

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 11, 2021



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

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CYRILA A METODA



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



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,
and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be
unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

MASS Intentions

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April 10, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena
 5:30PM For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy Secular
 Disalced Carmelites
 ❖ For the Members of the Rosary Society
 ❖ For Paul, Linda & Family
 ❖ For Gungue Schultheis (B'Day)
 ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
 ❖ †Bernice Weil ❖ †Brian Czach

April 11, Divine Mercy Sunday - Nedela

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

- 7:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
 9:30AM *(Livestreamed)*
 For the Intentions of the Easter Novena
 11:30AM *(Slovak)*
 For all Priests, Religious, Seminarians & Deacons
 ❖ For all Ss. Cyril & Methodius Families
 ❖ For George Rafaidus req. Mom
 ❖ For Paul, Linda & Family
 ❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Family
 ❖ †Milan Slamka req. Daniela Grisak
 ❖ †Brother Robert Carnaghi req. Kerry Cousins
 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*
 For Paul, Linda & Family
 8:30PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Mark & Bernadette Miller (Wed. Ann.)
 ❖ For Paul, Linda & Family ❖ For Robert Bauer
 ❖ For Larry & Cassie Giroux & Families
 ❖ For the Dolecki Family req. Shirley Polakowski
 ❖ †Charles & Theresa MacDonald req. Family

April 12, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena
 12:00PM For the Holy Souls in purgatory
 ❖ For Christopher Zabawa req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Annette Rudzewicz (B'Day)

April 13, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Celisa Rolling (B'Day)
 ❖ For Amy Shamoan (B'Day) req. Family
 ❖ For Sylvester Wilkins (B'Day)
 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

April 14, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM *(Latin)*
 For Yvonne Persichetti (80th B'Day) req. Husband
 ❖ †James Leo White
 ❖ †Germaine Evelyn
 12:00PM For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz
 ❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife
 ❖ †Zef & Marie Kasneci & Family

April 15, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Fr. Juraj Nuota (B'Day)
 ❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
 ❖ †Concepcion Flores

- 12:00PM For Fr. Juraj Nuota (B'Day)
 ❖ †Stefania Bak
 ❖ †Matthew Margiewicz
 7:00PM Fr. Juraj Nuota (B'Day)
 ❖ For Seminarian Patrick Blenman req.
 Grandparents
 ❖ †Frank Marinello req. Family

April 16, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For Emma Timmerman (B'Day)
 ❖ For Gerald Sadecki
 ❖ †Gladys Langlois req. Langlois Family
 12:00PM For the Rosary Makers & their Families
 ❖ †Christina Locricchio req. Family
 ❖ †Marie, Donald, & Molly O'Briech

April 17, Saturday - Sobota

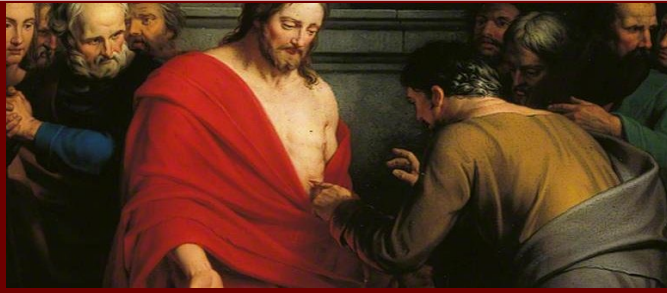
- 9:00AM For the Hastings Family
 ❖ For Linda Herfy req. Rita & Joseph Herfy
 ❖ †Coletta Weisbarth
 5:30PM For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
 ❖ For Nagham Korkis ❖ For Sabah Babbie
 ❖ †Dolores Duffy
 ❖ †Michael Kehrig req. Dan and Jan Atkinson
 ❖ †Joanne Fredal req. Linda Fredal
 ❖ †David Chupa

April 18, Third Sunday of Easter - Nedela

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 ; 1 Jn 2:1-5a ; Lk 24:35-48

- 7:30AM For Stacy Sorisho ❖ For Brad Boylan
 ❖ For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
 ❖ †James Kessler
 ❖ †Josephine Davis
 ❖ †Shaun Happy & Family req. Kim & Joe Hellow
 ❖ †Joseph Marine req. Dianne Marine
 9:30AM *(Livestreamed)*
 For Toni Bango
 ❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families
 ❖ †Sandra Manfre req. Pietrasik Famil
 ❖ †Ann Vendzuh
 ❖ †Edward Piascik req. Mike MacDonald
 ❖ †Paolo Persichetti
 ❖ †Betty Showler
 11:30AM *(Slovak)*
 For the Gazdikova Family req. Stanley & Anna Giertl
 ❖ For Mirka Plzak req. Joe & Sonia Honce
 ❖ †Anna Sovikova req. Anna Venglar
 ❖ †Anna & Jan Badowski
 ❖ †Marge Robine
 ❖ †Sylvia Bieniek req. Daniela Grisak
 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*
 For the Intentions of All Parishioners
 8:30PM In Thanksgiving req. Marie Kerry
 ❖ For Fr. Dan Jones
 ❖ For Jaison Jose
 ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Fisher Family
 ❖ For the Shaina Family
 ❖ For the Fisher Family
 ❖ †Officer Eric Talley

*"My Lord
and
My God!"*



St. Thomas the Apostle

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Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." John 20:24-25

It's easy to be critical of St. Thomas for his lack of belief reflected in his statement above. But before you allow yourself to think poorly of him, think about how you would have responded. This is a difficult exercise to do since we know clearly the end of the story. We know Jesus did rise from the dead and that Thomas ultimately came to believe, crying out "My Lord and my God!" But try to put yourself in his situation.

First, Thomas probably doubted, in part, out of extreme sadness and despair. He had hoped that Jesus was the Messiah, he had dedicated the last three years of his life to following Him, and now Jesus was dead...so he thought. This is an important point because very often in life when we encounter some difficulty, disappointment or painful situation, our faith is tested. We are tempted to allow despair to draw us into doubt and when this happens we make decisions based more upon our hurt than upon our faith.

Second, Thomas was also called to deny the physical reality that he witnessed with his own eyes and believe something that was completely "impossible" from an earthly perspective. People simply do not rise from the dead! This simply doesn't happen, at least from an earthly perspective alone. And even though Thomas had seen Jesus perform such miracles before, it took much faith to believe without seeing with his own eyes. So despair and an apparent impossibility went to the heart of Thomas' faith and extinguished it.

Reflect, today, upon two lessons we can take from this passage: 1) Do not ever allow despair, disappointment or hurt to be the guide of your decisions or beliefs in life. They are never a good guide. 2) Do not doubt the power of God to be able to do anything and everything He chooses. In this case, God chose to rise from the dead and so He did. In our own lives, God can do anything He wills. We must believe that and know that what He reveals to us in faith will come to be if we but trust in His provident care.

St. Thomas, Pray for us!

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS: 9AM & 5:30PM (Vigil)

SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 6 PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM

MONDAYS: 9AM & 12PM

TUESDAYS: 6AM & 12PM

WEDNESDAYS: 9AM & 12PM

THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6AM, 12PM & 7PM

FRIDAYS: 6AM & 12PM

***WEEKDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 10AM - 2PM

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11AM - 2PM

THURSDAYS: 11AM - 5PM

***Office is closed during 12 PM Holy Mass**

Festival Dates: Weekend of August 13–15

FESTIVAL

Plans have begun for our
Parish Slovak Festival
and we want to share the
latest updates with you:



- ◆ **Festival Planning Meeting** on **Tuesday, April 20**, in Room 112. **ALL** are welcome!
- ◆ **Chairpersons Needed** for the following Festival areas:
 - ◆ **50/50 Raffle**
 - ◆ **Maintenance** (keeping areas clean during festival weekend)
 - ◆ **Security**
 - ◆ **Slovak Kitchen**
 - ◆ **Sunday Breakdown** (after the festival closes)

Help is needed in order to make the Festival a success. Volunteering at the Festival is a fun way to give back to the parish and to meet and work with fellow parishioners. Please prayerfully consider if one of the above volunteer roles is for you. Festival areas could be chaired by one person or maybe you and a friend could take on one of the Festival areas together. Many hands make light work.

**For more information or if you have questions,
join us at the next planning meeting on April 20 or contact
John Fournier, (248) 410-5866**

Reporting Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing: vac@aod.org. In addition the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM) or by email at: aginvestigations@michigan.gov. More information about the Archdiocese of Detroit's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

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Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kleru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitškú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. číslo 866-343-8055, alebo emailom [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). Úrad generálneho prokurátora v Michigane možno kontaktovať na bezplatnom telefónnom čísle 844-324-3374 (od pondelka do piatku, od 8:00 do 17:00), alebo emailom [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).

### 2021 Catholic Services Appeal

We are fast approaching the launch of the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). The CSA collection funds many diocesan-wide projects and services that benefit all parishes and help to spread faith. Contributions to the CSA makes a difference in the lives of many people and is also a great way to strengthen the parish finances. Although we do not yet have our goal for 2021, information on the process for the 2021 campaign follows:

- ◇ The Archdiocese of Detroit will do a direct mailing campaign on the parishes' behalf as they did in 2020. Families who contributed to CSA anytime between 2017 and 2020 can expect to see the first appeal in their mailboxes somewhere around April 15th. The direct mailing from, and the handling of the majority of payments by, the AOD takes much of the burden of administration off the parish.
- ◇ Those who did not contribute to CSA between 2017 and 2020 have the opportunity to contribute to CSA when blank pledge cards become available in early May. You can also call: (888) 331-8695 or go online to [givesca.org](http://givesca.org) to donate.

If you provide your email address with your pledge or if your email address is up-to-date in our system, the Diocese will send out a follow up survey via email toward the end of the campaign. This survey will be an opportunity to provide feedback on CSA and will allow you to receive a custom impact report to see how your gift is making a difference.

Stayed tuned to future bulletins for information on CSA.



### Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, April 12

*"Friendship - A Night on:*

*How to Intentionally Build the Faith of Friends"*

7:00PM - 8:45PM

### EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, April 15

*"Authentic Friendship - A Night on:*

*What it Means to be an Authentic Friend"*

7:00PM - 8:45PM

If you have questions about Life Teen or EDGE, please contact:  
Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

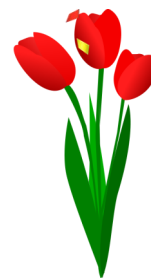
### Tools for Growing in Faith \* FORMED

As a community, we all now have UNLIMITED access to the best Catholic faith formation materials on the market, all in one easy location: [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). FORMED has resources for all ages. There are in-depth faith formation programs, Bible study programs, Lighthouse Catholic Media audio talks, full length movies, children's audio programs and e-books! **All you have to do to gain access is log onto: [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org).** Scroll down and enter our parish code: **90c575**. You will then be prompted to set up your own personal account so that you can have full access to all of the amazing faith formation materials available through FORMED.

### Gardeners Needed

If you like the outdoors and have an interest in keeping our church grounds beautiful, please contact the Parish Office.

*Your green thumbs are desperately needed!*



### Turn In Unused or Expired Medication • Saturday, April 24

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal at St. Michael Catholic Community, 40501 Hayes Road, Sterling Heights, on Saturday, April 24, from 10:00AM - 2:00PM. This is "Curbside Drop Off".

For details, contact: (586) 566-4487

For more information: [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)

### ONLINE GIVING

To give using your mobile device simply text:

**SSCYRIL to 77977**

and a link to the giving page will be sent to you.

To give online, simply go to our website:

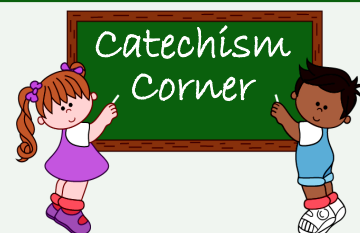
**[www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church)**

and select "GIVE" on the homepage.

### Catechism Corner

**\*\* PLEASE TAKE NOTE \*\***

Our Confirmation Holy Mass takes place on First Friday, May 7th. Due to the limited space available for our Confirmation Families, it will be a **private Holy Mass**. Therefore, if you wish to fulfill your First Friday Devotion, please plan to attend either the 6:00AM or 12:00 Noon Holy Mass on that day (May 7). We are sorry for any inconvenience.



Wednesday, April 14: Catechism Class from 6:15PM - 7:30PM  
Wednesday, April 21: Catechism Class from 6:15PM - 7:30PM  
Wednesday, April 28: Catechism Class from 6:15PM - 7:30PM  
Friday, April 30: First Confessions and Communion Rehearsal (Arrive 5:45PM)  
Saturday May 1: **Private** First Communion Holy Mass at 12:00PM  
Sunday May 2: May Crowning at 10:00AM Holy Mass  
Wednesday, May 5: Catechism Class from 6:15PM - 7:30PM  
(Rehearsal & Confession for Confirmandi (8th Graders) in the Activity Center)  
Friday, May 7: **Private** Confirmation Holy Mass 7:00PM  
Wednesday, May 12: Last Week of Catechism from 6:15PM - 7:30PM

Questions about Catechism, please contact:

Paul or Carroll Schuller, Directors of Religious Education, [cschuller@saintcyrils.church](mailto:cschuller@saintcyrils.church) or (586) 726-6911

# Mystagogy ~ Leading Through the Mysteries

Last Saturday, April 3, we celebrated the Easter Vigil Mass, the Holy Liturgy that St. Augustine called the “Mother of all Holy Vigils!” On that day, throughout the entire world, the Church received many new Catholics through the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

**Here at St. Cyril’s, during this Holy Year of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, we were very blessed to witness these great Sacraments!**

After months of study, prayer and preparation, members of our R.C.I.A. program, entered the Church and made all of their Sacraments of Initiation.

Two of the R.C.I.A. members are *Neophytes*, or “Newly Baptized,” a Greek term meaning “new plant”. This term will stay with the newly baptized for their first year of full communion with the Catholic Church.

Five of them were *Candidates*, which refers to adults who were baptized as infants either as Roman Catholics or as members of another Christian community but did not receive further catechetical formation, nor, consequently, the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. They are considered a “candidate” for the Roman Catholic Sacrament of Confirmation and a “candidate” preparing to receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. Their candidacy is derived from their Baptism.

Although the joyful, long-awaited day has come and gone, their journey is not over. They now prepare to begin the final period of formation called *mystagogy*, which lasts throughout the Easter Season until Pentecost.

## What is Mystagogy?

*Mystagogy* comes from the Greek word meaning, “to lead through the mysteries.” The Catechism describes mystagogy as a “liturgical catechesis that aims to initiate people into the mystery of Christ” (CCC 1075). Mystagogy leads us from the “external” signs and rituals of the liturgy to the “inner” spiritual meaning of the Divine life they signify. Mystagogy is the form of catechesis that helps explore the spiritual treasures contained within the sacraments by continuously reflecting on their meaning and significance in our personal lives of faith. Our faith needs mystagogy because of one simple reason: we celebrate and proclaim a *mystery*. Mystagogy was the way the early Church Fathers embraced and trained new Christians in the practices and beliefs of the faith. Perhaps the most well known teacher of *mystagogy* was St. Cyril of Jerusalem (315-386), who delivered a famous series of sermons, known as “mystagogic catecheses” during the time of Lent through the Easter Octave. After the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church revitalized this ancient practice, especially in the R.C.I.A.. But mystagogy isn’t just for the newly baptized; it is the way every Catholic can continually deepen their relationship with Christ by daily drawing on the grace of the sacraments.

Please continue to pray for our R.C.I.A. members, the participants, instructors & mentors, as they enter this beautiful season of Mystagogy!

*St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Pray for us.*

If you or a loved one have not made, or completed, your sacraments in the Catholic church, our R.C.I.A. program begins again in September, 2021, for initiation at the Easter Vigil, 2022.

For more information, please contact: *Steven Piskorowski*, Director of R.C.I.A., (586) 883-3093



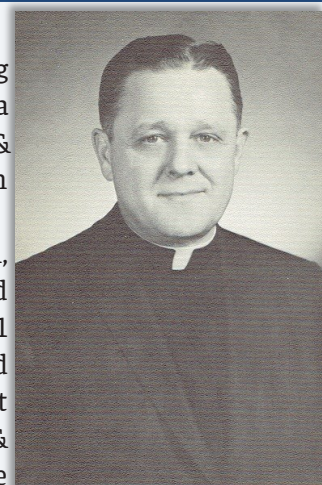


### Reverend Andrew J. Forish, Pastor of Ss. Cyril & Methodius, 1961 - 1967

February 21, 1961 was a day remembered in the hearts of the people of St. Cyril's. Due to failing health, Father Joseph Zalibera resigned from the parish. Father Zalibera earned a well-deserved rest after serving 39 years in the service of God and the people of Ss. Cyril & Methodius. He spent his retirement years at his home on the grounds of the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse in Oxford, Michigan.

Succeeding Father Zalibera was Reverend Andrew J. Forish. Father Forish was born in Coral, Pennsylvania on September 27, 1917. He attended Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit and Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Norwood, Ohio. He was ordained May 30, 1942 and on May 31 his first Mass and ordination celebration were held at St. Cyril's. He was the first pupil and graduate of St. Cyril's school to be ordained to the priesthood. Father served as Assistant Pastor at St. Cyril's from 1942 to 1947. He was then appointed Assistant Pastor at Ss. Andrew & Benedict Slovak Parish on the southwest side of Detroit from 1947 to 1952, and then became Parish Administrator from 1952 to 1961. In 1961, he was appointed Pastor of Ss. Cyril & Methodius and served until June, 1967. Father was happy to come "home" to St. Cyril's. He undertook his assignment with characteristic vitality and interest in the needs of the parishioners. The people at the parish were happy to hear the sounds of Father's rich singing voice as he celebrated Mass. During his time as Pastor at St. Cyril's he oversaw several projects, including having the school repainted, remodeling classrooms and completely renovating the school cafeteria. He was described as not only a Pastor, but a counselor, friend and confidant.

In 1967, he was appointed Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia and served there until being granted senior priest status in 1987. Father still maintained his connection with St. Cyril's and was present at the dedication ceremony at our current church on June 11, 1989, as well as several other celebratory events held at our parish. Father Forish died on December 5, 2009 at the age of 92.



REVEREND ANDREW J. FORISH



### 10 QUOTES ON DIVINE MERCY FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA

1. "Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy." (1577)

2. "Let Souls who are striving for perfection particularly adore My mercy, because the abundance of graces which I grant them flows from My mercy." (1578)

3. I received a deeper understanding of divine mercy. Only that soul who wants it will be damned, for God condemns no one. (1452)

4. "I have opened my Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be confirmed in good. Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My Divine peace at the hour of death." (1520)

5. And I understood that the greatest attribute of God is love and mercy. It unites the creature with the Creator. This immense love and abyss of mercy are made known in the Incarnation of the Word and in the Redemption [of humanity], and it is here that I saw this as the greatest of all God's attributes. (181)

6. "Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My

compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice..." (1146)

7. "The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!..." (1074 - paragraph 2)

8. "Tell My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls." (1074 - paragraph 4)

9. "There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted-it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I myself take care of it." (1273)

10. "Today the Lord said to me, Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My heart always flows down upon your soul and ennoble it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls." (1602)