



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 16, 2023:

MASSES FOR APRIL 18TH – APRIL 23RD

Tuesday, April 18 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Bob McGillen, requested by Mike & Peg McGrath and Tom & Barb Shortridge
Wednesday, April 19 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Aidan William Tate, requested by Joseph Courneya
Thursday, April 20 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Ruth Heffernan, req. by Deb Marino & Angela O’Toole
Friday, April 21 st	8:30 a.m.	+ Bob McGillen, requested by Paul & Mardi Ayotte
Saturday, April 22 nd	4:30 p.m.	+ Fred Garvey, Sr., requested by Fred & Chris
Sunday, April 23 rd	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	+ Leroy James Moser, req. by John Bovie & Marie Moser – <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Neave Alderson, Jack Ayotte, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Pam Caravaggio, Liz & Nixon DeCarlo, Donna Ellis, Ted & Marie Green, Sawyer Growden, John & Helen, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Cathy Lochner, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Barb McKinnon, Joan Morton, Nixon Parsons, Gail & John Terrion, Kasia Tryba, Lucia VandenBosch, Adrian Vandenbroek, Linda vanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz, Clint Young and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**



CONDOLENCES: The faith community of Immaculate Conception Parish extends to the family and friends of **Michael Crough** our deepest sympathy, love and support at this time of grief. **MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE.**

WELCOME, WELCOME: Congratulations to **Wren Eileen Evans** and **Winslet Deborah McConnell**, to be welcomed into the people of God this weekend through **baptism**.



THANK YOU FROM FR. STEPHEN: Happy Easter! Holy Week and the Triduum leading into Easter was a marvelous time! It was made even more special by the great contributions of many people. Thanks are due to: Fr. Peter Seabrooke for his assist, Marie Morrissey for her support on the altar and with the liturgies, Chris Garvey and Kasia Tryba for beautifying the church, inspirational music by Steve Lynch and Katrina Hounam, and Lucia DeLuca and the other members of the 9:30 choir, Paul Ayotte (good job with the Easter fire!), the ushers, altar servers, readers, church cleaners, and finally...all of you for joining together to celebrate Our Lord's Resurrection!

THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Thank you to all the generous parishioners of Immaculate Conception for donating to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry **357 pounds of food and \$210** to purchase much needed staple foods. Thank you so much to the Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus for initiating the 40 cans for 40 days Lenten project, weighing, loading and delivering the food. Your generosity and prayers allow the members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to follow their mission of living the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. We are truly blessed that so many can see the face of Christ in the poor. The true Easter spirit in action!

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

As spring begins, we see new life erupting everywhere. This is a great chance to point out the beauty of God's creation to your children, as buds form, trees bloom and flowers grow. Remind them of God's creative power and how He created all this for us, but also gave us the task of caring for His creations. We must nurture and protect God's created world. It is also a chance to remind them that life too has cycles and we can begin anew – the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to seek forgiveness and start anew, just as nature does each Spring!



NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – OTTAWA: On **May 11th** this event starts with a Pro-Life Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral at 7:30 a.m. Bus leaves the Cathedral parking lot at 8:15 a.m. with various pickup locations. Tickets: \$30 per person, \$35 family, \$10 student. For info/reservations contact Elizabeth [705-292-7056](tel:705-292-7056).



SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER RETURNS: Saturday, **May 6th**, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Food prepared by *Chef Enzo!* Social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now! Tickets at \$20 per person will be available after all Masses or reserve your tickets by calling the parish office [705-742-5466](tel:705-742-5466).

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NORWOOD—50TH ANNIVERSARY: Join in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School in Norwood on Saturday, **April 29th**, 2:00-4:30 p.m., with Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Norwood.

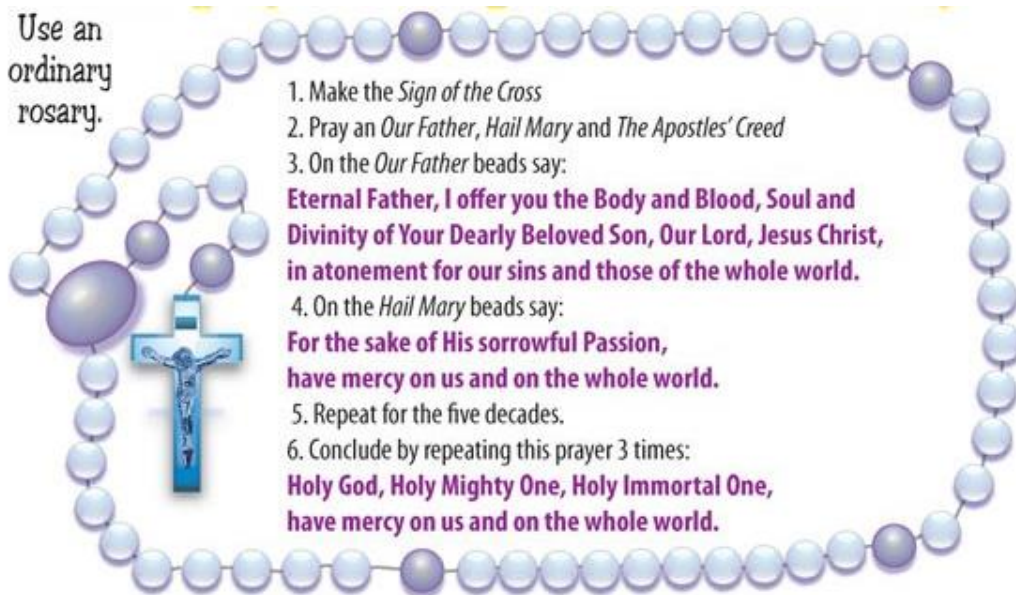
Divine Mercy

Jesus said to Saint Faustina: *"I am love and mercy itself; there is no human misery that could measure up to my mercy"* (Diary, 14 September 1937). At one time, the Saint, with satisfaction, told Jesus that she had offered him all her life and all that she had. But Jesus' answer stunned her: *"You have not offered me the thing that is truly yours"*. What had that holy nun kept for herself? Jesus said to her with kindness: *"My daughter, give me your failings"*.

We too can ask ourselves: "Have I given my failings to the Lord? Have I let him see me fall so that he can raise me up?" Or is there something I keep inside me? A sin, a regret from the past, a wound that I have inside, a grudge against someone, an idea about a particular person...the Lord waits for us to offer him our failings, so that he can help us experience his mercy.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles' Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:
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.
4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

"To be forgiven is to experience here and now, that which comes closest to being resurrected."

—Pope Francis