



## What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

*Philip Kosloski - published on 04/11/21 - updated on 03/27/24*

*Divine Mercy Sunday is a name for the second Sunday in the Easter season.*

For many centuries, the Second Sunday of Easter was nicknamed **Low Sunday**, in contrast to the **High Sunday of Easter**. Additionally, the newly baptized would wear their baptismal gowns during the eight days of the Easter Octave. According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, the Second Sunday of Easter “was consequently known as **dominica in albis** (deponendis), the **Sunday of the (laying aside of the) white garments**.”

However, in recent years this same Sunday has been given another celebration: **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

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### RENAMED IN THE YEAR 2000

In 2000, St. John Paul II canonized the Polish religious mystic Faustina Kowalska, and during his homily **officially designated the Second Sunday of Easter “Divine Mercy Sunday.”**

John Paul II did this to endorse Faustina’s private revelations as well as to put more emphasis on Divine Mercy in the 21st century. He explained during his homily, “Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: ‘My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified,’ Jesus will ask Sr. Faustina (Diary, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love’s ‘second name’ (cf. Dives in misericordia, n. 7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness? Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time ... Jesus told Sr Faustina: ‘*Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy*’ (Diary, p. 132).”

The Polish pope then went on to proclaim, “**It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’**”

### JESUS REQUESTED THIS "NAME CHANGE"

Jesus requested that this Second Sunday of Easter be named "Divine Mercy Sunday" in a vision to Saint Faustina that she wrote down in her *Diary*.

On one occasion, I heard these words: 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)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)

Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have affirmed this new tradition and the new feast has become an official part of the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar.



# St. Anne Parish

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### Parish Priest:

**FR. GUY AMÉDÉE AINEMON**

### Parish Office Coordinator:

Gabriela Büttner

### OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday** 10 am to 3 pm  
**Wednesday** 10 am to 3 pm  
**Thursday** 10 am to 3 pm  
**Friday** 10 am to 3 pm

### PARISH SERVICES

**Reconciliation:** 30 min. before every Mass.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish office.

**Baptism:** Please call the Parish office.

**Marriage:** Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

### Mass Intentions

If you would like the Holy Mass to be offered for your intentions or the intentions of your loved ones, please call the Parish Office, or write it up and drop it in the donation box in the Church. Mass offering is \$10.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Mass** – 5:30 pm  
**Sunday Mass** – 9:00 am  
**Tuesday Mass** – 7:00 pm  
**Wednesday Mass** – 8:30 am  
**Thursday Mass** – 7:00 pm  
**Friday Mass** – 8:30 am



## April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday



John 20.19-31

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## RUMMAGE SALE

**Christ the King Church**—parish hall, 3239 Garnet St. Thursday, May 8, 12-7:00; Friday, May 9, 10-5:00; and Saturday, May 10, 9:30-3:30. Everything (almost) that you could possibly need! Household, books, tools, electronics, jewelry, antiques, holiday, sports, and more... So much stuff, good prices, friendly people. Come and shop!

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Parish of St. Anne, centred in Word and Eucharist, are called to be a caring faith community; coming together to celebrate God’s love and truth through the sacraments, and make Christ present to others through loving service.





**Saturday – April 26<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm † Monserrat & Fernando Jaldon  
*requested by May Jaldon*  
† Bernadette Hounjet  
*requested by Lisa Surkan*  
**For God's Special Blessings**  
*requested by Prisca Ugwu*

**Sunday – April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**MASS**

9:00 am

**Tuesday – April 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm † Gertrude & Darrell Lloyd  
*requested by Dorothy Lloyd*  
**For the Tessier Family**  
*requested by Denise & Kelly Nelson*

**Wednesday – April 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am † Shelley Findura  
*requested by Stasia & Bill Harries*

**Thursday – May 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 pm **For God's Blessings**  
*requested by May Jaldon*

**Friday – May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 am † Aureliano Teófilo dos-Santos  
*requested by Marco dos-Santos*



**Readings for Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>:**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5.12-16  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
Gospel: John 20.19-31

**Lectors:**

Saturday, APR 26 – 5:30 pm – Dorothy Lloyd  
Sunday, APR 27 – 9:00 am – Chidera Ekediegwu



**CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF**  
**Mary**  
**DURING THE MONTH OF MAY JOIN US**  
**TO PRAY THE ROSARY**  
**- 20 MINUTES BEFORE WEEKEND AND**  
**WEEKDAY MASSES.**

**PARISH**  
**WEEKLY FINANCIAL**  
**UPDATE**



**COLLECTION SUMMARY FOR EASTER:**  
**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

• Sunday Collection	\$0782.35
• Building Fund	\$0075.00
• Development & Peace	\$0270.00
• Papal Charities	\$0235.00
• Church Needs-Holy Land – Good Friday	\$0332.00
• Easter Offering	\$0435.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2129.35</b>



**Coffee Sunday**  
**& Presentation**  
**On Sunday,**  
**APRIL 27**

**To St. Anne Parishioners:**

Michelle BRAYDEN, the Youth Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Regina has kindly offered to deliver a talk on what we could do as a parish to improve parish participation overall and in particular to improve participation by our youth.

The talk will be during **COFFEE SUNDAY** on **APRIL 27 AFTER SUNDAY MASS.**

So please come for coffee on the 27<sup>th</sup> and enjoy this short presentation!

See YOU there!



**102nd Annual Regina Diocesan CWL Convention**  
**Saturday, May 3rd, 2025**

St. Joseph's Parish, Moose Jaw, SK

The Regina Diocesan CWL executive and Moose Jaw Region are pleased to invite you to our 102nd annual Diocesan Convention.

**Speaker:** Rev. Deacon Lamont Dyck – Presence, Ministry and Community.

**Workshop:** Here I am Lord – How Remarkable Women Lead.

Contact the Convention Registrar at  
[regina.diocesan.conv@gmail.com](mailto:regina.diocesan.conv@gmail.com)

**ADVANCE DIRECTIVES, PROXIES & SUBSTITUTE**  
**DECISION-MAKING IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:45pm, St. Mary's Parish.  
What would happen if you suffered a health care crisis and could not make decisions for yourself? Join us to learn more about how you can ensure that decisions about your health are guided by your faith, even if you are unable to speak for yourself. Faith-based Advance Health Care Directives will be available.



**STEAK NIGHT**  
**at**  
**Bushwakker's,**  
**on**  
**Tuesday, May 13**

**Tickets on Sale this weekend and**  
**next: April 26 & 27 and May 2 & 3...**  
**\$40 p/p—must be 19 & over**

**E-Transfer 24/7 to:** [office@stannesregina.com](mailto:office@stannesregina.com)

**UPDATES TO**  
**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS**

As of April 8, 2025, the Saskatchewan Health Authority is now asking patients at Admission if they would like a Spiritual Care Visit during their hospital stay in the General or Pasqua Hospital, they will collect the patient's faith information and notify the chaplains that you are in the hospital. This information is not stored at the hospital upon discharge, so you will need to provide the information for additional hospitalizations. If you end up in the hospital by the emergency room, you are not going to be asked this question. If you would like to have a visit, you or a family member can use the contact information below to speak with a hospital chaplain. If you would like a visit from your parish priest, you will need to notify the chaplain or the parish to let them know that you are in the hospital.

**General Hospital:**

Jennifer Holtslander – 306-519-1380

**Pasqua Hospital:**

Jerry Fitzgerald - 306-519-1405

**Wascana Rehab:** Joan Rink - 306 -530-6511

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025**  
**Cook Islands—"I made you wonderful"**

May 13, at 2 :00 PM at  
Our Lady of Peace Parish

We acknowledge that we are in Treaty Four Territory, Traditional lands of the Nehiyawak (Cree), Anishinaabe (Saulteaux), and Nakota people. Homeland to the Dakota, Lakota and Métis people.

Please **NOTE**  
There will be  
**NO MASSES**  
the week of **May 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**  
due to the **Annual**  
**Clergy Retreat.**  
Thank YOU!