

Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

FARNOST SVÄTÝCH
CYRILA A METODA



A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit

Dear Parishioners,

Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.

(Luke 24:29)

These words of the two disciples after their experience with Jesus on the walk to Emmaus belong liturgically to Easter time, but they capture well how we are feeling these days. We wish to experience the presence of Christ in our lives, but also struggle in our faith when we do not feel it. Is there something wrong with Christ, something that the Church is not doing right, or are we perhaps lacking the right mindset?

While feelings are an integral part of human life, Jesus offers much more than the satisfaction of our emotional needs. This Sunday we are entering Holy Week, which is the heart of the liturgical year. The liturgical celebration of Easter (and of every Eucharist) makes the victory and triumph of Christ's death present again. It appeals first of all to our intellect, in understanding, life-decisions, and attitudes. It is Christ who exercises his priestly office in liturgical celebrations, and the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church responds by her actions. God's aim is always the sanctification of His people. People, however, should not remain passive in their attitudes. They are challenged to show readiness to hear and believe, listen and follow. God's Word requires an answer (communication); His love invites reciprocal love.

This year, the parish community will be separated during the liturgical celebration of Easter. Yet, it must not stop us from living the presence of Christ and the gift of new life that Christ grants.

During the livestreaming of liturgy from the Church, please, gather in your families as a domestic Church. While salvation and forgiveness are accomplished by the action of Christ, and while we all create a virtual community in prayer, every family is invited to perform a liturgical action. Very soon we will prepare more information and materials for this house-liturgy. Most importantly, we need to adopt the mindset that Christ accomplishes salvation for us. We, for our part, strive to live this new life here and now.

May God continue to bless us,

Fr. Libor Marek



PALM SUNDAY

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD. (MT. 21:9)



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Parish Announcements

April 5, 2020

- The Chrism mass will take place on Monday April 6, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. The public are not allowed to participate but everyone can follow the Mass live stream beginning at 7pm.
- The liturgy of Holy Week will take place without the public's participation. Everyone is encouraged to join the live streamed liturgy from our Parish Church.
- The Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place on Thursday at 7pm.
- The liturgy of Good Friday will take place on Friday at 3pm.
- The Easter Vigil will take place on Saturday at 7pm.
- Easter Sunday mass will take place on Sunday at 10am.
- Easter Novena Mass Cards are being offered and can be mailed to your loved ones. Please see the website for details.
- Besides the liturgy being live-streamed from our Church, additional materials will soon be available on our parish website for private use in families. You can also pray the Stations of the Cross and Chaplet of Divine Mercy at home.
- The Church as well as the Chapel will be closed during the liturgy of the Holy Triduum.
- There will be no Eucharistic Adoration, Veneration of the Holy Cross or tomb of Jesus at the Church.
- There will be no blessing of Easter food. Prayers for private blessing of food will also soon be available on our website.
- The Church will be open for private prayer on Thursday 10am-5pm; Friday 6-10pm; Saturday 10am-5pm. Only 10 people will be allowed in the church at one time. Please remember social distancing and please wear a mask or scarf over your mouth to help protect yourself and your neighbor.
- Please remember that Good Friday is a day of strict fasting. Remember to begin the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Good Friday in order to receive the plenary indulgence on the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19.
- Finally, if you are in need of assistance during these difficult times, or if you are able to provide assistance to a needy brother or sister at this time, please contact the parish office and leave your name and telephone number.

MASS *Intentions*

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Father Libor & Father Juraj will celebrate the scheduled Mass Intentions in their Private Daily Masses this week as follows:

April 4, First Saturday – Sobota

- ❖ For a Special Intention req. Sophie
- ❖ For the Members of the Rosary Society
- ❖ For Elizabeth Laconi
- ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
- ❖ For Lawrence MacDonald
- ❖ For Sophia & Family
- ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families
- ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Maria & Constantino Quiboloy Family
- ❖ †Joe Basirico
- ❖ †Gary Gasparski req. Family

April 5, Palm Sunday - Nedela

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

- ❖ For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- ❖ In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
- ❖ For Julia Russo
- ❖ For Greyson Arkwright (B'Day)
- ❖ For Zbigniew Purzycki (B'Day)
- ❖ For Harold Cetnar
- ❖ For Amelia req. Meme & Papa
- ❖ For Jeff & Joanne Sammons & Family req. Mark Dabrowski
- ❖ For Robert Lulgjuraj
- ❖ For Anna & †Paul Magusin
- ❖ For Emily & †Jo Davis
- ❖ For the Dec. Members of the Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council & their Families
- ❖ †David Chupa
- ❖ †Christina Locricchio
- ❖ †Carl Kaspari req. Basile Family
- ❖ †Paul Schliecher req. Wey Family
- ❖ †Rita Muir
- ❖ †Peter Piatek
- ❖ †Gene Kucharek
- ❖ †Paolo Persichetti req. Jo Ann Traczynski

April 6, Monday – Pondelok

- ❖ For Benjamin Arkwright (B'Day)
- ❖ For Mary Richards
- ❖ For Andrew Schultheis (B'Day)
- ❖ For Cheryl Grothues
- ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- ❖ †Tino Barrera req. James D. Weil

April 7, Tuesday – Utorok

- ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
- ❖ †Marie Weil req. James D. Weil
- ❖ †James & Josephine Patrona

April 8, Wednesday – Streda

- ❖ For Prisoners
- ❖ For Nedhal & Ibrahim Aziz & Family
- ❖ For the Raymond & Antoinette Families
- ❖ †Edward Weisbarth req. Leo & Diane Marquard
- ❖ †Ed Feeley
- ❖ †Paul Szwarc

April 9, Holy Thursday – Štvrtok † 7:00PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper (Livestreamed: www.saintcyrils.church)

12:00PM: (EWTN) LIVE Mass of the Lord's Supper from Rome

5:30PM: (EWTN) LIVE Choral Meditations & Mass of the Lord's Supper from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in WA, D.C.

- ❖ For the Intentions of All Parishioners

April 10, Good Friday – Piatok † 3:00PM—Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Livestreamed: www.saintcyrils.church)

12 Noon: (EWTN) LIVE Liturgy of the Lord's Passion from Rome

2:30PM: (EWTN) LIVE Liturgy of the Lord's Passion from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

April 11, Holy Saturday – Sobota † 7:00PM—Easter Vigil (Livestreamed: www.saintcyrils.church)

3:00PM: (EWTN) LIVE Easter Vigil from Rome

8:00PM: (EWTN) LIVE Easter Vigil from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception from Washington, D.C.

- ❖ For the Intentions of All Parishioners

April 12, Easter Sunday - Nedela † 10:00AM—Solemn Mass of Easter Sunday (Livestreamed: www.saintcyrils.church)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

6:00AM: (EWTN) LIVE Urbi et Orbi: Pope Francis Delivers Easter Message and Blessing from Rome

8:00AM: (EWTN) LIVE Solemn Mass of Easter Sunday from Our Lady of Angel's in Irondale, AL

12:00PM: (EWTN) LIVE Easter Sunday Holy Mass from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

- ❖ For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- ❖ For the Priests of Ss. Cyril & Methodius
- ❖ For Fr. Juraj Nuota req. Diane Mitchell
- ❖ For Fr. Luigi Gabris req. Janet
- ❖ For Barbara Garrisi
- ❖ For Sylvester Joachim Wilkins (B'Day) req. Grandparents
- ❖ For Mary Aziz (B'Day)
- ❖ For Julia Russo
- ❖ For Christopher Zabawa req. Langlois Family
- ❖ For Rachael Sheeran
- ❖ For Gungue Schultheis
- ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- ❖ For Hayley Reynolds & Family
- ❖ For Nedhal & Ibrahim Aziz & Family
- ❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz
- ❖ For the Shamoan Family
- ❖ For the Makarewicz Family
- ❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families
- ❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families
- ❖ For Emily & †Jo Davis
- ❖ †Matthew Burke
- ❖ †Bernice Weil req. James D. Weil
- ❖ †Leon Jimenez
- ❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Daniela Grisak
- ❖ †Paul Magusin req. Prusak Family
- ❖ †Paolo Persichetti req. Jim & Barb Wisniewski
- ❖ †Alice Krause
- ❖ †Richard & Esther Baginski
- ❖ †Slewa & Amera Meyou & Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Those who are Sick, Those who have Died, Those who Care for the Sick & Dying

HOLY WEEK 2020

St. John Paul II called the "Home" the "Domestic Church!" This beautiful truth has never been felt, or lived, greater than this Lenten Season. As we will not physically be together as a 'Parish Family' this Sacred Triduum, let us unite and immerse ourselves in the Sufferings of Jesus in a more profound way. This year, let us meditate each day on Jesus' Sacred Passion, from His entrance on Palm Sunday to Calvary, where He was Crucified, His heart pierced with a lance, and He gave His life for us!

PALM SUNDAY

*The crowds preceding Him and those following kept crying out and saying:
"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21:9*

"As Jesus enters Jerusalem, He knows that the rejoicing by some in the crowd is leading Him into the heart of the "mysterium" of salvation. He is aware that he is going to His death and will not receive a royal crown, but one of thorns." - St. John Paul II

PALM SUNDAY HOLY MASS - LIVESTREAM - 10:00AM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. John 13:21

"The story of St. Mary Magdalene reminds us all of a fundamental truth; a disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for His help, has been healed by Him, becoming a witness of the power of His Merciful Love that is stronger than sin and death." - Pope Benedict XVI

LIVE MASS ON EWTN - 8:00AM / LIVESTREAM CHRISM MASS FROM CATHEDRAL - 7:00PM

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Reclining at table with his disciples, Jesus was deeply troubled and testified, "Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." John 13:21

"Unless we place our head on the Heart of Christ, like St. John, we will not have the strength to follow Him. If we do not take the time to listen to the Heartbeats of God, we will abandon Him, we will betray Him as the Apostles themselves did." - Robert Cardinal Sarah

LIVE MASS ON EWTN - 8:00AM

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK (SPY WEDNESDAY)

When it was evening, He reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, He said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Matthew 26:20-21

"Christ chose Judas to be an Apostle. He did not choose him to be a traitor, but an Apostle." - Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

LIVE MASS ON EWTN - 8:00AM

HOLY THURSDAY

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night He was handed over; took bread, and, after He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it." - St. Augustine

CHRISM MASS (*see Monday) / MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER - LIVESTREAM - 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY

So they took Jesus, and, carrying the cross himself, he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. John 19:17

"I see crosses at every turn. My flesh shudders over it, but my heart adores them. Yes, I hail you, crosses little and great, I hail you, and kiss your feet, unworthy of the honor of your shadow." - St. Francis de Sales

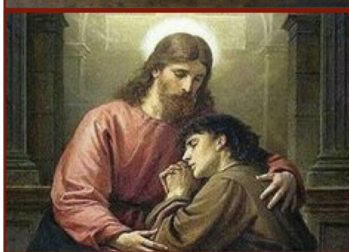
GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY - LIVESTREAM - 3:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. Matthew 28:1

"His cross stands emptying a world grown silent. Through hours of anguish and of dread: In stillness, earth awaits the Resurrection, while Christ goes down, to wake the dead." - Divine Office of Holy Saturday

EASTER VIGIL HOLY MASS - LIVESTREAM - 7:00PM





ADORATION 101

"Let Us Pray" By: Paul Ray



This week in my Adoration 101 article I am taking a different approach. Instead of writing a column, I will be writing a prayer that we can all say during this pandemic.

"Most gracious Father. We know that you are the Almighty, and our hearts humbly bow down to You at this time with perpetual silence. We give You praise, first of all, for the precious gift of life; for without You none of us would exist. We praise You for all creation in all its magnificence; from the lowly dust of the earth to the beauty of the cosmos. For through You all things were created and have their being. Look kindly upon us, the very image and likeness of Yourself, and have mercy on us, poor children of Eve. Help us all to be honest and confess our sins before You; even all of the hidden sins that only You can see. For You know our hearts even better than we do. Be gentle, oh Lord of Hosts, and recognize that we are weak but oftentimes don't know how to approach You. Help us to trust and truly believe that You are love and always will be the very best for us and not judgement. As a nation and as a world we bow down to Your Divine Providence at this time. Life for many of us, Your creation, is in peril due to the virus which You are well aware of. We ask You to grant each and every one of us the grace to do our part in ending this great pandemic, starting from within our own hearts and then towards others.

Help the world to know that You are God and are greater than this disease. In Your very kindness, grant those of us who remain sincere to You peace in knowing that everything will be alright as long as we confide in You, our Lord and our God. And grant those who do not know You the understanding of who You are that they too may rest in Your love.

We ask this through the intercession of the Patron Saints of sickness and disease: St. John of God, St. Camillus de Lellis and St. Michael the Archangel ... and most especially through the intercession of your Most Holy Mother as we pray ... "Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art thou among 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."

And under the name that is above all names, the Lord Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ONE GOD forever and ever!

Sacred Heart of Jesus ... I trust in You † Sacred Heart of Jesus ... I trust in You † Sacred Heart of Jesus ... I trust in You
AMEN

ADORATION HAS TEMPORARILY BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 13

Advent Project Update

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Project

The Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Project will still take place but it will take place at a later date. When the activities begin at church again, a new date will be designated to return the filled baby bottles.

An announcement will be made that informs everyone of the new date. Please stay safe and keep the faith in these trying times.

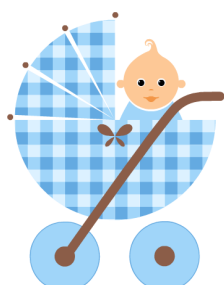
We thank you in advance for your patience and support of this vital project. Any questions please contact!:

Ken Pullis, Right to Life Chair for Council 7011
kpullis@gmail.com or (586) 939-8525

Lifespan Baby Shower for Care Net

When activities begin again at church, the Students for Life will reschedule the Baby Shower for Care Net. The mothers and babies are counting on our support so we will reschedule it as soon as we are able. An announcement will be made when a date has been rescheduled.

Thank you for your support of babies and of life!



American Red Cross Needs Donors

Thank you to everyone who signed up for our Blood Drive that was scheduled for April 6, however, due to the situation with the Coronavirus, the Blood Drive at Ss. Cyril & Methodius has been postponed.

If you would still like to donate blood during this incredibly important time, please contact:

redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED-CROSS

to find Blood Drives near you

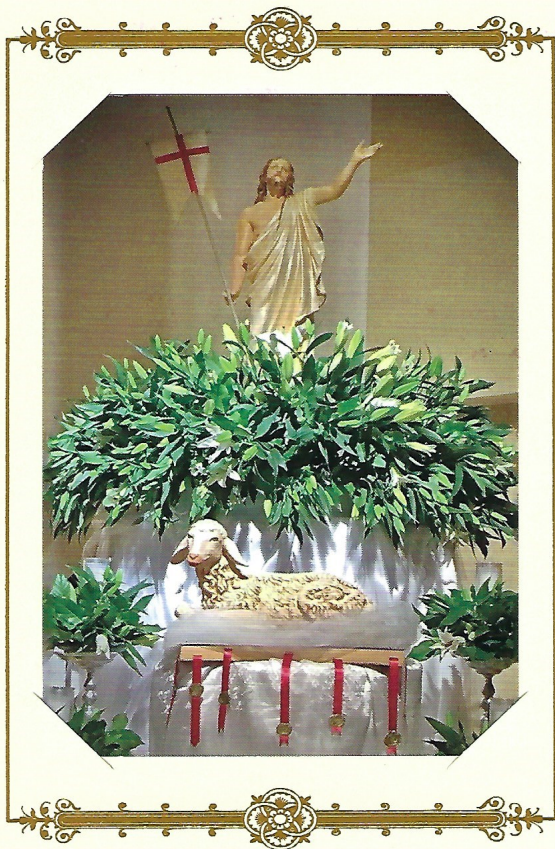
Garabandal Movie • Free During Holy Week

Garabandal, Only God Knows came into existence to bear a message of hope to all humanity, a message that in these times is more necessary than ever. Our Lady came to Garabandal to tell us that she loves us and that she is very worried about our salvation. The current circumstances have, in God's providence, become an invitation to live the most memorable Lent and Holy Week of our lives, and this must lead us to a deep examination of conscience and a profound desire for true conversion.

Due to the current mandatory lock-downs, now, more than ever, our homes must become true domestic churches that learn from Our Lady of Sorrows to contemplate the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. May she extend her blessing upon you and your family in this time of need.

Garabandal, Only God Knows is available from April 3-12, for viewing online free of charge both in Spanish and English on the film's official webpage: <https://www.garabandalthemovie.com>





Easter Novenas Available

Prayers are needed now, more than ever!

If you would like to include yourself and/or your loved ones in our Easter Novena that begins on Easter Monday, April 13, we will fill out and mail your card(s) for you!

Please:

- ♦ Email: parishoffice@saintcyrils.church
 - ♦ In the subject line, write: EASTER NOVENA
 - ♦ Put the names AND addresses of where you want each individual card mailed
 - ♦ Indicate how you would like each card signed (i.e. "Love, Mom", "Praying for you, Aunt Suzie", etc.)
 - ♦ Make donation for cards by either:
 - 1) using PushPay on our Parish Website: www.saintcyrils.church, GIVE button in right corner -or-
 - 2) making check payable to "Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish"
- In memo line, write: "EASTER NOVENA" and mail it to:
 41233 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48314
 *Suggested Donation: \$10 per Novena

Prayers & Resources

A Prayer for the Sick Especially those Suffering from the Coronavirus

Loving God, You sent Your son Jesus Christ to heal the sick. We ask You to come to our aid in the midst of the coronavirus crisis that we too may experience Your healing love. We ask You to heal those who are sick. Calm those who are living in fear. Be with those who have died and comfort their families. Inspire health professionals to aid them in their healing work. Guide national leaders to lead and make decisions with wisdom. Help us to always be aware of Your presence as we place our trust in You. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Prayer for an End to the Coronavirus Crisis

Loving God, we come before You in our time of need. We lay before You our concerns and fears over the spread of the coronavirus. We know that You are mightier than all our fears and that the name of Jesus is the name above all other names. We ask, in the name of Jesus, that You stop the spread of the coronavirus. In Your mercy, heal those who are sick and lead those who have died into Your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A Prayer for 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 in 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.



Divine Mercy Sunday - April 19, 2020

Livestream Mass at 10AM

www.saintcyrils.church

*The Divine Mercy Novena * Begins Good Friday, April 10*

In *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina, and told her that He desires a special nine day novena. Beginning on Good Friday, the novena is to be prayed for nine consecutive days, in preparation for the glorious Feast of Divine Mercy. (See *Diary* #1209-1230).

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of My mercy. On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls." (Diary, 1209)

The Feast of Divine Mercy

HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR THIS GREAT FEAST of MERCY?

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **"all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened."**(Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy - the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday.

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)

- Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter (*Live Stream or EWTN Mass*)
- Come to Jesus with a humble and contrite heart, repenting of all your sins.
- Receive Holy Communion on the Day of the Feast of Divine Mercy.
(*MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION*)
- Venerate the image of Divine Mercy on the Feast of Divine Mercy.
(*FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE OF THE BULLETIN*)
- Be merciful as God is merciful.
- Be open to receive a Plenary Indulgence as Jesus promised.

THOSE WHO CANNOT GO TO CHURCH OR THE SERIOUSLY ILL may obtain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, if totally detesting any sin, as has been said before, and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you). If it is impossible that people do even this, on the same day they may obtain the Plenary Indulgence if with a spiritual intention they are united with those carrying out the prescribed practice for obtaining the Indulgence in the usual way and offer to the Merciful Lord a prayer and the sufferings of their illness and the difficulties of their lives, with the resolution to accomplish as soon as possible the three conditions prescribed to obtain the plenary indulgence.

(*APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY - DECREE - Indulgences attached to devotions in honour of Divine Mercy*)

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC urges us to **"seal our homes"** by pasting a 'blessed' image of the Divine Mercy upon our front doors, facing outwards, to express our trust in Jesus' promise of protection. Simply cut (or print) the image on the next page of the bulletin and, while making the sign of the cross over the image, pronounce these words of blessing:

"O Lord, I seek Your blessing upon this image, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen."

"Sacramentals derive from the baptismal priesthood: every baptized person is called to be a "blessing," and to bless. Hence lay people may preside at certain blessings" CCC 1669



Jesus, I Trust in You

TheDivineMercy.org