Divine Mercy Sunday

We have seen the Lord.
John 20:25

He is Risen

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“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.”

- St. John Paul II

Divine Mercy Sunday

Look for a video on All Saints’ YouTube channel this weekend and join Fr. Chris in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

The video link will also be shared on our website at allsaintshaverhill.org and our facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/allsaintshaverhill.

Jesus, We Trust in You!
How to Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

The Chaplet recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross
   In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers
   You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. Repeat three times: O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father
   Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

4. Hail Mary
   Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

5. The Apostles’ Creed
   I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father
   Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade
   For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the Remaining Decades
   Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)
   Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer
    Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion - inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.
Prayer for the Grace to be Merciful to Others

This prayer gives us a true measure of our mercy, a mirror in which we observe ourselves as merciful Christs. We can make it our morning invocation and our evening examination of conscience.

O Most Holy Trinity! As many times as I breathe, as many times as my heart beats, as many times as my blood pulsates through my body, so many thousand times do I want to glorify Your mercy.

I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of Your un-fathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors’ souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moaning.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

You Yourself command me to exercise the three degrees of mercy:

The first: the act of mercy, of whatever kind.
The second: the word of mercy — if I cannot carry out a work of mercy, I will assist by my words.
The third: prayer — if I cannot show mercy by deeds or words, I can always do so by prayer. My prayer reaches out even there where I cannot reach out physically.

O my Jesus, transform me into Yourself, for You can do all things.
In these challenging times, All Saints Food Pantry will remain open for its regular schedule. No one is allowed inside the pantry, but a line is formed outside the rectory and we are handing out pre-bagged food.

“There should be no delay between your intention and your good deed. Generosity is the one thing that cannot admit of delay.” +St. Gregory Nazianzen

Currently Needed: Personal care/toiletries toilet paper, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, or any contribution you choose to donate.

Food Pantry Hours:
1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon (Closed on Tuesdays)

St. Vincent de Paul Society

March 4 Summary of SVdP deposit:
Poor Boxes: $64.00
Envelopes: $200.00 (cash: $155.00 + checks: $45.00)
Total deposit: $264.00

March 11 Summary of SVdP deposit:
Poor Boxes: $91.00
Envelopes: $130.00 (cash: $60.00 + checks: $70.00)
Total deposit: $221.00

Well Done, All Saints!

Thank you for donating SO MANY shoes! We raised $395.00 for our parish and the shoes are off to provide assistance for those living in struggling countries, helping them to provide for their families and communities. Thank you for your generous support!

That’s 1,675 pairs of shoes!
**Birthday Blessings to Charles Bourque who turned 95 years young in April!**

May God in His Goodness bring joy to your heart; the joy that His blessings alone can impart.

With peace and contentment and happiness too, Not only for your birthday but all your life through.

**Happy Birthday to you!**

Love, peace, and prayers from your family and friends in Christ at All Saints Parish

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**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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**For Daily Mass intentions, our priests continue to celebrate private Masses for the intentions listed in the book. If you have a Mass Intention scheduled for a weekend Mass, the office will be contacting you to reschedule to another weekend when the church is open again.**

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**Easter flowers also given in Loving Memory of:**

Jozef Kluckiewicz
Maria Mazur
Piotr Mazur

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**All Saints Parish Prayer Line**

If you wish to request prayers for a loved one in need, especially the sick and the dying, please call the rectory at 978-372-7721 ext. 16, and leave a message. The name of your loved one will be included here and we will remember them in prayer at Masses.

Lord, in your great kindness, please remember all those most in need of prayers, especially:

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Dear Parish Family,

We are so grateful for the outpouring of concern and support the parish has received the last few weeks. We understand that this may be a difficult financial time for many. Like many parishes, we depend on the weekly support of our collections. The loss of even one weekend’s Offertory creates great hardship. If you are able to continue your financial support during this difficult time, please know that online giving is available on our website allsaintshaverhill.org. Just click the “Online Giving” link at the top right of the homepage. If you prefer to send your normal weekly envelopes, please do so by mail or drop them at the Rectory, through the slot in the side door.

Earlier this week, we received a letter from the Chancellor about another way that parishioners can help to support their parish. Out of great care and concern for our parishes, a member of the laity stepped forward to design a daily giving platform. It is a special, 90-day campaign that will provide offertory support directly to the parish. Called “90 DAYS NOW – FOR YOUR PARISH” this special initiative asks, if possible, for parishioners to rally around their parish by making a special daily offertory commitment for the next 90 days. This effort is intended to supplement weekly offertory gifts, given the challenges of the current crisis. If you would like to join in this effort, the Archdiocese has created an easy-to-use link to donate:

https://bcatholic.sites.bostoncatholic.org/90DaysYourParish

Just visit the link and choose “All Saints Parish (Haverhill)” from the drop down menu. Your credit card statement will reflect the amount you donated as being given to www.BostonCatholic.org, but please note that your donation and notification of your participation in this initiative will be sent directly to All Saints. The Archdiocese of Boston is merely providing a payment mechanism to give us some additional support during this challenging time. It’s a wonderful gift to us and we are grateful.

We understand many of you may not be able to contribute to this special offertory collection given the economic impact this pandemic has had on your personal finances. We remain extremely grateful for your prayers of support for our parish family.

It is at times like these our faith reminds us that we are never truly alone, even as we face unprecedented challenges as a parish community. Though we are not able to join together in the celebration of the Eucharist, we continue daily to pray for the health of you and your loved ones.

With our prayers,
Fr. Chris and Fr. Marcos

Thank you to all whose donations and prayers are helping to keep All Saints looking forward.

Offertory Envelopes and Online Giving Received for 4/12/2020: $6,338
(This year’s Easter collection funds stay with the parish, as directed by the Archdiocese of Boston.)

Sacrament of Confession

The Sacrament of Confession WILL continue to be available by DRIVE THRU at All Saints.

It will be offered Saturdays from 3 to 4 pm and Sundays from 10 am to 12 pm. Just pull up your car to the garage and make your confession at a safe distance to the priest inside.
Greetings from Ghana!

Father Sylvester sends his love and blessings to everyone at All Saints Parish. Now that the elementary school at his parish as been completed, the next phase is to complete the junior high school. For more information on Father Sylvester’s parish and how you can help, please see the All Saints Facebook page at www.facebook.com/allsaintshaverhill and Father Sylvester’s parish website at www.sfx-parish.com.

“Whoever cares for the poor lends to the LORD, who will pay back the sum in full.” Proverbs 19:17

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Give Yourself Completely

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and His disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of His resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity placed us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi
BIBLE RESEARCH
See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

The reading from the first letter of Peter
Who was the Peter who wrote this letter? People who study the Bible believe that they know where Peter was when he wrote the letter, and roughly when he wrote it. See if you can discover these things.

The reading from the gospel of John
Who were “the Twelve” referred to in the reading? Why would there only have been ten when Thomas was missing? “The Twelve” held an election to replace the member who deserted them. Can you find the name of the man who was chosen?

CROSSWORD
(Most answers are in today’s readings)

CLUES ACROSS

CLUES DOWN
1. Joyful 2. Great unhappiness and dismay 3. To exchange for money 4. Ceased to live 6. Present tense of “sent” 9. Leap; make a big jump; also tied 10. Shelters or homes you can put up and take down 12. All; each one

A PICTURE TO COLOR
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Friday Mass is 6:30PM

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR 2020
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**“Jesus Wept.”**

*John 11:35*

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