



# Servants of Divine Mercy News

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## Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday

As we open our hearts to the graces being abundantly poured out on us during this Season of Lent, our thoughts turn toward the celebration of the Holy Triduum, the most solemn Feast of our Faith. The rites of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil make up one sacred Liturgy focused on the primary mysteries of Christianity, the Suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Our Savior. Beginning with Easter Sunday, the Church rejoices with eight days of relishing the joy flowing from the Risen Christ.

On the great Octave Day, the Second Sunday of Easter—now known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we hear the Gospel

account of the Risen Lord Who despite the locked doors, visits His disciples. Oh how merciful He is to those who abandoned Him as He suffered and died on the Cross! How merciful He is to us sinners, too! Prepare your hearts for this wondrous Feast of

Divine Mercy by praying the Novena given to St. Faustina by Jesus Himself. **A copy of the Novena is enclosed.** Begin it on Good Friday. One of the awesome things about the Novena is that while praying it, you lift up the needs of the whole world. Expect miracles of Divine Mercy!

We understand that our nation's economic situation is tenuous, at best as we possibly sink into a depression. And we know that your finances might be very tight, but please consider sending a *small* monthly gift to help cover our basic needs, so we can be free to minister to God's poor. Thanks and be sure of our prayers!

Feeling the Pinch?

### A Bit of St. Faustina's Diary

"O Eternal Love, You command Your Sacred Image to be painted and reveal to us the inconceivable fount of mercy, You bless whoever approaches Your rays, And a soul all black will turn into snow. O Sweet Jesus it is here You establish the throne of Your mercy... May praise and glory for this Image never cease to flow from man's soul."

From *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, Notebook I

*Jesus, I trust in You!*

## Please Help Us With a Monthly Donation!

Establishing a new community can be quite expensive. Please pray about helping us monthly with a donation that will assist us to pay our bills. Your gift is fully tax-deductible. We will not share your personal information with anyone. Thanks and may the Lord reward your kind generosity. **Please note our new address and mail to: Servants of Divine Mercy, 1414 Academy, Houma, LA 70360.**

(Please Print) Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



## Second in Series:

### The Charism of the Servants of Divine Mercy—*Charismatic*

For this month's reflection, we take a look at the **charismatic dimension** of our community. What does it mean to be "charismatic?" Simply put, we are open to the Holy Spirit to stir up the rich diversity of His gifts among us to help us to build up the Body of Christ. We fully believe that the charismatic gifts listed in the New Testament are **still being lavished** upon the Church today and we welcome them as we seek to receive and use these amazing gifts. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

The charismatic gifts when humbly exercised **transform our praise and worship** into a new song unto the Lord. As Servants of Divine Mercy, we place our gifts at the service of one another and to those the Lord sends us to serve. We are open to **word gifts** like prophecy being part of our daily prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours and times of adoration. We use **power gifts** such as faith and miracles to demonstrate the awesome power of Almighty God. We rely on the **revelatory gifts** of discernment of spirits and words of knowledge and wisdom to discern the Will of the Lord and to unmask the Enemy's tactics against God's people. **Sign gifts** like healing and the gift of tongues electrify our prayer together, making us aware of the powerful Presence of the Holy Spirit. We fully expect Lord to move among and He does!

Our emphasis on being a **charismatic community** encourages us to "stay fresh," always open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit! Holy Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us!

## May Discernment Retreat

May 8-10 will mark our next discernment retreat for men seeking to know the Lord's Plan regarding becoming a Servant of Divine Mercy. **Do you know a man who is seriously searching for his place in life? Might he be a good candidate for our infant community?** Ask him to call Dr. Allan Weilert @ 985/217-6726 to reserve a spot on this retreat which will be held during Our Lady's glorious month of May.

Please note that this retreat will be limited to four men. We will present the vision of the Servants of Divine Mercy to the men attending. Please make it a point to **mark these dates on your calendar** to pray for a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us that weekend. **Thanks!**

## We Pray for Our Benefactors

Every day, we pray for all those who read this newsletter and for those kind enough to send us a donation. Your donations are precious to us as we wait for the day when we can be free to minister as the Lord leads us without the burden of our jobs. We count it a privilege to pray for you and your loved ones. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail us with your prayer requests. We have seen Our Lord work wonders as the result of our prayers. Praise His Holy, Merciful Name!

## The Servants of Divine Mercy Buy a House!

Thanks for your interest and prayers for us as we were engaged in the ordeal of house-hunting. A couple weeks ago, we finally found a place for our community to set down roots in Houma! Soon, we'll be able to welcome folks to join us for prayer, healing services, and classes in our chapel. Stay tuned as we unpack our boxes and set up shop! **Please note our new address: 1414 Academy, Houma, LA 70360**

