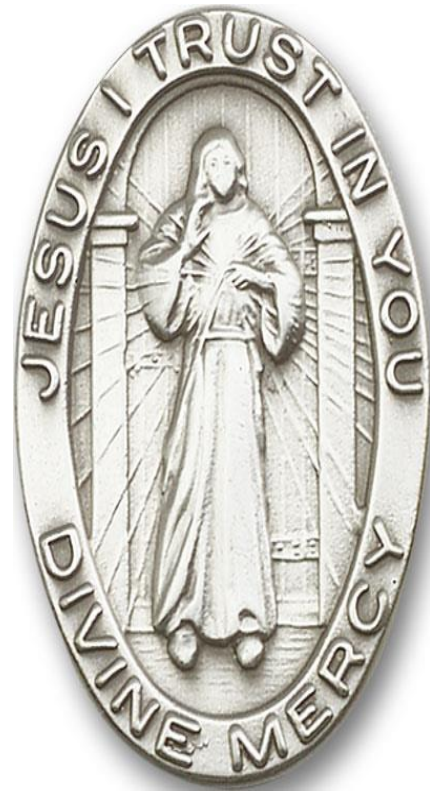


THE HISTORY OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: The Octave, or eighth day, of Easter has always been considered special by Christians. Christ, after His Resurrection, revealed Himself to His disciples, but Saint Thomas wasn't with them. He declared that he would never believe that Christ had risen from the dead until he could see Him in the flesh and probe Christ's wounds with his own hands. This earned him the name "Doubting Thomas." A week after Christ rose from the dead, He appeared

once again to His disciples, and this time Thomas was there. His doubt was vanquished, and he professed His belief in Christ. Nineteen centuries later, Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the Divine Mercy Novena, which He asked Sister Faustina to pray for nine days, beginning on Good Friday. That meant that the novena ended on the Saturday after Easter — the eve of the Octave of Easter. Thus, since novenas are commonly prayed in advance of a feast, the Feast of Divine Mercy — Divine Mercy Sunday — was born.



INDULGENCES FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy if to all the faithful who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection

for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!')." A partial indulgence (the remission of some temporal punishment from sin) is granted to the faithful "who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation."

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2024: For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 10 - 14

- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** Braeside Pat Lee *by Bob & Sandy Lee*
- Thursday 9:00 a.m.** Arnprior Mas of Thanksgiving *by A Parishioner*
- Friday 9:00 a.m.** Arnprior Martin Guerin *by A. Hogan*
- Saturday 4:30 p.m.** Arnprior Claire & Omer Poirier *by Mardi Coady & Family*
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Arnprior Missa Pro Populo
- 10:30 a.m.** Braeside Ben Sauve *by Family*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: 20 minutes before weekend Masses and also upon request.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Christians in the Middle East; that the peoples of our country, legislators and healthcare practitioners would choose life and not death regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and abortion; and those who have died, especially Vincent Herrick, brother of Kathy St. Marie, Estelle Grenier and Phyllis Flegal of the parish, Joan Lapierre of the parish and Irene Tammadge, mother of John Tammadge of the parish.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: From May 11 to May 22, 2024. Price - \$2795.00 (includes taxes, side trips and gratuities). Departure from Pearson International Airport Toronto, LOT airlines economy class flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia. For more information contact Jack Duggan at 613 756-2655 or email blackfishbay@bell.net.

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC SHRINES: St. James the Less Parish in Eganville is organizing a pilgrimage accompanied by Father Réal Ouellette, from Monday, June 10, 2024, to Wednesday, June 12, 2024, with departures and returns in Pembroke and Renfrew. Shrines to be visited are : St. Kateri's Shrine, Divine Mercy Shrine, Our Lady of the Cap Shrine, Ste-Anne de Beaupré Shrine, and Oratory St. Joseph. We need a minimum of 40 pilgrims by May 9th to make this pilgrimage viable. For more information, please visit stjameseganville.com, or call Fr. Réal during office hours at 613-628-2020, or by email at padrereal2002@yahoo.ca.

WALKING THE PATH OF ADULT FAITH – April 19-21, 2024: This retreat is an invitation to prayerful reflection opening to God who comes alongside to walk with us, leading into the learning/growing spaces of adult faith. Facilitator, Dr. Carol Kuzmochka's (Saint Paul University) approach to the Emmaus story offers a way into the wide, rich, real, and relational journey of integral faith that can prepare us to be vitally a part of the Synodal Church. Single \$395, Double \$345, Commuter \$245. Call Galilee Centre 613 623-4242 ext. 21 or visit www.galileecentre.com to register.