SAVE THE DATES and announcements

March 14, 2024 - Penance Service and Confessions 5:30 PM - followed by Mass at 6:00

March 19, 2024 - Feast of St. Joseph - Mass at 6 PM

March 26, 2024 – Chrism Mass – No Mass at Sacred Heart. Father will be attending the Chrism Mass in Charleston

March 28, 2024 - Mass of the Lord's Supper at **GOOD SHEPHERD** at 6 PM followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Good Friday - March 29, 2024 - 6 PM- Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross and begin the Divine Mercy Novena

Holy Saturday - March 30, 2024 11:00 blessing of the Easter baskets followed by Divine Mercy Novena

March 31, 2024 - EASTER SUNDAY - 9 AM MASS Divine Mercy Novena at 8:45 am

April 1, 2024 - Monday - Divine Mercy Novena 5:45 PM followed by Mass at 6

April 2, 2024 - Tuesday - Divine Mercy Novena 5:45 PM followed by Mass at 6

April 3, 2024 - Wednesday - Divine Mercy Novena 5:45 PM followed by Mass at 6

April 4, 2024 - Thursday - Divine Mercy Novena 5:45 PM followed by Mass at 6

April 5, 2024 - FIRST FRIDAY - Divine Mercy Novena 5:45 PM followed by Mass at 6 and adoration and benediction

April 6, 2024 - Saturday - Divine Mercy Novena at 6 PM

April 7, 2024 - Sunday - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: He was sending her out with His Mercy to the people of the whole world. He said that he did not want to punish mankind but to heal it. He asked her to make known to all souls the great Mercy he has for them who trust in the bottomless depth of His unfathomable Mercy.

"Jesus says, 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 ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

- 1st day, Beginning on Good Friday: All mankind, especially all sinners.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day, the souls of priests and religious.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> day, all devout and faithful souls.
- 4<sup>th</sup> day, those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me, Jesus.
- 5<sup>th</sup> day, the souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church.
- 6<sup>th</sup> day, the meek and humble souls, and the souls of little children.
- 7<sup>th</sup> day, souls who venerate and glorify My Mercy.
- 8<sup>th</sup> day souls who are detained in purgatory
- 9<sup>th</sup> day souls who have become indifferent and lukewarm.

The Feast of Divine Mercy is to be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Jesus promises that on that day, the soul who has gone to confession and receives Holy Communion, shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. Diary,699