

Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017



*God of everlasting mercy,  
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed  
that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Collect for Second Sunday of Easter

On the Octave of Easter, on April 30, 2000, at the Canonization of Faustina Kowalska, Pope St. John Paul II officially designated this Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday. In years past this is known as Thomas Sunday because of the gospel that we have. Having Pope Francis naming 2016 an Extraordinary Year of Mercy further emphasized God's loving mercy for all people.

In the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque along with her confessor, St. Claude Columbiere promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

If we recall the Gospel of John proclaimed on Good Friday we hear that the soldier pierced the side of Jesus with his lance. The statue that stands in our church recalls this devotion so that the heart of Jesus presents for all to see.

Throughout the centuries, devotions wane and then wax. In years past, homes were dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and/or to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Many homes had pictures commemorating these devotions. In churches and in homes people prayed the Litanies of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the immaculate Heart of Mary.

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Christ, hear us.*

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

*God the Father of Heaven,*

*Have mercy on us.*

*God the Son, Redeemer of the world,*

*Holy Trinity, one God,*

*Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,*

*Heart of Jesus, Formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother,*

*Heart of Jesus, Substantially united to the Word of God,*

*Heart of Jesus, of Infinite Majesty,*

*Heart of Jesus, Holy Temple of God,  
Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High,  
Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of Heaven,  
Heart of Jesus, Burning Furnace of charity,  
Heart of Jesus, Vessel of Justice and love,  
Heart of Jesus, Full of goodness and love,  
Heart of Jesus, Abyss of all virtues,  
Heart of Jesus, Most worthy of all praises,  
Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts,  
Heart of Jesus, In Whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,  
Heart of Jesus, In Whom dwells all the fullness of the Divinity,  
Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father is well pleased,  
Heart of Jesus, Of Whose fullness we have all received,  
Heart of Jesus, Desire of the everlasting hills,  
Heart of Jesus, Patient and abounding in mercy,  
Heart of Jesus, Rich unto all who call upon You,  
Heart of Jesus, Fountain of life and holiness,  
Heart of Jesus, Atonement for our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, Filled with reproaches,  
Heart of Jesus, Bruised for our offenses,  
Heart of Jesus, Made obedient unto death,  
Heart of Jesus, Pierced with a lance,  
Heart of Jesus, Source of all consolation,  
Heart of Jesus, Our Life and Resurrection,  
Heart of Jesus, Our Peace and Reconciliation,  
Heart of Jesus, Victim for our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, Salvation of those who hope in You,  
Heart of Jesus, Hope of those who die in You,  
Heart of Jesus, Delight of all the Saints,  
Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Spare us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Graciously hear us, O Lord.  
Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,  
Make our hearts like unto You.*

*Let us pray.*

*Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Your most-beloved Son,*



*and upon the praises and satisfaction He offers You in the name of sinners;  
and appeased by worthy homage, pardon those who implore Your mercy,  
in Your Great Goodness in the name of the same Jesus Christ Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.*

Praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart has been replaced by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Novena of Divine Mercy began on Good Friday, last week. This culminates today in celebrations throughout the Catholic Christian world. (In our Vicariate, it will be held at St. Paul's in Calumet from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.)

The prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary complements the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus that we can also pray.

*O Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father,  
You are the most valued Heavenly treasure.  
New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body,  
Created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God,  
You are the spiritual Mother of all peoples.  
Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now,  
Your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory,  
To be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.  
O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth,  
I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!  
Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings,  
You who continuously intercedes on our behalf,  
Please present my need before your loving Son Jesus.  
(In your own words, make your special request here.)  
Do not just mention a word.  
Speak to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as you would speak to another person,  
begging your Heavenly Mother to plea to Jesus on your behalf,  
that you be granted this special request.  
O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus,  
For you have never turned away those in dire need.  
Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer,  
Submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord,  
For all glories are His forever and ever.  
Amen.*

Journeying through the Fifty Days of Easter we can deepen our understanding of the mystery of the Resurrection and pray that all hearts are open for the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost.

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*Yours  
Parish  
Family  
prays  
for you.  
Pray for us!*



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