

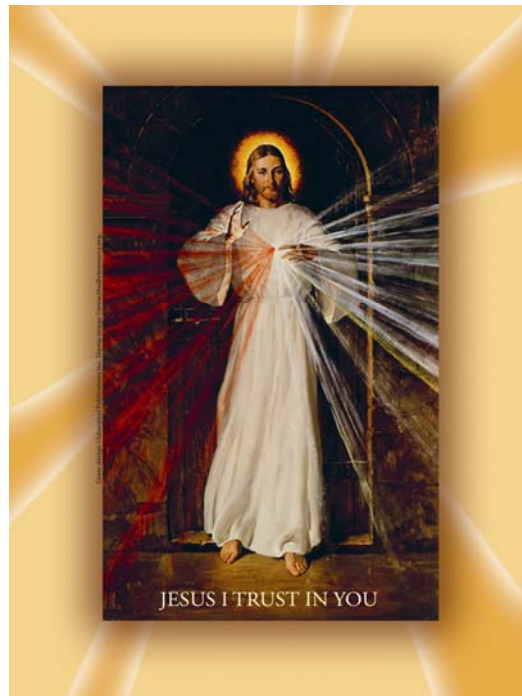
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 11

1:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Church.

We will begin our Devotion with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:30 p.m. followed by a talk by our guest homilist, Fr. Peter Laird, Vicar General of the Archdiocese and Moderator of the Curia. Confessions will begin after the talk and will end at 2:55 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00 p.m. and we will close with Benediction. All are invited to partake of our Lord's great promise of Mercy.



At St Faustina's canonization in 2000, Pope John Paul, II drew from her writings the insight that a "Feast of Mercy" should be instituted, stating, "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on the Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

Many have questioned when they should go to confession in order to receive the plenary indulgence associated with Divine Mercy Sunday. You do not have to go to confession on Mercy Sunday itself. In fact, all of Lent should be a preparation to make a good confession to receive Holy Communion worthily on Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday. Sin is the only obstacle to our fervent reception of Holy Communion, and our sins can be wiped away by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The important thing is to receive Holy Communion on these great feast days in a state of grace, and with great trust in God's mercy.

The plenary indulgence is available for all those meeting the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy to Sunday; in a church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!).