



Divine Mercy Explained ...

“The Resurrection of Jesus was the most important event in the history of the world. When the Lord appeared in the 'Upper Room' to the apostles pointing out His wounds, it was to demonstrate He was the Crucified Christ, and to show He had resurrected from the dead. The final proof that He was God. He then bestowed on the apostles the power to forgive sins, which was in effect Divine Mercy coming into the world.

It was the beginning of the Church on earth. In 1931 He appeared as the same image in another room, this time the room of a young nun, again showing His wounds, emphasising the power of those wounds as rays from a font of reconciliation and renewal, rays of love and mercy. This was Divine Mercy, His victory on the Cross, His resurrection, coming into to a very sinful world once again. A world that was about to plunge man into the depths of depravity in a horrific world war.

He asked her to teach the world again of why he died on the Cross to give sinners another chance of obtaining God's Divine Mercy, and pardon their sins if they returned to living by God's commandments. He was also reminding man that His death on the Cross, Divine Mercy was for all mankind (And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, these I have to lead as well. They too will hear My voice, and then there will be one flock and one Shepherd. (John 10:11 - 18)

The commandments of God are built into every human born, in the form of a conscience that was given them at birth, it is the spirit of God within them, if you deny your conscience, you deny God.

The image that appeared to the apostles was the resurrected Christ. The Resurrection was the start of the Christian Church. The image that appeared to Saint Faustina was the same image that started the Christian Church. His appearance to Saint Faustina as the same image was to renew the Church, to renew belief in the Cross, in the Resurrection, in mans salvation.

In the beginning he said “I have not come to call the righteous, but to call sinners to repentance”. (Luke 5:32) For the same reason He appeared again on earth to Saint Faustina, to save sinners from eternal damnation. His message of Divine Mercy is a warning to mankind to exercise their conscience, come back to God and live by the Commandments.

Who are the sinners? - sinners are those who offend human nature, God's creation, and the dignity of man.”

(“Divine Mercy Explained” is courtesy of www.divinemercury.org)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us on April 28th at 2:30pm.

Speaker: Fr. Canisius Raj

Exposition, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Scripture Reading, Homily,
Benediction & Reposition

Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the parish hall.

Please bring deserts to share.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: April 29th

8:00am - †Guymar Felix

Tuesday: April 30th

7:00pm - †Alessandro Ferro

Wednesday: May 1st

8:00am - †Herminia Tavares

7:00pm - †Deceased Members of the
Esposito Family

Thursday: May 2nd

8:00am - †Anthony T. Lonappan
(1 Year Anniversary of Death)

Friday: May 3rd

8:00am - †Felicisim Sorio
(30th Anniversary of Death)

8:00am - †Deceased Members of the
Italiano Family

Saturday: May 4th

8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm - †Agnes Braganza

Sunday: May 5th

9:00am - For the People of the Parish

10:30am - †Angelo Spalvieri and
†Anna lafrate

12:00pm - †Anna Bower-Cagnin

**"Be apostles of Divine
Mercy under the
maternal and loving
guidance of Mary."**

Saint Pope John Paul II

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 3rd, 2019



Cardinal Collins has designated Friday, May 3, as the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations.

We have three prayer intentions on this day: for the right discernment of vocations still unfolding; for endurance in committed vocations; and for an increase of priestly and religious vocations.

Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus praying for vocations in our Archdiocese of Toronto?



"In Today's Gospel, Thomas's act of doubt reveals an important aspect of faith. Faith is rooted not only in a supernatural virtue, but in the experience of inclusion.

Imagine how Thomas felt when the other disciples joyfully told him of their encounter with the risen Lord. The pain of exclusion can be heard in his declaration, "I will not believe." Thomas has missed out on one of the most important events his companions had ever experienced. The disciples have been elevated to a new level of awareness about Jesus. Thomas, however, has not. He feels excluded.

His is a normal reaction. We don't like to miss out on the action. Absent from some great event, we may seek to minimize the experience of those who were present. But in doing so, we erect walls around our hearts and barriers between ourselves and others.

Jesus breaks through Thomas's feeling of exclusion. He welcomes Thomas by inviting him to put his hand in Jesus' side. "Do not doubt but believe," Jesus says.

Thomas has been given the gift of welcome. Jesus has healed Jesus' wound of being left on the outside. Perhaps we can do as Jesus did with those we see sitting on the sidelines. It may strengthen their faith - and ours."

(Glen Argan, Living With Christ)

Partecipando al sacrificio della Messa, noi ascoltiamo ogni volta le parole di Cristo che si rivolge agli apostoli: "Vi lascio la pace, vi do la mia pace". Inoltre, imploriamo il Signore di concederci "unità e pace secondo la sua volontà" e di donare "la pace ai nostri giorni".

Ogni volta che apparve agli apostoli Cristo, dopo aver vinto la morte, augurò la pace, sapendo quanto tutti loro la desiderassero. Nel conferire agli apostoli il potere di rimettere i peccati, Cristo ha portato la pace nell'anima inquieta dell'uomo. L'anima creata da Dio ha nostalgia di Dio. La pace con Dio è il fondamento della pace tra gli uomini. Liberato dalla schiavitù del peccato, l'uomo è in pace, ha l'anima in festa, in pace. La pace regna sui cuori puri. È partendo dalla pace interiore, quella del cuore, appoggiandosi ad essa, che si può stabilire la pace esteriore: in famiglia, fra vicini, in seno alla Chiesa, tra i popoli. Dio chiama tutti gli uomini ad unirsi al suo popolo unico. Il suo desiderio, che è di riunire tutti gli uomini in seno ad un'unica comunità per salvarli, è già espresso nell'Antico Testamento.

In diversi momenti, il Nuovo Testamento designa Cristo come il volto visibile di Dio, l'immagine del Padre, il suo segno (Col 1,15; Gv 1,18). Cristo è come un sacramento che significa e trasmette l'amore del Padre. È un segno carico di significato e di forza di salvezza; in lui si trovano riuniti il perdono del Padre e la filiazione. In questo senso, Cristo appare come il primo sacramento nato dall'amore di Dio, la fonte di tutti i sacramenti. I sacramenti possono esistere solamente perché in loro Cristo stesso è presente ed agisce.

Come una madre premurosa, la Chiesa si sforza di spiritualizzare tutta la vita dei suoi figli e delle sue figlie. Vivere la spiritualità, provare la pace dell'anima è tentare di dare un carattere divino al quotidiano attraverso il flusso di grazie, di sapienza, di sentimenti, di consolazione che viene da Dio. Per ottenere la salvezza, egli ci fa pervenire, in un modo o nell'altro, a raggiungere Cristo. Ci fa camminare la mano nella mano con i figli del popolo di Dio, ci dirige verso un destino comune sotto l'egida di Cristo che si occupa di noi, ci perdona, ci santifica e ci concede la pace.



**Young Women's Retreat
with the Sisters of Life**

May 3rd to 5th

Join the Sisters of Life for a weekend Retreat,

"Heart Speaks to Heart" for Women (30+).

A weekend of prayer, time for silence, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences by the Sisters. Confessions and Mass will be available.

Location: St. Francis Retreat Centre, Caledon

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May 5th is ShareLife Sunday!

Living the Gospel by welcoming newcomers to Canada...



Rashida endured years of domestic abuse while living in Egypt. Fearing her husband would abuse their children, she successfully applied for refugee status in Canada.

Rashida arrived in Toronto, not knowing the language, what to do, or who could help. Fortunately, she met an Arabic speaker who told her about Catholic Cross cultural Services (CCS). CCS helped her navigate the immigration process and access the resources she needed. "CCS saved my life," Rashida says. "Today I have money of my own, an apartment, and my children are finally safe and happy."

Please give generously. Thank You!



Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE Night on **Friday, May 10th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com

Calling all "OLA Teens" in grades 9 - 12!

Are you looking for service hour opportunities?

Please join us for our next

LIFE TEEN - Hangout & Community Service
on **Saturday, May 11th** from 2pm - 4pm.

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OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

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