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**Number 16 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – April 19, 2009**

# CHURCH BULLETIN

*Sixty years in the service of Hungarians in Toronto*  
*The Hungarian Jesuits*

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

**Readings:** Acts 4,32-35; 1Jn 5,1-6; Jn 20, 19-31;

**Responsorial Psalm:** "Give thanks,  
for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting."

### PRAYER INTENTIONS:

- 9:00** ✠ Sándor szándékára  
✠ Irén felgyógyulásáért - barátai  
☛ + Resch családjáért - család  
☛ +Bozóki és Kádár szülőkért – család  
☛ +Fodor Katharináért – férje és családja  
☛ +Szlimák Béláért – ismerősei  
☛ +Lecsek Jánosért, +Szabó Imréért, +Kelenc  
Dezsőért - Lecsek Margit  
☛ elhunyt szülőkért – leányuk  
☛ +Fogarasi Kláráért - család
- 10:30** ✠ Matild születésnapjára – Bonnay család  
✠ Simon Elizabeth egészségéért  
✠ isteni irgalmasságért – Juretic család  
✠ Lengyel Ferenc felgyógyulására - testvére  
✠ Galgóczy György felgyógyulásáért – Agárdi Éva és családja  
☛ +Birinyi Alexért – Házások Klubja  
☛ a tisztítóútzben szenvedő +lelkéért –Szendi család  
☛ +Bor Lajosért – felesége és családja  
☛ +Molnár Erzsébetért és +nagy szülőkért  
☛ +Szigeti Istvánért és +Gabrielláért – Etelka Léránt  
☛ +Bartunek Ferencért +Zsófiéért és +Annáért  
☛ +Lukovits szülőkért – leányuk és családja  
☛ +Marosváry Tivadarért névnapja alkalmából –  
szerető szülei  
☛ +Reizer Pál püspökért – családja
- 12:00** ✠ Jaschko atya felgyógyulásáért - Szintársulat tagjai  
✠ Somogyi Anna felgyógyulásáért – nővére Judit  
☛ +Csuha Istvánért – leánya és családja
- 15:00** ☛ +Aykler Karoláért - családja

### Monday, April 20;

- 7.30 for the homeless  
8.00 +Molnár Erzsébetért és +Forgács Sándorért – cs.

### Tuesday, April 21; St Anselm

- 7.30 for Jesuit vocations  
8.00 Lecsek család élő tagjaiért

### Wednesday, April 22;

- 7.30 for the conversion of unbelievers  
8.00 + édesanyjáért – Kristóf Jutka  
7.00 for our benefactors

### Thursday, April 23; St. George, St. Adalbert

- 7:30 for the intention of the Jesuit General  
8.00 Szűcs Annáért - rokonság

### Friday, April 24; St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

- 7.30 for world peace  
8.00 a magyar politikai élet megtisztulásáért  
7.00 for Pax Romana

### Saturday, April 25;

- 7.30 for the Holy Father's missionary intention  
8.00 + Örkényi Jánosért - felesége Erzsébet

*Today the Second Sunday of Easter, bears the extended title: **Sunday of the Divine Mercy.** In our church there will be the special Rosary from 2.30 pm, then the Eucharistic celebration of Divine Mercy.*

## Homily for the Divine Mercy Sunday

by Fr. Tommy Lane

Private revelations and apparitions which have been authenticated by the Church have added greatly to the devotion of Catholics. However even private revelations and apparitions authenticated by the Church do not add anything new to the fullness of revelation already given to us by Jesus but they remind us that we have not been paying enough attention to Jesus the fullness of revelation. Therefore authenticated private revelations and apparitions are a summons and wake-up call to be ever more sincere in turning away from sin and growing in faith and in love of Jesus.

In the year 2000 Our Holy Father Pope John Paul instituted a new feast, the Feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated for the first time in 2001 on the Second Sunday of Easter, today. It arises out of a series of apparitions which a Polish nun, Sr. Faustina, received. Sr. Faustina was born in Poland in 1905. When she was twenty years old she entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where she lived for the next thirteen years until her death on October 5<sup>th</sup> 1938. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1993 and canonized in 2000. When canonizing her Our Holy Father said:

*Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By Divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the twentieth century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people know well how necessary was this message of mercy.*

In April 1978 the Holy See in Rome permitted spread of this devotion. This does not mean that you are required to believe in the apparitions or practice this devotion but you are free to do so and free to spread the devotion since the Church has found nothing in it contrary to our faith. The one primarily responsible for the Holy See approving the authenticity of the apparitions was Karol Wojtyla, then Archbishop of Cracow, later that year elevated as Pope. In 1981 Pope John Paul said his destined role was to bring the era of Divine Mercy into the world: *Right from the beginning of my ministry in St Peter's See in Rome I consider this message my special task. Providence has assigned it to me in the present situation of man, the Church and the world.*

Today we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy and so we usually call today Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina was privileged to receive apparitions from Jesus emphasizing his mercy, and especially his mercy today. Jesus promised that those who go to Confession and receive Holy Communion today will receive not only forgiveness of their sins, but the total remission of all temporal punishment for their sins. It is like a second baptism, all sin and punishment is wiped out. Confession during the week beforehand is also acceptable. Our attitude should be one of total trust in Jesus' Divine Mercy. Confession before today in preparation for this feast is also okay, Sister Faustina used to confess on Saturday. Jesus' promise is recorded three times in the Diary of Saint Faustina, each time in a slightly different way. This is the first teaching from Jesus:

*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary §699)*

This is the second teaching from Jesus: *I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy.*

This is Jesus' third teaching: *Ask of my faithful servant [a priest] that, on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy. (Diary §300)*

Going to confession is not the only way to prepare ourselves for this feast. We are also to be merciful, to perform acts of mercy. Jesus also asked that we pray a novena in preparation for the feast - we call it the Chaplet of Mercy. He said it is a very powerful prayer at the time of death and at the bedside of a dying person: *The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by my mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death.*

In February 1931 Sister Faustina saw Jesus dressed in a white garment. He held one hand raised in blessing and the other hand touching his garment at the breast as in this picture. From that point in his garment two rays of light emanated, one red and the other pale. Jesus requested that we venerate this image which is usually called the Divine Mercy Image. Venerating a sacred image or statue means performing some act or making some gesture of deep respect toward it because of whom it represents; in this case, Jesus. Concerning the image Jesus said:

*Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapter and then throughout the world... The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. (Diary §299)(see 1 John 5:6)*

Jesus requested that we honor his mercy at 3 p.m: *I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice. (Diary §1572)*

This feast of Divine Mercy reminds us of many parables taught by Jesus emphasizing God's mercy. We remember the three beautiful parables of Luke 15. God is like a shepherd who leaves 99 sheep to go in search of the lost one. God is like a woman who searches the entire house to find the coin she lost. God is like a father who comes out of the house to welcome back his prodigal son and who comes out of the house a second time to entice the elder son to come in and join in the party. Today God has thrown a party during which we can receive God's infinite mercy. Let us go to the party and receive God's mercy.