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## *Cenacles of The Divine Mercy*

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**Jesus, I Trust in You**

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### **Souls Seek God's Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday**

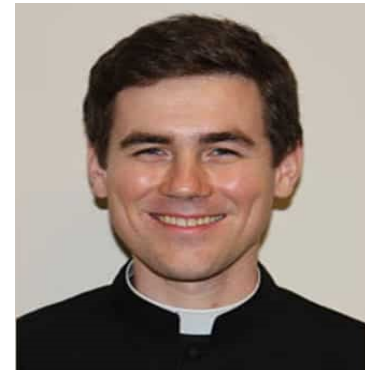
Father Pat Hoare incenses the Monstrance at the 3 pm Hour of Great Mercy. Jesus had promised to Saint Faustina that all who celebrate the Three O'clock Hour of Great Mercy would be granted whatever they requested. St. Matthew Catholic Church's Holy Hour was led by Father Pat Hoare, assisted by Deacon Jack Staub.

The Holy Hour concluded with the

singing of The Divine Mercy Chaplet and blessing with the 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina. The Cenacles of Divine Mercy then hosted a reception in the Sr. JeanMarie Kienast Banquet Room where complimentary materials were offered for those desiring a deeper knowledge and understanding of Divine Mercy.

### **Father Peter Acsik to Lead Divine Mercy's 1/2 Day Retreat on June 15, 2019**

The theme of the Divine Mercy retreat is "Experiencing Divine Presence."



The program begins with Mass in the Sanctuary at 9 am, followed by light breakfast in the Banquet Room.

Father Peter will then offer the first of two talks, "Presence thru Love of God," at 10 am-10:45 am. Then a 15" break.

His second talk is "Presence thru Love of Neighbor," at 11 am-to 11:45 am.

Close: Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.





Front row from left - Bobby Velasco, Lorraine Carpenter, Leilani Yap, Maria Pena, Daniel Lee, Radiem Velasco. Second row from left - Annette Ortiz, Vim Duremdes, Cecilia Velasco. More than 20 volunteers made Divine Mercy Sunday a special experience where total concentration was on Jesus, The Divine Mercy.

**The 2019 Divine Mercy Sunday volunteers** are responsible for making the day's celebrations spiritually moving for those who came to worship. They welcome those attending Mass and the Three O'clock Hour of Divine Mercy, mindful that they have come to gain a plenary indulgence and seek God's mercy.

Included in the uplifting spirit of the day were excerpts of St. Faustina's Diary, Scripture and Litany's of Mercy. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy was sung, the Image of Divine Mercy was venerated and Deacon Jack Staub individually blessed those present with the 1st Class Relic of Saint Faustina. Fellowship was also shared thanks to refreshments provided by Eucharistic Disciples of Divine Mercy.

*The 10th Annual Divine Mercy Day of Healing* will be celebrated on October 19th. Its theme is The Joy of Mercy. Let it be joy for you, Put it on your calendar now.





## Witness Recalls Divine Mercy Miracle?

My soul was tormented when I arrived at Mass on July 12, 2015. I was agitated and consumed with anger and resentment. It had been over two years since I began experiencing demonic oppression, due to what I believed was a strong curse put on me. Ever since it began, my soul barely had a moment of peace. It showed in my behavior: *frantic and obsessive*. Family and friends could not understand. I clung to the cross to engage the spiritual battle and prayed intensely. Prophetic visions and messages occurred.

That July 12 morning, I had a vision. As I lay in bed waking up from another restless sleep, I saw a beautiful rainbow. The vision was so vivid that I wrote about it in my journal before going to Mass that day: "This morning I woke up with the image of a rainbow on my mind, and I remember years ago buying a small poster with a rainbow that said, 'I believe in miracles.' Is a miracle about to happen?" It did happen and sooner than expected.

The moment my husband Tom and I arrived at Mass, the demonic attacks began in full force. I felt tormented but didn't want to tell Tom because it caused him a lot of pain to see me falling apart. The only one I could turn to was Jesus. I went to the church foyer to write a prayer request on notepaper and then placed it in the basket that is presented to the priest during the Presentation of the Gifts. I wrote one word on the notepaper: MIRACLE.

My thinking was that only a miracle could free me from the demonic attacks. What happened after could only be explained as a Miracle of Divine Mercy. I received Holy Communion by hand, then went to drink from the chalice which holds the Blood of Christ. As I held the cup, about three large drops of water gushed to my left hand which was holding the cup steady.

I was in a state of shock and knew that something miraculous had just happened. Instinctively, I tilted my left hand so that the water would not fall to the floor. I returned to the pew and kneeled, keeping my left hand steady in front of me so that the palm of my hand faced the floor. Tom looked at my hand, saw the water, and asked, "What's that?" Not wanting to talk during this solemn part of the Mass, I whispered that I'd tell him later and proceeded to bless myself with the drops of water on my hand. "I felt it was a great sign -- that the water from Christ's wound gushed and fell on me to bless me," I wrote it in my journal.

Tom wasn't convinced. A natural skeptic, he theorized that the water came from the cloth that the Eucharistic Minister used to wipe the cup. Another possibility, he said, was that it came from condensation caused by the wine being cold. The problem with both theories was that the cloth was dry, and the wine was room temperature. "Maybe it was a miracle," I replied half-jokingly.

That night, an inner voice kept telling me to investigate the meaning of the white ray in the Divine Mercy image. A quick internet search revealed that the white ray symbolizes the water which cleanses and purifies the soul. The following day, I received confirmation of the miracle and message. I arrived early to Mass on Monday, July 13 and thanked Jesus for the great miracle I received the previous day. I then opened the Missal Book for the day's reading and found a small Divine Mercy card inside. I took it and turned it around. On the back were the words to the Divine Mercy Chaplet, with the meaning of the white and red rays at the top of the card. "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous."

This happened while I was making a 40-day offering for the conversion of the person who I believed put the curse on me. I promised Jesus that I would attend Mass every day for 40 days and pray for her, in exchange for freedom from the curse. It ended up taking much longer for me to be freed, but during those 40 days I received many visions, dreams, signs and messages from God. They revealed that this heavy cross was intended to make me aware of a generational curse on my family tree and two other curses on my immediate family.

Through this heavy cross, prayers and penance the curses were eventually broken, but deep wounds remain. I continue to pray that the Precious Blood of Christ will bring healing to my family members. Every time I see a rainbow, I remember God's promise to believe in miracles.

By Natasha Beathe

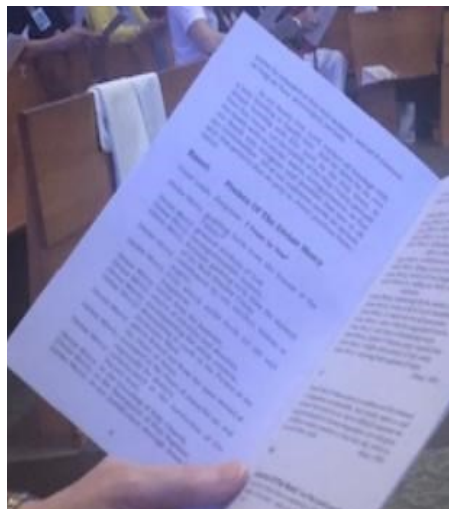
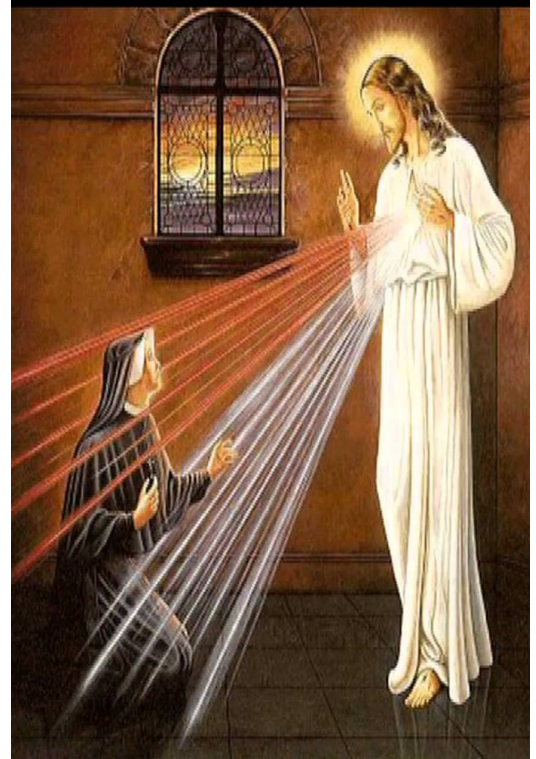


*My daughter, I have inclined My heart to your requests. Your assignment and duty here on earth is to beg for mercy for the whole world. No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy, and that is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy. I am making you the administrator of My mercy.. The Image is to be on view in the church. By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it. (Diary 570)*



*10th Annual Divine Mercy  
Day of Healing*

**Joy of Mercy**  
**October 19, 2019**  
**9 am-to-3 pm**



**Scenes from April 28th Divine Mercy Sunday: Beautiful altar display by Kathy Murray with Image of Divine Mercy and Relic of St. Faustina. Nick Cimmento passing out rosaries; Worshipper praying with Holy Hour Booklet, and Lorraine Carpenter, Lay Director of Divine Mercy Cenacles. Jesus, I Trust in You!**

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