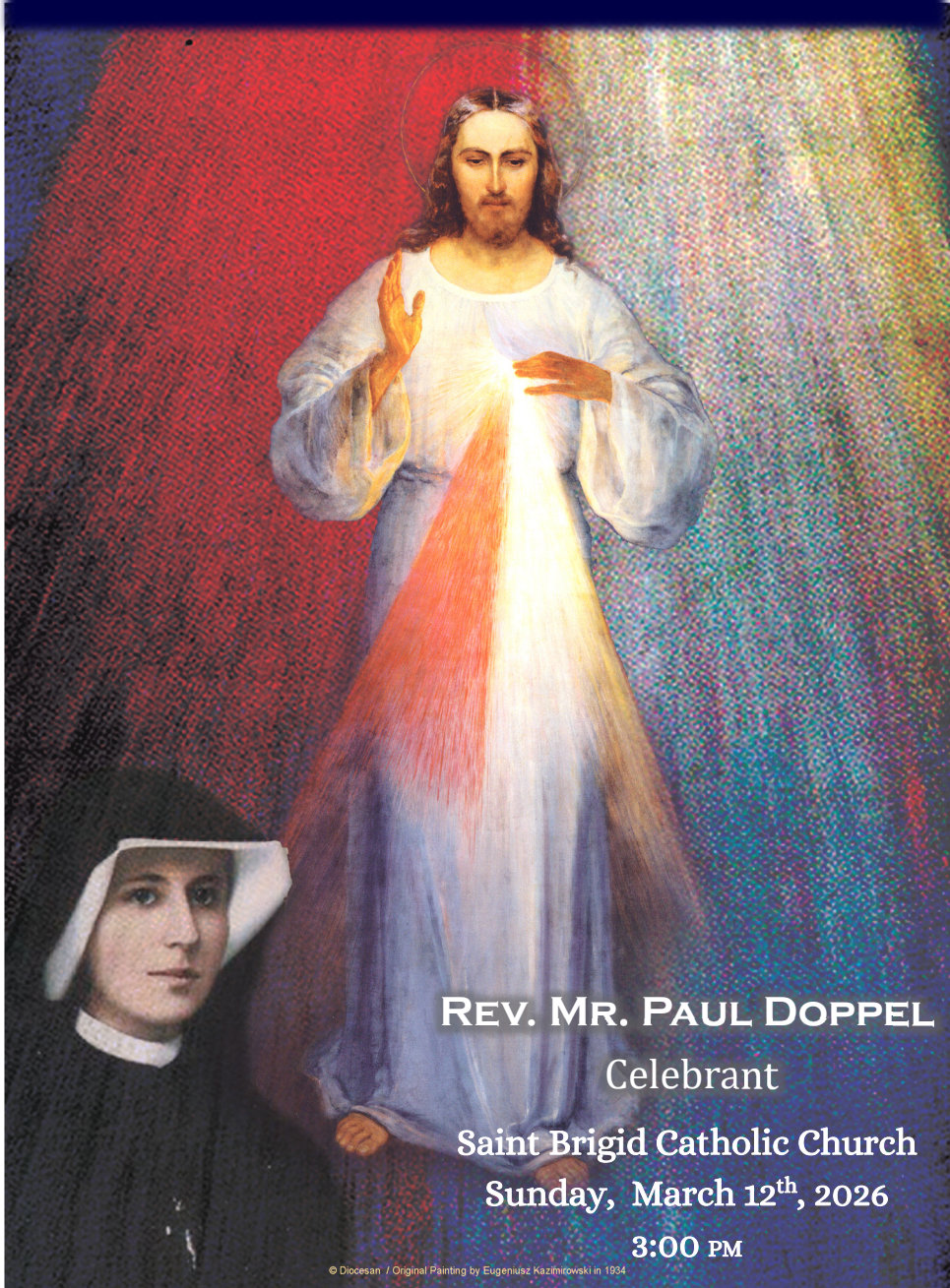


**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



**REV. MR. PAUL DOPPEL**

Celebrant

Saint Brigid Catholic Church

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

3:00 PM

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## RITE OF EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Kneel:** *When the presider (priest or deacon) goes to the tabernacle and when he opens it all kneel. Once the celebrant has reached the front of the altar and kneels,*

**Hymn:** *O Saving Victim is sung by the congregation.*

O saving Victim, open wide  
The gate of heaven to us below.  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Your aid supply, your strength bestow.

To your great name be endless praise,  
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;  
O grant us endless length of days  
In our true native land with thee.

Amen

O salutaris Hostia  
Quae caeli pandis ostium;  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxillium.

Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria,  
Qui vitam sine termino  
Nobis donet in patria.

Amen

### ADORATION

*During this period there may be appropriate prayers, songs, readings from scripture, and a brief homily to help the congregation focus its attention to the worship of the Lord.*

***It is important to remember that the Eucharist is the "Real Presence" of Jesus Christ. You may kneel or be seated for your private portion of adoration/devotion.***

### OPENING PRAYER (Saint Faustina)

“O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy, to Your compassion, O God; and it is with a mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth’s exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: fill us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our lives and at the hour of death. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation’s enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming...” (*Diary, 1570*).

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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.*

### **The Sign of the Cross and Opening Prayer:**

**All:** You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! *(Repeat three times)*

*On the Rosary beads begin:* **Our Father, Hail Mary,**



### **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.

*On the Our Father beads pray:*

*Clergy: Eternal Father I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ,*

**All continue: in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

*On the 10 small Hail Mary beads pray:*

*Clergy: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,*

**All continue: have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

*Repeat for the remaining decades praying "Eternal Father" on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" on the following "Hail Mary" beads.*

*ALL repeat three times:*

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

### **Closing prayer:**

**All:** 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. Amen.

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## What the Old Testament Says About Mercy .....

*Proverbs 28:13* – “No one who conceals transgressions will prosper, but one who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

### *Moment of Reflection*

*Psalms 25:10* – “All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth toward those who honor his covenant and decrees.”

### *Moment of Reflection*

*Isaiah 30:18* – “Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.”

### *Moment of Reflection*

## What the New Testament Says about Mercy

*Ephesians 2:4-5* – “But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved.”

### *Moment of Reflection*

*Titus 3:5* – “He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit.”

### *Moment of Reflection*

*1 Peter 1:3* – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

### *Moment of Reflection*

GOSPEL .....

Luke 18:9-14

**✠ Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke..**

*( The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. )*

He then addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.

“Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector.

The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector.

I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.’

But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’

I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

✠ The Gospel of the Lord

✠ Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY .....

Deacon Paul Doppel

**REFLECTIONS ON QUOTES FROM SAINT FAUSTINA’S DIARY**

*As Our Lord told St. Faustina:*

**“...Tell souls that from this font of mercy (7) souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My Generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls . The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.” (Diary 1602)**

*Moment of Reflection*

**“I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first by deed, the second by word, and the third by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for me. By this means, a soul glorifies and pays reverence to my old mercy” (Diary 742).**

*Moment of Reflection*

### **Three Virtues ...**

Thank you, Eternal Love, for Your inconceivable kindness to me, that You would occupy Yourself directly with my sanctification.

**My daughter, let three virtues adorn you in a particular way: humility, purity of intention, and love. Do nothing beyond what I demand of you, and accept everything that My hand gives you. Strive for a life of recollection so that you can hear My voice, which is so soft that only recollected souls can hear it ... (Diary, 1779).**

### *Moment of Reflection*

#### **Purity of Intention**

When I was apologizing to the Lord Jesus for a certain action of mine which, a little later, turned out to be imperfect, Jesus put me at ease with these words:

**My daughter, I reward you for the purity of your intention which you had at the time when you acted. My Heart rejoiced that you had My love under consideration at the time you acted, and that in so distinct a way; and even now you still derive benefit from this; that is, from the humiliation. Yes, My child, I want you to always have such great purity of intention in the very least things you undertake. (Diary, 1566).**

### *Moment of Reflection*

#### **A Shield and a Shelter**

**The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. ...**

**These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.**

**These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him . (Diary, 299)**

### *Moment of Reflection*

## End Times

***"Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice is near (965).***

Then I saw the Mother of God, who said to me ...

*"I gave the Savior to the world; as for you, you have to speak to the world about His great mercy and prepare the world for the Second Coming..." (635).*

**Write down these words, my daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy ... (848).**

### *Moment of Reflection*

**Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. I use punishment when they themselves force Me to do so; My hand is reluctant to take hold of the sword of justice. Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy (1588).**

### *Moment of Reflection*

#### ***Door of Mercy***

Today, I heard in my soul these words:

**My daughter, it is time for you to take action; I am with you. Great persecutions and sufferings are in store for you, but be comforted by the thought that many souls will be saved and sanctified by this work (Diary, 966).**

**Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice ... (Diary, 1146).**

### *Moment of Reflection*

## LITANY TO THE DIVINE MERCY

*All kneel*

℣. *Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, hear us.*

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

*God, the Father of heaven,*

*God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,*

*God, the Holy Spirit,*

*Holy Trinity, one God,*

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Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

*Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God,*

*Divine Mercy, unfathomable love of the Sanctifier*

*Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity*

*Divine Mercy, expression of the greatest might of God*

*Divine Mercy, in creation of heavenly spirits*

*Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence*

*Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe*

*Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life*

*Divine Mercy, shielding us from deserved punishment*

*Divine Mercy, lifting us from the misery of sin*

*Divine Mercy, justifying us through the Person of the Incarnate Word*

*Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the wounds of Christ*

*Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

*Divine Mercy, giving us the Blessed Virgin Mary as Mother of Mercy*

*Divine Mercy, in revealing the mysteries of God*

*Divine Mercy, in the founding of the Holy Church*

*Divine Mercy, in instituting the Holy Sacraments*

*Divine Mercy, first of all in the sacraments of Baptism and Penance*

*Divine Mercy, in the Holy Eucharist and the sacrament of Holy Orders*

*Divine Mercy, in calling us to the holy faith*

*Divine Mercy, in the conversion of sinners*

*Divine Mercy, in sanctifying the just*

*Divine Mercy, in perfecting of the pious*

*Divine Mercy, fount of help for the sick and the suffering*

*Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts*

*Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls*

*Divine Mercy, accompanying us in every moment of our life*

*Divine Mercy, anticipating our needs with graces*

℟. **We trust in You.**



*Priest/Deacon: You have given them Bread from heaven*

**✠ Having all sweetness within it**

**Priest/Deacon:** *Let us pray! O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

**✠ Amen.**

*The celebrant will then bless all present with the Eucharist. After the presider has blessed everyone, he will come back in front of the altar and kneel and lead everyone in the Divine Praises.*

**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.
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**REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

*When the priest or deacon has blessed everyone he then replaces the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and genuflects, all stand and join in singing.*

**Recessional Hymn:** ..... **Holy God We Praise Thy Name**

Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
All on earth they scepter claim;  
All in heaven above adore thee.  
Infinite they vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn;  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"





## ***Veneration of the Image***

*Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina and then directed her to have this appearance of Himself as the Merciful Savior painted and then venerated publicly. He told her, I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it.*

*(Diary of St. Faustina, 341).*

*In the Image, our Risen Savior has pale and red rays streaming from His side. These rays symbolize the Blood and Water that flowed from His side while He was on the cross. But, in His appearance to St. Faustina, they had been transformed into glorious rays, revealing a fount of healing graces for sinners who will turn to Him with trust. That is why the Image always bears the inscription: "Jesus, I trust in You!"*



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*