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Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 2024

Mercy – a powerful word.

It comes from a Latin word, “*Misericordia*”

which means having “a heart for the poor.”

How great our poverty! How many the poverties around us!

Divine Mercy - is God's heart for our poverty.

Divine Mercy is the very mystery of God in Christ:

God loves us so much that takes our poverty into His Heart.

God loves us so much that wherever we go, whatever we suffer, whatever we rejoice in, He is there in our Heart bringing us into His heart.

Sadly, there is a bitter poverty we all know too well:

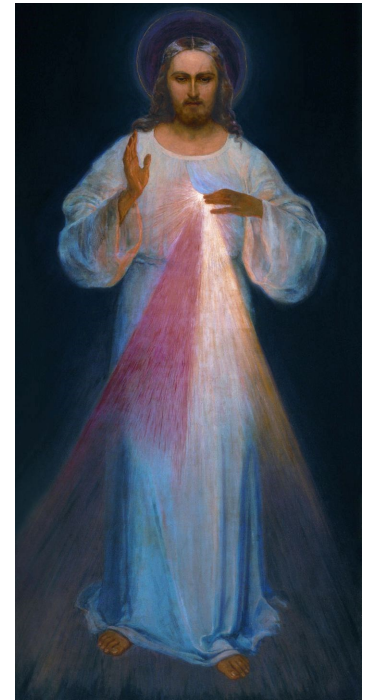
there is a huge absence of forgiveness in our lives.

This is the Heart of Jesus' Resurrection

– that God's forgiveness is unleashed in the world.

Pope Francis has thought a lot about this

– Mercy is the great theme of his Pontificate.



“Mercy is the very heart of God! Jesus says: “*Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven*” (Luke 6:37). It is always the same reciprocity. And the Letter of James states that “*mercy triumphs over judgment*” (James 2:13).

There are two things that cannot be separated: forgiveness granted and forgiveness received. However, many people struggle; they cannot forgive. Often the harm received is so great that being able to forgive feels like climbing a very high mountain: an enormous effort; and one thinks: it cannot be done, this cannot be done. This fact of the reciprocity of mercy shows that we have to overturn the perspective. We cannot do this alone. We need God's grace, we must ask for it.

Where does our mercy come from? Jesus told us: “*Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful*” (Lk. 6:36). The more one welcomes the Father's love, the more we can love (CCC §2842).

Mercy is not a dimension among others but rather the center of Christian life.

There is no Christianity without mercy. God's mercy is our liberation and our happiness.

We live of mercy and we cannot afford to be without mercy. It is the air that we breathe.

We are too poor to set any conditions. We need to forgive because we need to be forgiven.”

Jesus, I trust in You.



Fr. Clair Watrin CSB, went home to the Father's House to be with the Saviour he so faithfully served on March 27. He was 91 years of age; he had been a Basilian for 71 years and had served in priestly ministry for 64 year. His ministry in Saskatoon was a great gift – it was here that he was able to lead the Live-Ins that touched the lives of many of us. As well, with Bishop Mahoney and Andre Regnier he was a founder of CCO that has been such a blessing in the Church of Canada. He never stopped witnessing to the Lord. As we pray for his eternal rest, let us follow his passion for missionary discipleship.

MONDAY, April 8, 2024
Annunciation of The Lord (S)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Sr. Peter Mary)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, April 9, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Kirk Taylor)

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Florence Paquette-Lett)
1:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm
3:00 pm - Prayer Cenacle
7:00 pm - Confirmation Study
7:30 pm - Choir

THURSDAY, April 11, 2024
St. Stanislaus (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Florence Paquette-Lett)
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, April 12, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Florence Paquette-Lett)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, April 13, 2024

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (SI Florence Paquette-Lett)
2:00 pm - Wedding
5:00 pm - K of C Spring Supper

SUNDAY, April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
2:00 pm - Baptism Prep
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

Priests' Pension and Retirement Fund - Thank you for your generous support in the past, and we ask you to continue supporting the Priests' Pension and Retirement fund. Ways to give:

1. **Online at www.dscf.ca/waystogive**
2. **Mail or drop off your donation in the offertory collection** – Please make cheques payable to DSCF and add PP&R in the memo.
3. **Or call 306-659-5837 for assistance**

Spring Supper Fundraiser Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Funds raised will go towards the K of C Council 1517 and the St. Paul's Renovation Fund

When: Saturday, April 13 at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

Price: \$40 adult, \$25 children under 15

Tickets sold after all three Masses on Sunday

Forged Canoe Pilgrimage

Father Penna is chaplaining a **Northern wilderness canoe pilgrimage August 1-5** for the men of the parish. Registration is almost full! For more information and to register visit forgedcanoetrip.com.

Questions? Contact Clark Jaman at 306-203-3569 or forgedcanoetrip@gmail.com.

A **Divine Mercy** prayer service will be held **3 p.m. Sunday, April 7** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, with prayers, hymns and reflections, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Please note, this is not a Mass.) Everyone is welcome!

OFFERING for March 24, 2024

Holy Thursday	\$ 1,950.15
Good Friday	\$ 3,378.55
Easter Sunday	\$ 6,649.25
Renovations	\$ 1,040.00