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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm

Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.45 am

Saturday at 4.30 pm

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)

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SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

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Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

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Rev Fr Peter Gitendran, Pastor 416.264.6544

Sunday Mass at 4.30 pm (in Tamil)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm

Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 8, 2018

DIVINE MERCY

When Sr Mary Faustina Kowalska was canonized in 2000, the Holy Father, St Pope John Paul II explained that the meaning of the devotion to Divine Mercy is rooted in both the Incarnation and Passion of Christ.



"Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (cf. Jn 19: 34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3: 5;

4: 14; 7: 37-39).

*"Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: "My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified", Jesus will ask Sr Faustina (Diary, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love's "second name" (cf. *Dives in misericordia*, n. 7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness?"*

"Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the 20th century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people, know well how necessary was the message of mercy.

"Jesus told Sr Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy" (Diary, p. 132). Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked forever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time.

"What will the years ahead bring us? What will man's future on earth be like? We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences. But the light of divine mercy, which the Lord in a way wished to return to

the world through Sr Faustina's charism, will illumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium.

*"However, as the Apostles once did, today too humanity must welcome into the upper room of history the risen Christ, who shows the wounds of his Crucifixion and repeats: *Peace be with you!* Humanity must let itself be touched and pervaded by the Spirit given to it by the risen Christ. It is the Spirit who heals the wounds of the heart, pulls down the barriers that separate us from God and divide us from one another, and at the same time, restores the joy of the Father's love and of fraternal unity.*

*"It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday". In the various readings, the liturgy seems to indicate the path of mercy which, while re-establishing the relationship of each person with God, also creates new relations of fraternal solidarity among human beings. Christ has taught us that "man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but is also called "to practise mercy' towards others: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy' (Mt 5: 7)" (*Dives in misericordia*, n. 14). He also showed us the many paths of mercy, which not only forgives sins but reaches out to all human needs. Jesus bent over every kind of human poverty, material and spiritual.*

*"His message of mercy continues to reach us through his hands held out to suffering man. This is how Sr Faustina saw him and proclaimed him to people on all the continents when, hidden in her convent at Lagiewniki in Kraków, she made her life a hymn to mercy: *Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo.**

"Sr Faustina Kowalska wrote in her Diary: "I feel tremendous pain when I see the sufferings of my neighbours. All my neighbours' sufferings reverberate in my own heart; I carry their anguish in my heart in such a way that it even physically destroys me. I would like all their sorrows to fall upon me, in order to relieve my neighbour" (Diary, p. 365). This is the degree of compassion to which love leads, when it takes the love of God as its measure!

"It is this love which must inspire humanity today, if it is to face the crisis of the meaning of life, the challenges of the most diverse needs and, especially, the duty to defend the dignity of every human person. Thus the message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes; Christ gave his life for each one; to everyone the Father gives his Spirit and offers intimacy.

*"This consoling message is addressed above all to those who, afflicted by a particularly harsh trial or crushed by the weight of the sins they committed, have lost all confidence in life and are tempted to give in to despair. To them the gentle face of Christ is offered; those rays from his heart touch them and shine upon them, warm them, show them the way and fill them with hope. How many souls have been consoled by the prayer "Jesus, I trust in you", which Providence intimated through Sr Faustina! This simple act of abandonment to Jesus dispels the thickest clouds and lets a ray of light penetrate every life. *Jeżu, ufam tobie.*"*



Mass Intentions

Monday April 9

The Annunciation of the Lord

12:05 pm † Almer Kelly
requested by Joyce Murton

Tuesday April 10

12:05 pm † Mavis Randolph
requested Jennie & Michael Manuk

Wednesday April 11

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
12:05 pm † Raymon Deranne
requested by Carlton Paul

Thursday April 12

12:05 pm

Friday April 13

St Martin I, Pope and Martyr
12:05 pm

Saturday April 14

9:00 am

5 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday April 15

Third Sunday of Easter
9 am † Cristiano Medeiros
requested by Jorgina Medeiros

11 am † Leonara Bilby
requested by David & Kay De Souza

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday April 12

12:30 pm Line Dancing
7:30 – 9 pm Legion of Mary Meeting

Friday April 13

3:45 – 5 pm Children's Choir Practice

Saturday April 14

10 am 1st Holy Communion Class #8

Sunday April 15

9 am – 1:30 pm Legion of Mary Book Barrow



INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD RELIGIONS

Have you always wanted to learn more about other Religions? The Ministry for Maturing Adults is sponsoring a series of sessions on **WEDNESDAYS**. Join us this coming Wednesday after the 12:05 Mass to learn more about 5 Major World Religions. This series consists of 6 sessions beginning April 11 in the Church Hall. Bring your lunch to the session where tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served. The sessions begin at 12:45 and end around 2pm. All are welcome.

SCHEDULE:

Wednesday April 11

Introduction to the study of World Religions and Judaism

Wednesday April 18

Christianity

Wednesday April 25

Islam

Wednesday May 2

The Role of Pilgrimages in World Religions

Wednesday May 9

Hinduism

Wednesday May 16

Buddhism and Conclusion



GOD'S GIFT OF LONG LIFE



Everyone is welcome to join us for our next monthly Social which will be on **Monday, April 30th** following the 12:05 pm Mass in the Church Hall.

More details to follow in future bulletins.

SHARELIFE SUNDAY

Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients' need without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping restore hope to those in crisis.



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