

YOUTH NEWS

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We can't simply leave the wonder and excitement of the resurrection on Easter Sunday and then pack it up along with all of the decorations; we must spread the joy and exultation of Easter and spread our hallelujahs far and wide, especially about something as awesome as our God rising from the dead.

1. Keep His commandments

In John 14:15, Jesus is at the Last Supper telling His disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Imagine Easter as a sort of New Year's for your faith, and a great opportunity to make resolutions to keep His commandments. In the renewal of our baptismal vows, we are refreshed and renewed in our journey to heaven. If this is something Jesus decided to tell His apostles right before He headed to Calvary, you better believe it's important. It sounds straightforward, because it is: follow the Ten Commandments and in doing so, you will be proclaiming and glorifying our risen king's name.

2. Jump into the sea

In John 21, Simon and some of the other disciples decided to go fishing. At dawn, they see a guy standing on the shore, and eventually realize it's Jesus. When Simon Peter realized Jesus was back from the dead, he was so excited that he jumped right into the water and swam to the shore. In your own life, when you see Jesus, jump into the sea and swim towards Him. When you have the opportunity to encounter God, rush to Him! Whether in your youth group, through adoration, or however you can get to Him; you are the one He hung from the cross for, and who He rolled away the stone for, so go to Him.

3. Don't just stand there

In Acts 1, Jesus is ready to go and ascends into heaven. His disciples were probably a bit unsure if He was leaving for good this time, because they're still looking up when two men dressed in white appear next to them and say, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." The message is clear- what are you waiting for? Jesus made it clear to His disciples before He left that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them, and that He expected them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Now that Jesus is risen, don't just stand in front of the tomb looking around for Him; it's time to go out and spread the word that He is alive and He is ready to enter into our hearts, and to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

4. Go Forth

And so the fun begins! If we are to truly celebrate this Easter season as it is meant to be celebrated, we must spread the word of what has happened. The resurrection is too monumental of a moment to keep to ourselves. If one of your friends died and then showed up on your couch a few days later asking what they missed, wouldn't you tell the world? Jesus being nailed to a cross speaks volumes about His love. The rolled-away stone and empty tomb strongly displayed His power. This Easter, let us join together in one, loud voice and proclaim the power of the resurrection, so that all may come to know that Jesus is alive.

April

- 7th ~ RE Class / 6pm Mass
- 10th ~ First Communion
Retreat 4pm-7:30pm
- 11th ~ Divine Mercy (see article for more detail)
- 14th ~ RE Class / 6pm Mass
- 18th First Communion at 1pm
- 21st ~ RE Class / 6pm Mass
- 28th ~ RE Class / 6pm Mass



Ethan Lulich looks on as siding is being placed on the Tiny House being built in Construction Tech I.

RE News

Johann Wolf is caught learning chords and songs on the ukulele in his Music class



Congratulations Maddy Scully on signing with Lasell University in Woman's Volleyball!

5 Things You Need to Know About Divine Mercy Sunday

1. What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

2. When was it made part of the Church's calendar?

In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared: It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday".

3. What does the Church do to encourage the celebration of devotion to the Divine Mercy on this day?

Among other things, it offers a plenary indulgence: To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff [John Paul II] himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, as will be explained below, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters. . . . a plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

4. What is the Divine Mercy image?

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. The original, though not the most popular one today, is shown on the side. A basic explanation of the image is: Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent). The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls)(from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy". According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus.

5. What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. They are usually said using a standard set of Rosary beads, often at 3 p.m. (the time of Jesus' death), but with a different set of prayers than those used in the Marian Rosary.

****Please join us on Sunday April 11th for our Divine Mercy Celebration.**

Following the 10am Mass we will have Adoration and Confession.

The Chaplet will be prayed at 12:30pm followed by

Benediction at 1pm.**



St. Faustina Kowalska

Feast day: October 5

Patron: of Mercy

Birth: 1905

Death: 1938

Beatified: Pope John Paul II on April 18, 1993

Canonized: Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000

In addition to Saint Faustina's visions of Christ's Divine Mercy,

the saint was also granted visions of the final resting place of Heaven. She wrote: "I saw how all creatures give ceaseless praise and glory to God. I saw how great is happiness in God, which spreads to all creatures, making them happy; and then all the glory and praise which springs from this happiness returns to its source; and they enter into the depths of God, contemplating the inner life of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, whom they will never comprehend or fathom." Saint Faustina also spoke with the souls in Purgatory. "I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God." In the vision, Saint Faustina also saw something beautiful — Our Lady tending to the souls in Purgatory. In her diary, she wrote, "I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in purgatory. The souls call her 'The Star of the Sea.' She brings them refreshment."

