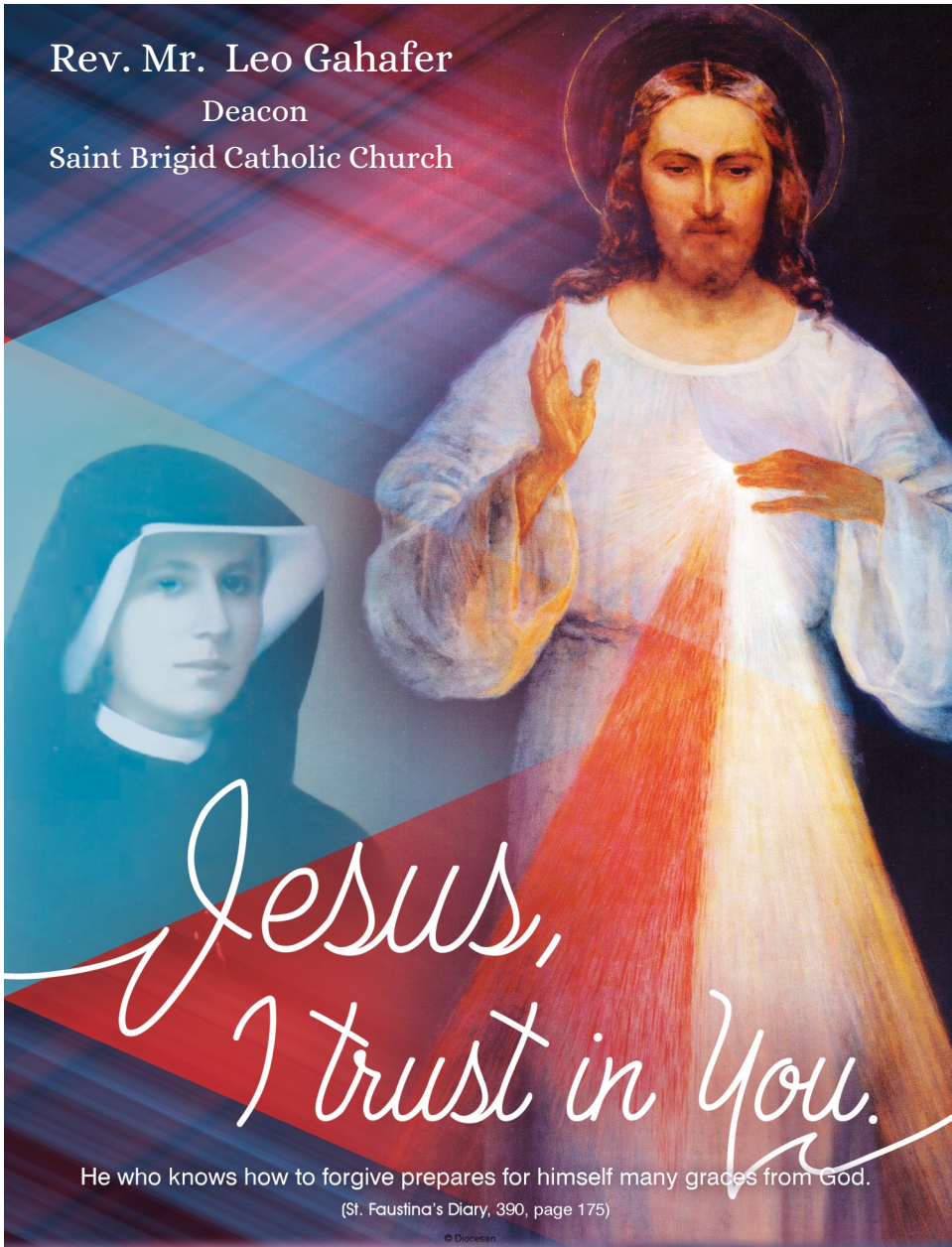


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He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God.

(St. Faustina's Diary, 390, page 175)

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# Eucharistic Holy Hour Sunday of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 19th, 2019, 3:00 PM

## Welcoming and Opening Remarks ..... Fr. Neil Herlihy

### Processional Hymn:

### O Merciful Redeemer

1. O Mer - ci - ful Re - deem - er whom yet un - seen we love,  
2. We wor - ship Thee and bless Thee; to Thee a - lone we sing.  
3. O grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove

O Name of might and fa - vor all oth - er names a - bove!  
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, our gra - cious Lord and King!  
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love!

O bring - er of sal - va - tion who won - drous - ly hath wrought  
In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and power di - vine;  
Then shall we praise and bless Thee where per - fect prai - ses ring,

Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond all thought!  
The glo - ry that ex - cell - eth, O Son of God, is Thine!  
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee our Sav - ior and our King!

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER, 76.76 D; Frederick C. Maker, 1881  
Text: attr. Frances E. Havergal (1836-1879)

## Introduction ....

## Deacon Leo Gahafer

### Exposition Hymn

### O Salutaris Hostia

1. O Sav - ing Vic - tim, o - p'ning wide The  
2. To your great name be end - less praise, Im -  
1. O sa - lu - tá - ris hó - sti - a, Quae  
2. U - ni tri - nó - que Dó - mi - no Sit

gate of heav'n to us be - low! Our foes press on from  
mor - tal God-head, One in Three; O grant us end - less  
cae - li pan - dis ó - sti - um: Bel - la pre - munt ho -  
sem - pi - tér - na gló - ri - a: Qui vi - tam si - ne

ev - 'ry side: Your aid sup - ply, your strength be - stow.  
length of days When our true na - tive land we see.  
stí - li - a, Da ro - bur fer au - xí - li - um.  
tér - mi - no No - bis do - net in pá - tri - a.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1275; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.  
Music: DUGUET, LM; Dieu donne Duguet, d.1767

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

### ***Presider:***

*Lord our God, in this great sacrament we come into the presence of Jesus Christ, your Son, born of the Virgin Mary and crucified for our salvation. May we who declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy drink from it the water of everlasting life*

**℟: Amen.**

## ***Liturgy of the Word***

### **First Reading**

1 Peter 1:3-9

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

℟ The word of the Lord.

**℟: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 118

Give thanks for the Lord for He is good, His love is Everlasting.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

## Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

✠ Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable.

Then he said, "A man had two sons,<sup>12</sup> and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.

When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'

He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

✠ The Gospel of the Lord      ✠ Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ

**Homily** .....

Deacon Leo Gahafer

## **Silent Reflection and Adoration - "Jesus I Trust in You"**



## Universal Prayers for an end to the Coronavirus

***Celebrant:*** God is the Father of all mercies. In Him we place our faith, hope and trust as we pray for an end to the tribulation of the Coronavirus.

For the whole Church, suffering from isolation from one another and separation from the sacraments, may our merciful Lord bring us comfort and strength in our spiritual communion with him, let us pray to the Lord.

**℟️ Jesus, I trust in you.**

For health care workers who are selflessly treating coronavirus patients during this pandemic, may God grant them fortitude and deliver them safely at the end of each day, let us pray to the Lord.

**℟️ Jesus, I trust in you.**

For civic and health care leaders who are coordinating responses to the crisis, may God give them wisdom, strength and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

**℟️ Jesus, I trust in you.**

For those infected with or recovering from the coronavirus, may Jesus, the Divine Physician, offer them hope and provide healing, let us pray to the Lord.

**℟️ Jesus, I trust in you.**

For those who have died from the coronavirus, may they know the peace and joy of God's love and mercy through all eternity, let us pray to the Lord.

**℟️ Jesus, I trust in you.**

For those who face economic uncertainty because of the pandemic, may God graciously look upon their needs and bring them relief and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**℟️ Jesus, I trust in you.**

***Celebrant:*** Almighty and merciful Father, we know that you hear the voices of your people who cry out to you in their need. Grant us all that is good and in keeping with your Divine will, for we ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**℟️ Amen.**



## Veneration of the Image of "The Divine Mercy"

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### *Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

*The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.*



*1. Begin with the sign of the cross, on the Rosary beads begin:*  
**Our Father , Hail Mary, and**

#### **The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come 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.

*2. On the Our Father beads pray:*

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.

*3. On the 10 small Hail Mary beads pray:*

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

*Repeat steps 2 and 3 for all five decades .*

*4. In conclusion repeat three times:*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## Let us pray,

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless 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. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, King of mercy, who with You and the Holy Spirit shows us mercy now and forever. Amen.

## Benediction Hymn

Tantum Ergo



1. Come a - dore this won - drous pres - ence, Bow to Christ the  
2. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Praise to his co -  
1. *Tan - tum er - go Sa - cra - mén - tum Ve - ne - ré - mur*  
2. *Ge - ni - tó - ri, Ge - ni - tó - que Laus et ju - bi -*



source of grace. Here is kept the an - cient prom - ise  
e - qual Son, Ad - o - ra - tion to the Spir - it,  
*cér - nu - i: Et an - tí - quum do - cu - mén - tum*  
*lá - ti - o, Sa - lus, ho - nor, vir - tus quo - que*



Of God's earth - ly dwell - ing - place. Sight is blind be -  
Bond of love, in God - head one. Blest be God by  
*No - vo ce - dat rí - tu - i: Prae - stet fí - des*  
*Sit et be - ne - dí - cti - o: Pro - ce - dén - ti*



fore God's glo - ry, Faith a - lone may see his face.  
all cre - a - tion Joy - ous - ly while a - ges run.  
*sup - ple - mén - tum Sén - su - um de - fě - ctu - i.*  
*ab u - tró - que Com - par sit lau - dá - ti - o.*

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274; tr. by James Quinn, SJ, © 1969. Used by permission of Selah Publishing Co., Inc.  
Music: ST. THOMAS, 8 7 8 7 8 7; John F. Wade, 1711-1786





## **Eucharistic Blessing**

### **Prayer : Divine Praises**

Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.  
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.  
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.  
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.  
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.  
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.  
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.  
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.  
Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints. Amen.

## **Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Deacon Leo

## Recessional Hymn:

### Holy God We Praise Thy Name

1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name!  
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn  
 3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,

Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
 An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name thee,

All on earth thy scep - ter claim,  
 Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim  
 While in es - sence on - ly One,

All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee,

In - fi - nite thy vast do - main,  
 Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:  
 And a - dor - ing bend the knee,

*Repeat ad lib.*  
 Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*; ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719-1790; tr. by Clarence Walworth, 1820-1900  
 Tune: GROSSER GOTT, 7 8 7 8 77; *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c.1774

*Cantor: Jonathan Eason, Harp: Rhett Barnwell*



A plenary indulgence will be granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession within 20 days, Eucharistic communion on Divine Mercy Sunday or the day before or after, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father) to those who participate in public devotions to The Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, and add a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

A partial indulgence will be granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus an approved invocation.

Also, special graces can be received on Divine Mercy Sunday by a soul in a state of grace through the devout reception of Holy Communion.

***"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5,7).***

The faithful are greatly encouraged to practice works of charity or mercy as often as possible, following the example of, and in obeying the commandment of Jesus Christ, as is listed for the second general concession of indulgence in the *"Enchiridion Indulgentiarum."*

*"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"*  
*Saint Faustina's Diary, p.699*

*From Fr. Chris Alar MIC the Director of the Association of Marian Helpers .....*

Are you discouraged that you will not be able to receive the special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday promised directly by our Lord through St. Faustina in the 1930s?

Don't be.

Even though churches are closed and you cannot go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, you can receive these special graces this Sunday, April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday.

Let's begin by reading what is arguably the most important passage in St. Faustina's Diary, when Jesus tells St. Faustina:



*I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy*

*Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet (699).*

There it is: Jesus promises that the soul that's been to Confession and receives Holy Communion will be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our soul. Those stains are sin and the punishment due to sin. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul.

But how can you receive this complete forgiveness of sins and remission of all punishment? After all, churches are closed and Confession and Communion are not available.

There is, however, still a way to receive this grace.

Do these three things on Divine Mercy Sunday with the intention to turn away from sin in your life:

### **1- Make an Act of Contrition**

Since you are unable to get to Confession, instead make an

#### **Act of Contrition:**

*O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love.*

*I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.*

You thereby will be completely forgiven of all sins, even “mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible” (*Catechism, 1452*).

### **2- Make a Spiritual Communion**

Since churches are closed and you cannot receive Holy Communion, make a Spiritual Communion instead, asking God to come into your heart as if you received Him sacramentally — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. For instance, you can say this:

#### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul.*

*Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself to  
You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.*

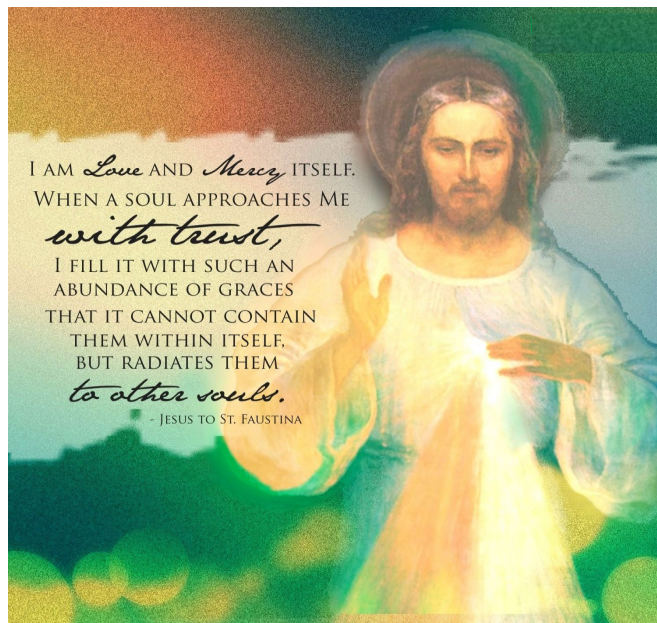
Again, do this act of trust with the intent to return to the sacrament of Holy Communion as soon as possible.

### **3- Say a prayer like this:**

Lord Jesus Christ, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [*I'm unable, but I made an Act of Contrition*] and the soul that receives Holy Communion [*I'm unable, but I made a Spiritual Communion*] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please, Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace.

Finally, please remember that this extraordinary promise of Divine Mercy Sunday is for everyone. Tell your non-Catholic friends about it. Everyone can ask Jesus to forgive their sins. Everyone can make a Spiritual Communion. And everyone can ask for this grace to completely wipe their slate clean of not only all sin, but all punishment due to sin. Normally, the punishment is not remitted unless one has absolute perfect contrition. And unlike a plenary indulgence, there is no requirement of having perfect detachment from sin. In other words, as long as we have a desire for this grace and intention to amend our lives, we can be completely cleansed with grace similar to our original Baptism. It is a way to really start over in our spiritual life!

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/what-do-divine-mercy-sunday>



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