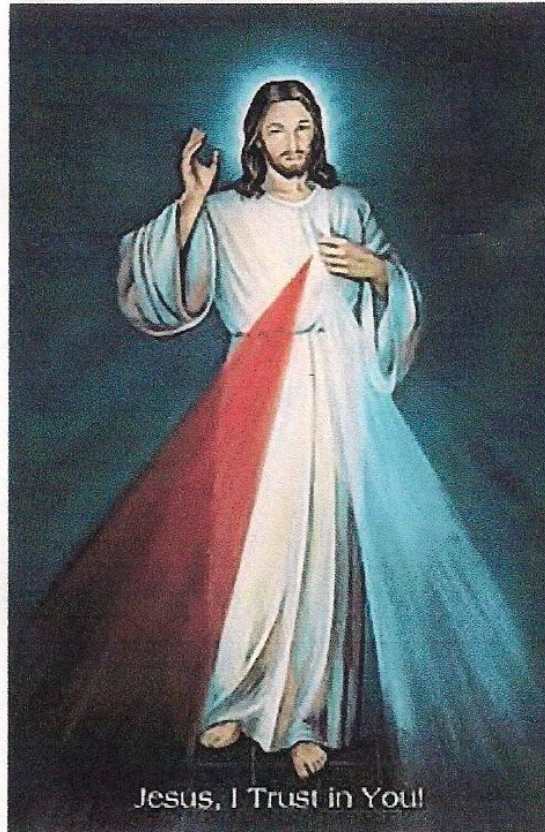


Novena to The Divine Mercy

From the Diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska



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NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

(These Novena Intentions and Prayers are taken from the Diary, 1209 to 1229. It is recommended that the Chaplet of Divine Mercy be said each day following these prayers. Concerning the Novena, Sr. Faustina wrote in her Diary:)

Jesus, I trust in You.

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which Jesus instructed me to write down and make before the Feast of Mercy. It begins on Good Friday.

I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and especially at the hour of death.

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, and I will bring all these souls into the house of my Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls.

I answered, "Jesus, I do not know how to make this novena or which souls to bring first into our Most Compassionate Heart." Jesus replied that He would tell me which souls to bring each day into his Heart.

Good Friday Devotions 7:00 PM - All mankind, especially sinners

No Opening Hymn - All enter in silence.

Opening Novena Prayer

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O God of compassion, You alone can justify me, and You will never reject me when I, contrite, approach Your Merciful Heart, where no one has ever been refused, even if he were the greatest sinner. (Diary, 1730)

First Day Intentions:

"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 the 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 infinite power of Your Mercy, forever and forever. Amen."

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Scripture Reading: 2Cor 12:7-10 (Lectionary I, #101, p 668) "My grace is enough for you".

I will boast in my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

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Closing Prayer

For the Grace to Be Merciful to Others: (Diary, 163)

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O my Jesus, transform me into Yourself, for You can do all things. Amen.

Prayer Over the People:

May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray, descend upon your people, who have honored the Death of your son in the hope of the resurrection: may pardon come, comfort be given, holy faith increase, and everlasting redemption be made secure. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

No Closing Hymn - All depart in Silence.

Holy Saturday

Devotions 3:00 PM

- The souls of priests and religious

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Opening Novena Prayer

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Second Day Intentions

"Today bring to me the souls of Priests and Religious and immerse them in my unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave me the strength to endure my bitter Passion. Through them, as though 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 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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11 (Lectionary I, #66, p 512) "Do Whatever He tells you".

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from —although the servers who had drawn the water knew—, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

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Amen.

No Closing Hymn - All depart in Silence.

Easter Sunday Devotions 7:00 PM - All devout and faithful souls

Opening Hymn - #

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Third Day Intentions

"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 that 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 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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 (Lectionary I, #160, p 944) Judgment of the Nations

Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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Prayer Over the People:

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.


Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn - #

Easter Monday Mass & Devotions 7:00 PM - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him

Opening Hymn - #

Opening of Mass - Greeting

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with You All.

Novena Prayer (replaces Penitential Rite)

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Fourth Day Intentions

"Today bring to Me those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet 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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Mass continues with the *Glory to God*, and *Opening Prayer*.

Scripture Readings:

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. "You who are children of Israel, hear these words. Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence. My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day.

But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he poured forth the promise of the Holy Spirit that he received from the Father, as you both see and hear."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence;

Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

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You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

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Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24

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Gospel

Matthew 28:8-15

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce the news to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. The chief priests assembled with the elders and took counsel; then they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep.' And if this gets to the ears of the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has circulated among the Jews to the present day.

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Closing Hymn - #

Easter Tuesday Devotions 7:00 PM - The souls of separated brethren

Opening Hymn - #

Opening Novena Prayer

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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Fifth Day Intention

"Today bring to me the souls who have separated 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 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 adore 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 the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great Mercy for endless ages. Amen

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Scripture Readings:

First Reading Acts 2:36-41

Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

On the day of Pentecost, Peter said to the Jewish people, "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other Apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

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See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,

To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

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Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.

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John 20:11-18

I have seen the Lord, and he said these things to me.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he had told her.

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Closing Hymn - #

Easter Wednesday

Mass & Devotions 7:00 PM

- The meek and humble souls and the
souls of children

Opening Hymn - #

Opening of Mass - Greeting

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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Sixth Day Intentions:

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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 and humble souls, and upon the souls of 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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Mass continues with the *Glory to God*, and *Opening Prayer*.

Scripture Readings:

First Reading

Acts 3:1-10

What I do have I give you: in the name of the Lord Jesus, rise and walk.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk." Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the

temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds.

Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.

Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!

Look to the LORD in his strength; seek to serve him constantly.

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You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

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He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations—

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Gospel Luke 24:13-35

They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke;

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his Body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the Eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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Closing Hymn - #

Easter Thursday Mass & Devotions 7:00 PM

- The souls who especially venerate
and glorify Jesus' mercy

Opening Hymn - #

Opening of Mass - Greeting

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"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. These souls are united to Jesus and 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 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 spirit, overflowing with joy, sings 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, I Myself will defend as My own glory, during their lifetime, and especially at the hour of their death, those souls who will venerate My fathomless mercy. Amen

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Mass continues with the *Glory to God*, and *Opening Prayer*.

Scripture Readings:

First Reading

Acts 3:11-26

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As the crippled man who had been cured clung to Peter and John, all the people hurried in amazement toward them in the portico called "Solomon's Portico." When Peter saw this, he addressed the people, "You children of Israel, why are you amazed at this, and why do you look so intently at us as if we had made him walk by our own power or piety? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our

fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence, when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, this man, whom you see and know, his name has made strong, and the faith that comes through it has given him this perfect health, in the presence of all of you. Now I know, brothers and sisters, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment and send you the Christ already appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the times of universal restoration of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old. For Moses said: A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen in all that he may say to you. Everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be cut off from the people. "Moreover, all the prophets who spoke, from Samuel and those afterwards, also announced these days. You are the children of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors when he said to Abraham, In your offspring all the families of the earth shall be blessed. For you first, God raised up his servant and sent him to bless you by turning each of you from your evil ways."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

O LORD, our Lord, how glorious is your name over all the earth!

What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him?

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet.

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All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

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Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

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Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Closing Prayer

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Prayer Over the People:

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.


Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

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Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

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Amen.

Closing Hymn - #

Easter Friday

Mass & Devotions 7:00 PM

- The souls who are detained in purgatory

Opening Hymn - #

Opening of Mass - Greeting

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with You All.

Novena Prayer (replaces Penitential Rite)

(All) **I fly to your mercy, Compassionate God, who alone are good. Although my misery is great, and my offenses are many, I trust in Your mercy, because You are the God of mercy; and from time immemorial, it has never been heard of, nor do heaven or earth remember, that a soul trusting in Your mercy has been disappointed.**

O God of compassion, You alone can justify me, and You will never reject me when I, contrite, approach Your Merciful Heart, where no one has ever been refused, even if he were the greatest sinner. (Diary, 1730)

Eighth Day Intentions

"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 indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you 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 the purifying fire, that in that place, too, the Power of Your Mercy may be praised.

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 than through the Wounds of Jesus, Your Dearly Beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your Goodness and Compassion. Amen

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Mass continues with the *Glory to God*, and *Opening Prayer*.

Scripture Readings:

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

There is no salvation through anyone else.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After the crippled man had been cured, while Peter and John were still speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees confronted them, disturbed that they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They laid hands on Peter and John and put them in custody until the next day, since it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word came to believe and the number of men grew to about five thousand. On the next day, their leaders, elders, and scribes were assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and all who were of the

high-priestly class. They brought them into their presence and questioned them, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, answered them, "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

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O LORD, grant salvation! O LORD, grant prosperity!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

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Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:24

Alleluia, alleluia.

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Gospel

John 21:1-14

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks Be To God.**

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Closing Hymn - #

Easter Saturday Devotions 4:30 PM Mass 5:00 PM - The souls who have become lukewarm.

Opening Hymn - #

Opening Novena Prayer

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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Ninth Day Intention

"Today bring to Me 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 flee 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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Mass Opening Hymn - #

Opening of Mass - Greeting

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Prayer Over the People:

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.


Amen.

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Closing Hymn - #

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions 8:30 AM

- The meek and humble souls and the
souls of children

Opening Hymn - #

Opening Novena Prayer

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Novena Prayer

(All) I fly to your mercy, Compassionate God, who alone are good. Although my misery is great, and my offenses are many, I trust in Your mercy, because You are the God of mercy; and from time immemorial, it has never been heard of, nor do heaven or earth remember, that a soul trusting in Your mercy has been disappointed.

O God of compassion, You alone can justify me, and You will never reject me when I, contrite, approach Your Merciful Heart, where no one has ever been refused, even if he were the greatest sinner. (Diary, 1730)

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

Mass Opening Hymn - #

Opening of Mass - Greeting

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with You All.

Mass continues with the *Penitential Rite, Glory to God, and Opening Prayer.*

Liturgy of the Word,
Liturgy of the Eucharist

After *Prayer After Communion* continue with Praises of Divine Mercy

St. Faustina's Praises of the Divine Mercy:

LITANY TO THE DIVINE MERCY

THE LOVE OF GOD IS THE FLOWER - HIS MERCY IS THE FRUIT

"Let the doubting soul read these considerations on the Divine Mercy and become trusting."

Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father...	I trust in You
Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God...	
Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery...	
Divine Mercy, fount gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity...	
Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or angelic...	
Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness...	
Divine Mercy, better than the heavens...	
Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders...	
Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe...	
Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate Word...	
Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus...	
Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners...	
Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host...	
Divine Mercy, in the founding of Holy Church...	
Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism...	
Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ...	
Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life...	
Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death...	
Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life...	
Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life...	
Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell...	
Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners...	
Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints...	
Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God...	
Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery...	
Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy...	
Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence...	
Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands...	
Divine Mercy, crown of all of God's handiwork...	
Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed...	
Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts...	
Divine Mercy, only hope for despairing souls...	
Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear...	
Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls...	
Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope...	

Eternal Father, in whom mercy is unfathomable and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy, itself" (Diary 949).

Closing Prayer

For the Grace to Be Merciful to Others: (Diary, 163)

O Most Holy Trinity! As many times as I breathe, as many times as my heart beats, as many times as my blood pulsates through my body, so many thousand times do I want to glorify Your mercy.

I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own sufferings in silence. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

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Closing Hymn - #

How to Recite the Chaplet

(To be said on ordinary Rosary Beads) (Diary, 476)

The Our Father

The Hail Mary

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
amen.

On the large beads before each decade:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads of each decade:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Doxology (after five decades):

Holy God, Holy and Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Three times)

HOW TO SING THE CHAPLET

Music by Maria Smetkiewicz Adapted by Archb. G. H. Pearce, S.M. and G. Farrell, M.M.

Begin with: *Our Father . . . , Hail Mary . . . , I believe in God . . .*

On the single beads, in place of the *Our Father*:

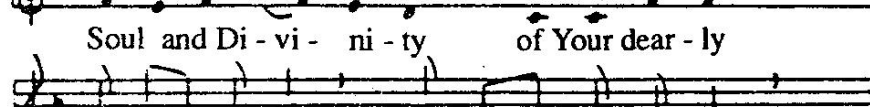
Leader:



E - ter - nal Fa - ther, I of - fer You the Bo - dy and Blood,



Soul and Di - vi - ni - ty of Your dear - ly



be - lov - ed Son, Our Lord, Je - sus Christ,

All:



in a-tone-ment for our sins, and those of the whole world.

On the ten beads, in place of the *Hail Mary*:

Decades 1, 3 & 5

Leader:



For the sake of His sor - row - ful pas - sion,

All:



have mer - cy on us and on the whole world.

Decades 2 & 4

Leader:



For the sake of His sor - row - ful pas - sion,


All:



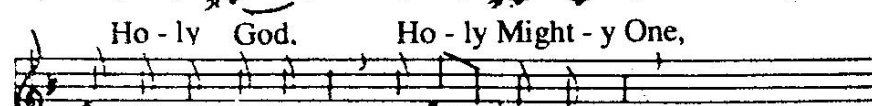
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After the five decades, *three times*:

All:

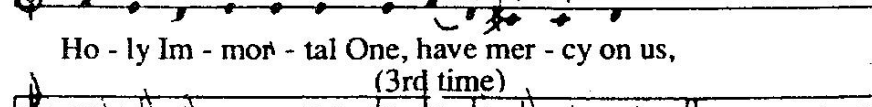


Ho - ly God, Ho - ly Might - y One,

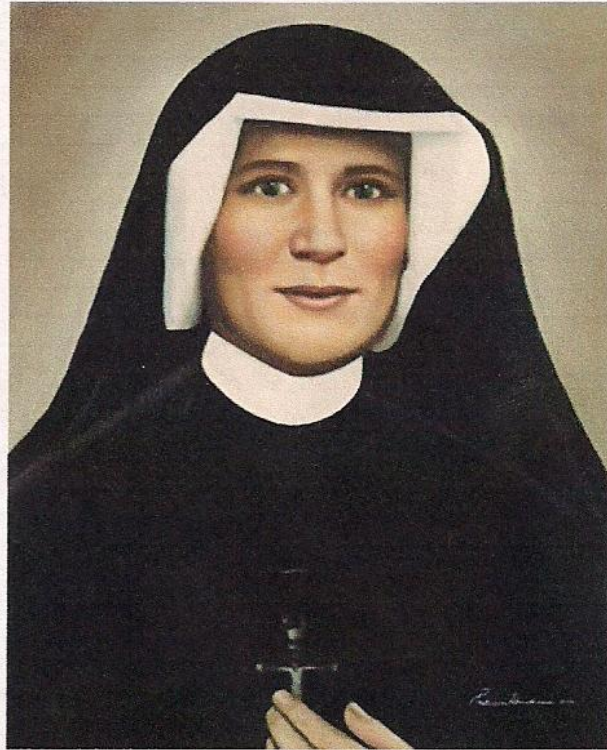


Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy on us,

(3rd time)



and on the whole world. and on the whole world.



Saint Faustina Kowalska
(1905 - 1938)

I feel certain that my mission will not come to an end upon my death, but will begin. O doubting souls, I will draw aside for you the veils of heaven to convince you of God's goodness, so that you will no longer continue to wound with your distrust the Heart of Jesus. God is Love and Mercy. (Diary 281)