



St : Josephs Parish
582 Hopes St Mountain View CA 94041

Tamil Mass will be celebrated every second Saturday at 6.45 PM



Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12th.2015

Ninth Day of the Divine Mercy Novena Prayer:

Intention: Today bring to Me SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: 'Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.' For them, the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy.

Novena Prayers: Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of your pure love, let these tepid souls, who, like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power.

Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. — Amen.

Here are the steps of how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Step 1 – Using a regular set of Rosary beads, you begin at the cross by doing the sign of the cross.

(Optional Opening Prayer)

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Step 2 – On the three beads of the rosary pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed.

Step 3 – You begin each decade with the Our Father beads by praying this prayer:

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.

Step 4 - Complete the decade on the 10 Hail Mary beads by praying this prayer:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for each decade on the rosary beads

Step 5 – Once you have prayed all 5 decades, you finish the Chaplet by praying the following prayer 3 times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Optional Closing Prayer)

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen.

UpComing Events

May 9th Saturday : Mother's Day Mass

Time : 6:45 pm

Location : St. Joseph 's Church

Mountain View , CA 94041.

He Lives in Me

The very first Easter Sunday was calm after a storm. It was like a storm had gone through the city leaving destruction in its wake. Jesus died and was placed in the tomb and the tomb was heavily guarded and sealed. Why? Because they heard that Jesus would rise again. Those who crucified Jesus did not want it to happen. Because if it happens then it will be clear that Jesus is the Lord. Even His own disciples could not recall that Jesus would rise again. So they thought it was the end of line for Christ and they locked themselves inside the house thinking that the Jews might try to kill them next.

Jesus went through the storm and He said "It is finished". It's all started with the washing of the feet of His disciples. By doing so Jesus showed service and humility to those who argued themselves saying "Who is the greatest" as we argue today which group is the greatest. If we really serve God then there should not be a question of "Who is the greatest?" Let us read below what Jesus said after washing the feet.

"When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." (John 13:12-17)

In a world where we always want to be the greatest Jesus set an example for us to follow by washing His disciples' feet as He said "You should do as I have done for you". Jesus is asking us to live as He has lived and He is our role model. If we talk to young people they may have film stars and sport stars as their role model but for us Christians Jesus is the our role model to match our lives.

Jesus did not say we all are unique in this world so you don't want to be someone else. So you continue living as you like. Am I living as Jesus lived? We might have slipped here and there and we might not be

perfect at all times but we should come back to match our lives with Christ. For example Simon Peter cursed and denied Jesus but at the end he lived and died for Christ.

We may ask what I will get if I live like Jesus. Jesus has the answer as he said "You will be blessed if you do them". Jesus did not talk about worldly blessings here but he talks about eternal blessing.

Finally if we believe the same Christ who died 2015 years ago is still living in us, we should keep Him as our role model and imitate Him in our lives. Then the whole world will see the living Christ by seeing our lives.

Today more than half of the world does not know who Jesus is. It is mainly because the ones who knew Jesus did not live according to his or her role model. If we say I believe who I am and I live the way I wanted to because I am unique in this world then we are forcing Jesus to carry the heavy Cross and nailing Him again and again in the Cross and Jesus will tell us again and again "do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children" (Luke 23:28) as He said to the large number of people followed Him weeping and wailing when He was carrying the cross.

Instead of arguing between us regarding who is the greatest, who is the holiest, who worship in a holiest way, who gets the credit, let us live according to our role model and show to the rest of the world that the same Jesus Christ is still alive in us and pray God to grant us His grace to live a good life in the eyes of God.

Wish you all a very Happy Easter

— Leenus Rich



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