

*Saint Bernadette Parish*

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***DIVINE MERCY NOVENA***

*concluding with Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, 2019*

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***GOOD FRIDAY – April 19, 2019***

*In the Church following the  
3:00 P.M. Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

***HOLY SATURDAY – April 20, 2019***

*In the Chapel at 3:00 P.M.*

***EASTER SUNDAY – April 21, 2019***

*In the Chapel after the 11 A.M. Mass*

***EASTER WEEK – April 22 - 27, 2019***

*Monday to Saturday, in the Chapel at 3:00 P.M.*

***DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 28, 2019***



***ALL ARE WELCOME & INVITED***

*to a Divine Mercy Feast Day Celebration!!!*

**2:00 - 3:00 P.M.**~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Main Church  
Holy Hour of Adoration with Recitation of The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction

**3:00 - 4:00 P.M.** - Mass in the Main Church

**Following Mass** - Pot Luck Dinner in the Ministry Center hosted by Disciples of Divine Mercy  
in the Holy Face of Jesus Ministry and Saint Bernadette Church

*As an act of mercy, please bring a non-perishable food item for donation and leave at the  
entrance to the church*

*For those who cannot join us for the listed times, the Novena may be said wherever one happens  
to be at 3 o'clock or at a time of one's convenience. Copies of The Novena will be available at the  
entrances to the Church beginning on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019.*

***WHY CELEBRATE MERCY SUNDAY?***

Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior... At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it...

*...excerpt from the Divine Mercy Diary*



# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 28, 2019

2:00 PM

Come Celebrate this Wonderful Feast Day  
and receive the many Graces and Blessings  
Jesus promised to those who worthily receive Him  
in the Eucharist on this day!

- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Hour of Adoration**
- **Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
- **Benediction**
- **Mass**
- **Pot Luck Dinner hosted by Disciples of Divine Mercy in the Holy Face of Jesus Ministry & Saint Bernadette Church**

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## HISTORY OF THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

During the mid-1920's at age nineteen, young Helen Kowalska, the third child in a family of ten from a remote village in Poland, entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy. This order devoted themselves to caring for troubled young girls, but Sr. Maria Faustina (her professed name), because of her poor and uneducated background, was relegated to serve as door porter and kitchen helper. Yet in 1931 this young sister was visited by Jesus Himself.

Sr. Faustina saw a vision of Jesus with rays of mercy streaming from the area of His Heart. He told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it, **"Jesus, I Trust in You!"** Calling her the Apostle and Secretary of His Mercy, He ordered her to begin writing a diary so others would learn to trust in Him. In a series of revelations, He taught her that His mercy is unlimited and available even to the greatest sinners, and He revealed special ways for people to respond to His mercy. Until the time of her death from tuberculosis in 1938, Sr. Faustina willingly offered her personal suffering in union with Him to atone for the sins of others.

By the time of Sr. Faustina's death, devotion to The Divine Mercy had already begun to spread throughout Eastern Europe. The process for the beatification of Sr. Faustina was begun in 1966. On March 7, 1992, Sr. Faustina was declared Venerable; on December 21, 1992, a healing through her intercession was declared a miracle; and on the Sunday after Easter, April 18, 1993 (Mercy Sunday), she was solemnly beatified in Rome by Pope John Paul II. She is now officially known as Blessed Faustina Kowalska. The message from Jesus is profoundly simple: God loves

us, no matter how great our sins are. Jesus told Sr. Faustina specifically many times over how important it was for us all to appeal to His Divine Mercy:

***"I cannot punish the greatest sinner if he appeals to My Mercy."***

***The greater the sinner, the greater he has a right to My Mercy.***

***"Souls that appeal to My Mercy delight Me."***

***"The more a souls trusts, the more it will receive."***

Jesus requested a special novena to be said throughout the world so that He can dispense His Mercy. It must begin on Good Friday and end of the Second Sunday of Easter. Our Savior also gave us His Chaplet — a small series of prayers that are said on Rosary beads. Both of these devotions can be prayed anywhere, anyplace, anytime.

Pope John Paul II gave his strong support to Jesus message and stated emphatically that his pontificate was devoted to the Divine Mercy of God.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA  
TO BE RECITED AT ST. BERNADETTE  
April 19 - 28, 2019**

**See details on reverse side.**