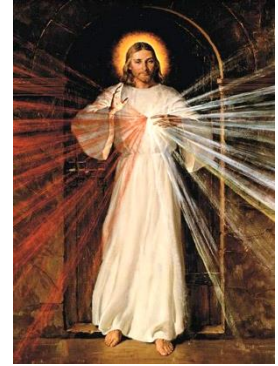


Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

The Sunday after Easter is designated in the Catholic Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus Himself gave this special feast day to St. Faustina, saying, "I desire that the Feast of Divine Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners." (*Diary of St. Faustina*, 699) Jesus also made the extraordinary promise that "whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment." (*Diary*, 300)



OLR will offer a Divine Mercy Sunday Special Program in the Upper Church.

The schedule is as follows:

2 p.m. Adoration & Benediction

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:10 p.m. Guest speaker Mary Dudley

"My Experience of Spiritual Growth through Devotion to Divine Mercy"

3:30 Closing Remarks and Blessing

Divine Mercy Novena Begins on Good Friday, March 29

Jesus also gave the prayers of this special novena to St. Faustina, promising, "By this Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls." (*Diary*, 796) Each day a different group of saints and sinners is invited to "immerse... in the ocean of My mercy....I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of my mercy." (*Diary*, 1209) In the 1990s Pope St. John Paul II popularized devotion to the Divine Mercy Novena, which, with its special graces, is to be recited beginning on Good Friday. The novena will be prayed each day in the Lower Church according to the schedule below:

Good Friday, March 29, 2:00 pm (before the 3 pm Good Friday Liturgy)

Holy Saturday, March 30, 3:00 pm (The Hour of Great Mercy)

Easter Sunday, March 31, (parishioners are invited to pray Day 3 of the Novena at home)

Monday, April 1 – Saturday, April 6, 3:00 pm

Brochures will be available with the Divine Mercy Novena prayers, or you may access them at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> Those who cannot attend each day of the Novena may call in to a special conference line to participate remotely in the prayers: 425-436-6331, follow voice message and enter CODE: 535563.