration

**Good Friday Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>**

11 am Stations of the Cross

12-2 pm The Seven Last Words

3 pm The Passion of the Lord

7 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>**

8 pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>**

8 am For the people of the Parish

10:30 am For the people of the Parish

7:30 pm For the people of the parish

**Ministries:**

**Easter Sunday Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 am**

Altar Servers	
Lectors	Betty R. Cathy S.
EM of the Eucharist	Fr. Shawn Fr. Dan Deacon Blaine Theresa D. Ann L.

**Sunday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am**

Altar Servers	
Lectors	Teresa M. Carmen B.
EM of the Eucharist	Archbishop O'Brien Fr. Shawn Fr. Paul Deacon Blaine Bob C. Domenica B. Marietta M. Connie A. Rita F. Teresa K.

**Sunday, Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 pm**

Altar Servers	
Lector	Michelle S.
EM of the Eucharist	Pene L. Grace G.

**ADORATION TIMES HAVE COME AVAILABLE:**

This is a great opportunity to spend an extra hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to spend one hour with him. **If you would like to participate in this great grace please contact Natalie at 613-876-1801.**

**TODAY, PALM SUNDAY at 8:00 & 10:30 am**



**DOMENICA, WILMA, SANTINA, AND THEIR ITALIAN BAKER FRIENDS ARE BACK!!! Today, PALM SUNDAY, MARCH**

25<sup>th</sup> Domenica Braccioldieta and her Italian friends are having another bake sale making all different kinds of homemade Italian Easter Bread. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the Sanctuary Floor Restoration. Many thanks to all for their generosity to St. Mary's in doing all this wonderful baking and to you for purchasing something.



**Archdiocesan Celebration of the Chrism Mass**

Archbishop O'Brien and the clergy of the Archdiocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

This Mass is a manifestation of the communion of the clergy with their Archbishop; and, at this celebration, all priests and deacons will renew their ordination promises. Everyone is called to pray for our clergy that they may remain faithful ministers of Christ. In addition, at this Mass, the oils used for the Sacramental life of the Church will be blessed by Archbishop O'Brien and distributed to each Parish and Institution in our Archdiocese.

A reception will follow at École Cathédrale.

All are invited to participate in this special celebration.

**Introit text for 10:30 am Mass:** Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

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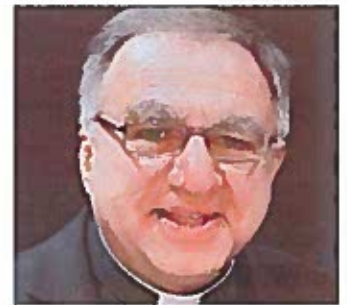
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**The Seven Last Words – Good Friday, March 30th** from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, the students of Newman House will be leading the Seven Last Words devotion – readings, meditations and music which prayerfully recall the seven times that Jesus speaks from the Cross. Father Raymond J. de Souza will preach the meditations on the theme, "The Splendour of Truth Shines from the Cross". The meditations will mark the 25th anniversary of The Splendour of Truth (Veritatis Splendor), the encyclical of St. John Paul II on our moral life in Christ.

**New Life Course** – Come experience the Love of God in a unique & personal way! The St. Andrew School of Evangelization course begins Friday, April 20, and continues until Sunday, April 22. It will be held at Holy Rosary Church in Belleville. The cost is \$40, which includes 3 meals and snacks. For more information, contact Ruth Terry at 613-661-2498 or [terry@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:terry@alcdsb.on.ca).

## **APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>: The Knights of Columbus of Kingston Mills Council**

Present an Evening with **FATHER THOMAS ROSICA** of SALT AND LIGHT TELEVISION. \$38 per person Includes \$10 charitable donation to Salt and Light TV; Four course Meal begins at 5:30 featuring Veal Cordon Bleu as the main entrée. Dietary needs accommodated. Cash bar available. Meal, timing, location details at [Knightsdeals.ca](http://Knightsdeals.ca) or Pete 613.817.5353. Father Rosica's presentation begins at 7 pm. If you want to come only for the Presentation it is \$10. Children under 12 free. Salt and Light gift store items will be available. At Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. For more info and for tickets email [deals@knightsdeals.ca](mailto:deals@knightsdeals.ca) or call or text 613-817-5353.



## **THE LIGHT IS ON!!!!**

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION THROUGHOUT HOLY WEEK**

**Mon., Tues., Wed.,: 11:30 am – 12 noon**

**Wednesday: 1 to 5 pm**

**Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: 2 to 4 pm**

**Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: 9 to 11 am, 2-2:50 pm**

**Examinations of Conscience and a review of How to Go to Confession are at all the entrances of the cathedral.**

**Dinner and Dance** Sat. April 14 at Rideau Acres from 5-10 pm featuring Still Standin' Band and catering by Greek Islands. Tickets \$55 on-line at [neeje.ca](http://neeje.ca) or call Irene at 613-549-7421. A fundraiser to support Neeje's work inspiring women to lead meaningful lives.

# **2018 Holy Week and Easter** **Mass & Confessions Schedule**

**Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: regular Mass schedule**

Confessions: Sat. (March 24<sup>th</sup>) 4 to 5 pm

Mass: Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: 8 am, 10:30 am  
& 7:30 pm

**Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>: regular Masses: 7:45 am and 12:10 pm**

Confessions: 11:30 to 12:00 noon

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>: Mass at 7:45 am, No noon  
Mass & Mass of Chrism at 7:30 pm**

**Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: regular Masses: 7:45 am and 12:10 pm**

Confessions: 11:30 am to 12 noon & 1-5 pm

Tenebrae: 8 pm

**Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Confessions: 2-4 pm**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm –**

**Adoration following Mass to 11 pm**

**Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>:**

9 am - 11 am Confessions

11 am Stations of the Cross (devotion)

12 pm to 2 pm: The Seven Last Words (devotion)

2 pm Confessions

**3 pm The Passion of the Lord (Primary Liturgy)**

7 pm Stations of the Cross (devotion)

**Holy Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: The Easter Vigil: 8 pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>: regular Sunday Mass**

**schedule 8 am, 10:30 am & 7:30 pm**

# TENEBRAE



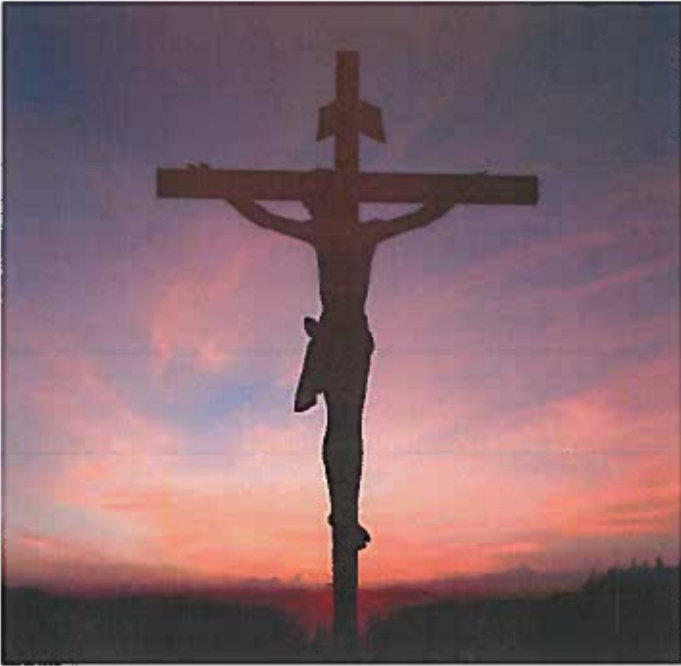
## A HOLY WEEK CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF SHADOWS

**This Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8 pm  
here in the cathedral**

From the Latin word for “darkness”, Tenebrae is a service from the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours) held during Holy Week. The service is conducted in darkness, with the exception of candles on the altar. Psalms and other excerpts from Scripture are chanted as, one by one, the candles are extinguished. With only the Christ Candle remaining, the text “Christ was made obedient for us...” is sung. Obedience to God is where the real power lies. It is a different kind of power: the power to set men free. "By his loving obedience to the Father, 'unto death, even death on a cross' (Phil 2:8), Jesus fulfils the atoning mission (cf. Is 53:10) of the suffering Servant, who will 'make many righteous'; 'and he shall bear their iniquities'. (Is 53:11; cf. Rom 5:19)"

Finally, the Christ Candle is taken away, symbolizing the death of our Lord. At this time, a loud sound is heard, recalling the earthquake at the time of Christ's death. However, this light is brought back and the service ends in silence, as we journey on toward the joy of the Resurrection; the light of Christ as our guide. Music will be led by musicians from the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Jeff Moellman, and will feature one of the most famous pieces of music, Allegri's stunningly moving, *Miserere*. Please join us for what promises to be a moving opportunity to reflect on and prepare for the celebration of Christ's Suffering, Death and Resurrection, realizing in His flesh our God's complete self-sacrificial love for us.

# A LETTER FROM FATHER SHAWN



I would like to sincerely encourage you to enter into the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday with the seriousness and solemnity each of these great celebrations deserve. Please don't let this just be another weekend like any other weekend. For Catholics this is *THE* weekend of the year and should be set aside for the liturgical celebrations, prayer and little else. When someone dies, everything stops. We mourn, we have a wake, the funeral and the burial. This upcoming Triduum, all non-essential issues should take second place as we enter into the greatest mysteries of our faith. Set Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday aside as days of attending the Liturgical celebrations. They are days of less activity and more spirituality and prayer. Remember Good Friday is a day of Obligatory fast and abstinence to enter not only spiritually but even physically into the Lord's Suffering and Death. Easter Sunday should be set aside as the day for great liturgical (parish family) and great family celebrations in our homes.

## Three Great Days Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, prepare us for the highest point of the Church year by Carl Olson

<https://www.osv.com/MyFaith/Article/TabId/586/ArtMID/13752/ArticleID/9868/Three-Great-Days.aspx>

The liturgical year is a great and ongoing proclamation by the Church of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a celebration of the mystery of the word.

Through this yearly cycle, the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "the various aspects of the one paschal mystery unfold" (No. 1171). The Easter triduum holds a special place in the liturgical year because it marks the culmination of the yearly celebration in proclaiming the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Latin word triduum refers to a period of three days and has long been used to describe various three-day observances that prepared for a feast day through liturgy, prayer and fasting. But it is most often used to describe the three days before the great feast of Easter: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil. The General Norms for the Liturgical Year state that the Easter triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, "reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday" (No. 19).

Just as Sunday is the high point of the week, Easter is the high point of the year. The meaning of the great feast is revealed and anticipated throughout the triduum, which brings the people of God into contact -- through liturgy, symbol and sacrament -- with the central events of the life of Christ: his last supper, his trial and crucifixion, his time in the tomb and his resurrection from the dead.

In this way, "the mystery of the resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him" (CCC, No. 1169). During these three days of contemplation and anticipation the liturgies emphasize the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross, and the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist, by which the faithful enter into the life-giving passion of Christ and grow in hope of eternal life in him.



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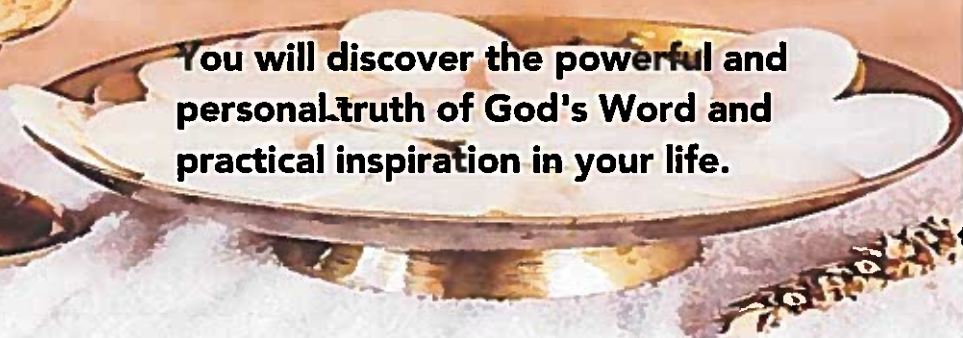
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**WHERE: ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTRE, 260 BROCK STREET**

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**Annual Divine Mercy  
Sunday Celebrations  
at St. Mary's Cathedral**

**Sunday:**

**Holy Mass at 2 pm**

*(fulfills Sunday obligation)*

**April 8th, 2018**

**and followed by**

**sung Divine Mercy Devotions**

**blessing of images, &**

**reverencing of the relic**

**Jesus I Trust in You!**



## **The Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday**

Jesus asked that the **Feast of the Divine Mercy (this year April 8<sup>th</sup>)** be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday (this year, March 30<sup>th</sup>)**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy." In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

**The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:**

**DAY 1 (Good Friday)** - All mankind, especially sinners

**DAY 2 (Holy Saturday)** - The souls of priests and religious

**DAY 3 (Easter Sunday)** - All devout and faithful souls

**DAY 4 (Easter Monday)** - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him

**DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday)** - The souls of separated brethren

**DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday)** - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

**DAY 7 (Easter Thursday)** - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

**DAY 8 (Easter Friday)** - The souls who are detained in purgatory;

**DAY 9 (Easter Saturday)** - The souls who have become lukewarm.

**During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions. For how to pray the Chaplet go to**

**<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php>**

**First Day: "Today bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me."**

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

**Second Day: "Today bring to Me the Souls of Priests and Religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy flows out upon mankind."**

Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Your grace in men and women consecrated to Your service,\* that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Your vineyard -- upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Your blessing. For the love of the Heart of Your Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Your power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one voice sing praise to Your boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen.

In the original text, Saint Faustina uses the pronoun "us" since she was offering this prayer as a consecrated religious sister. The wording adapted here is intended to make the prayer suitable for universal use.

**Third Day: "Today bring to Me all Devout and Faithful Souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. These souls brought me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were a drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness."**

Most Merciful Jesus, from the treasury of Your mercy, You impart Your graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from It. We beg this grace of You by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Your Heart burns so fiercely.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Your Son. For the sake of

His sorrowful Passion, grant them Your blessing and surround them with Your constant protection. Thus may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify Your boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen.

**Fourth Day:** "Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not know Me, **I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.**"

Most compassionate Jesus, You are the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who do not believe in God and of those who as yet do not know You. Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Your wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Your Most Compassionate Heart.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who do not believe in You, and of those who as yet do not know You, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love You. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

\*Our Lord's original words here were "the pagans." Since the pontificate of Pope John XXIII, the Church has seen fit to replace this term with clearer and more appropriate terminology.

**Fifth Day:** "Today bring to Me the Souls of those who have separated themselves from My Church\*, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church My wounds heal and in this way they alleviate My Passion."

Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

\*Our Lord's original words here were "heretics and schismatics," since He spoke to Saint Faustina within the context of her times. As of the Second Vatican Council, Church authorities have seen fit not to use those designations in accordance with the explanation given in the Council's Decree on Ecumenism (n.3). Every pope since the Council has reaffirmed that usage. Saint Faustina herself, her heart always in harmony with the mind of the Church, most certainly would have agreed. When at one time, because of the decisions of her superiors and father confessor, she was not able to execute Our Lord's inspirations and orders, she declared: "I will follow Your will insofar as You will permit me to do so through Your representative. O my Jesus " I give priority to the voice of the Church over the voice with which You speak to me" (497). The Lord confirmed her action and praised her for it.

**Sixth Day:** "Today bring to Me the Meek and Humble Souls and the Souls of Little Children, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence. "

Most Merciful Jesus, You yourself have said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy and they are the heavenly Father's favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God Himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, and upon little children who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Your Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Your very throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg You by the love You bear these souls and by the delight You take in them: Bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

**Seventh Day:** "Today bring to Me the Souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy\*, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death."

Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God:

Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially at the hour of death, the souls who will venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He, Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen.

\*The text leads one to conclude that in the first prayer directed to Jesus, Who is the Redeemer, it is "victim" souls and contemplatives that are being prayed for; those persons, that is, that voluntarily offered themselves to God for the salvation of their neighbor (see Col 1:24; 2 Cor 4:12). This explains their close union with the Savior and the extraordinary efficacy that their invisible activity has for others. In the second prayer, directed to the Father from whom comes "every worthwhile gift and every genuine benefit," we recommend the "active" souls, who promote devotion to The Divine Mercy and exercise with it all the other works that lend themselves to the spiritual and material uplifting of their brethren.

**Eighth Day:** "Today bring to Me the Souls who are in the prison of Purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice."

Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.

**Ninth Day:** "Today bring to Me the Souls who have become Lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: 'Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.' For them, the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy."

Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love, let these tepid souls who, like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.



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