

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Diocese of Charlotte



Sunday of Divine Mercy April 7, 2024

Fr. Kenneth Whittington, *Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Ed Konarski, *Deacon*
Rev. Mr. John Martino, *Deacon*
Rev. Mr. Miguel Sebastian, *Deacon*



Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday

12 Noon

Saturday

5 PM-English

Sunday

9:00 AM-English

12 Noon/PM-English

5:00 PM-Spanish

Sacraments

Baptisms

By appointment

Marriage

Contact office at least 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation

Monday & Friday , 6-7 PM

Father Ken's office

Also by appointment

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Today, on the Second Sunday of Easter, we complete the octave of this liturgical season, one of the two octaves —together with Christmas— that remain in the liturgy renewed by the Vatican Council II. For eight days, we contemplate the same mystery and try to deepen our understanding of it in the light of the Holy Spirit.

By the design of Pope Saint John Paul II, this Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is something that goes far beyond a particular devotion. As explained by the Holy Father in his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*, Divine Mercy is the loving manifestation of God in a history wounded by sin. In Latin “*Misericordia*” (which means “mercy”) comes from two words: “*miser*” (misery) and “*cor, cordis*” (heart). God puts our unhappy situation due to sin in His Father's heart, which is faithful to His plans. Jesus Christ, dead and risen, is the supreme manifestation and action of Divine Mercy. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (Jn 3:16) and sent Him to death so that we might be saved. “To redeem the slave, He sacrificed the Son,” we proclaimed in the Easter Vigil. And once resurrected, He made Him a source of salvation for all who believe in Him. Through faith and conversion, we receive the treasure of Divine Mercy.

The Holy Mother Church, which wants her children to live the life of the Risen One, commands that we receive Holy Communion and do so in the grace of God —at least during the Easter season. Indeed, the Easter season is the opportune time for paschal fulfillment. It is a good time to confess our sins and to receive the forgiveness of our sins through the faculties that the risen Lord has conferred on his Church, when he said only to the Apostles: “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (Jn 20:22-23). Thus, we will go to the sources of Divine Mercy. And let us not hesitate to bring our friends to these sources of life: the Eucharist and Penance. The risen Jesus counts on us.

Readings for the Week

Monday Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

Sunday Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

“The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces Love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.”

—St. Thomas Aquinas

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on April 11 and 12th at 7:00 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

Weekly Budget	\$ 10,000.00
Received \$	
Over/(Short) Year-to-date	\$

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024

Goal:	\$ 56,682.00
Paid:	\$ 15,816.36
Pledge Balance:	\$ 14,063.64
Paid + Pledge Balance	\$ 29,880.00
Over (Bold) Under:	(\$ 26,802.00)
Donors	44

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday, April 9 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** will be prayed on Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 pm.

Welcome new members and visitors
Please come by the office to register.
or for information.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 8

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Noon Mass

Tuesday, April 9

Noon Mass

6:00 pm-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, April 10

Noon Mass

5:15 pm-Youth Schola

6:30 pm-Children's Choir

7:00 pm-Fr. Ken's Class

Thursday, April 11

Noon Mass

7:00 pm –First Holy Communion

Friday, April 12

Noon Mass

7:00 pm-First Holy Communion

Saturday, April 13

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, April 14

9:00 am-Mass-English

12 pm/Noon-English-**Pro Populo**

5:00 pm Mass-Spanish-Luis Alejandro Arrué (+)

Why is Divine Mercy Sunday So Important?

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, and is based on private revelations of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. She was designated by our Lord as the "Secretary" and "Apostle" of his mercy. The Lord told her: "***You will prepare the world for My final coming***". St. Faustina's mission was to remind the world of the great mercy of God as revealed in Sacred Scripture, but also to teach us new forms of devotion to The Divine Mercy.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was given to St. Faustina with this promise: "***Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you***" (Diary, no. 1541). "***Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I also desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy:***" (Diary, no. 687). The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a set of prayers said on a standard set of Rosary beads and usually recited at 3:00 pm (the time of Jesus's death).

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

From St. Faustina's Diary, no. 699

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. 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. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ...It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy".

THEY ARE BACK!

The Kontras Quartet will be performing for St. Charles parishioners on Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 pm. If you have not attended one of their performances, then you are in for a treat. The concert is free and will begin at 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy an evening of beautiful music!

Abbreviated Directory

Faith Formation—10:30 AM Sunday

Faith Formation Director: *Gail Watson* 437-3108

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TWO ENGAGING EASTER RETREATS

- 1) **Living a Devout Life (in a crazy world).** April 26-28. Reflections on how to live out the practical holiness taught by St. Francis De Sales.
- 2) **Kindle in Me the Fire of Your Love.** April 19-20. This will be a blend of preaching, prayer, and crafts on the Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

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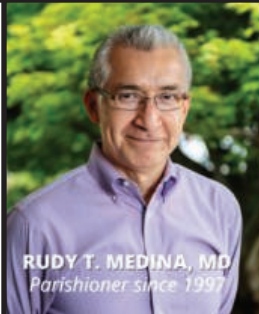
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