

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



**In light of Divine Mercy Sunday, I want to share with you the following reflection written by a holy and religious priest:**

*"Love means never having to say you're sorry," Jenny said to Oliver in the 1970 movie, Love Story. The statement has been repeated, disputed and parodied countless times in other films and on TV. But where I come from love means saying you're sorry often. I had a quarrel a few weeks ago with my friend and carried a resentment for several days. I was in the right, of course. No one could dispute that. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit came to my assistance and prompted me to apologize. It was really quite simple. Astonishingly easy, and readily accepted by my friend. Whatever we quarreled about, it could not be as important as our friendship.*

*It is worth something; I'll grant that. But set beside those sacred relationships of spouse, children, sibling, colleague, friend and pastor, its importance fades. My married brothers assure me their marriages are far more important than their being right. It's nothing but straw in the wind. Even one's enemies deserve a hearing and should be weighed in the balance against one's righteousness -- because it is all too likely -- in fact it's probable! -- that I am wrong. But do I really need to be right all the time? Is it worth the price of maintaining a system of enemies?*

*"Why do you call me good?" Jesus demanded of a man who accosted him. "No one is good but God alone. And now I would add this: For the Lord is more merciful than mercy itself. But do I really remember it in my weakness and sin? So perhaps in our day to day life, it is so much easier on the body, mind and soul to approach a loved one and say, "I'm sorry. What can I do to make it up to you?" Because giving mercy doesn't mean condoning the sins of others, nor ignoring them, nor allowing them to continue. Mercy means that while we wait for others to repent, we don't judge them as unworthy of our love. Someone made a very good point, "Wishing upon a star doesn't make it happen; commitment, work, time, sweat, sacrifice and courage might." In other words, what we really need to try to be merciful is the proverbial extra mile on the road less travelled.*

**P.S.** Personally, Divine Mercy Sunday reminds me of this perennial fact: I am not God! Thank God! And this fact gently opens my eyes to this biblical phrase: "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Lk 18:13) as well as to this phrase: "Jesus, I trust in You." Try to remember to prayerfully utter these phrases today at 3:00 p.m., for as St. Faustina often prayed in this way: "Your wish O Lord is my command." But if you can pause for a longer moment at the hour of mercy this afternoon, recite the Divine Mercy chaplet in order to obtain, at least, a partial indulgence when you pray to the merciful Lord with a contrite heart.

*Fr. Slawek*

**APRIL 12, 2026**

**Pre-Authorized Giving Plan**—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, April 14**

9 a.m. + **Repose of the soul of Helene Larochelle** req. by George Lerochelle.

**Wednesday, April 15**

9 a.m. + **Repose of the soul of David Emer** req. by the Emer family.

**Thursday, April 16**

9 a.m.. **Private Intentions.**

**Friday, April 17**

9 a.m. + **Deceased members of the Noranho family** req. by the Noranho family.

+ **Deceased Priests and Nuns** req. by the Noranho family.

**Saturday, April 18**

7:30 p.m. **Intentions for Healing.**

**Sunday, April 19**

9 a.m. **Intentions of** all Parishioners

11 a.m. **Intentions of** thanksgiving for Raquel Gomes req. by the Gomes family

**Parish Summer Camp**



**from 9 am to 3 pm.**

**Maximum 60 children ages 4 – 13 years old per camp week**

**Cost** \$100 per child • \$175 with 1 sibling

**Summer Camp days – Week 1 - June 28– July 3**

**Summer Camp days – Week 2 - July 6– July 10**

**Summer Camp days – Week 3 - July 13– July 17**

**Registration forms available from Claudia Marzo**

**Attention: All Parishioners Donating to Holy Spirit Church**

Just a friendly reminder that your assigned Church box of envelopes is for your donations only. If you are donating on behalf of someone else please use a visitors envelope and write the persons full name, address and phone number on the envelope or request an assigned box of Church envelopes for the individual that want to donate to Holy Parish.

Thank you

**Children's Liturgy:**

Every Sunday

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.



**COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

Everyone welcome



**ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?**



Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
Holy Spirit Conference

*Turning concern into action*

We visit single mothers – We visit the elderly – We visit the working poor as well as those on social assistance or disability allowance -- We visit those who have suddenly fallen on hard financial times as well as those struggling over a longer period -- We visit people of any faith or race -- Quite simply, we visit anyone who is in need and request our assistance.

**Thank you for your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass.**

**Mercy is what reaches the heart when love is rejected**

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