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St. Faustina Feast Day

By Lorraine Carpenter

Happy Feast Day of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska - October 5, 2020

GOD'S LOVE IS THE FLOWER - MERCY IS THE FRUIT

This year, St. Faustina's feast day has been added to the liturgical calendar.

In preparation for her feast day, please join me in praying a 9 day novena of the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer beginning on Saturday, September 26 and concluding on Sunday, October 4.

In celebration of her feast day, let us begin the day with a celebration of the mass and receiving of Holy Communion (spiritual communion for those who watch the virtual mass). We can also reflect on these beautiful quotes from her diary:

"I desire to unite myself with human souls; my great delight is to unite myself with souls. Know my daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, my hands are full of all kinds of graces that I want to give to the soul. (Diary 1385)"

"From today on, my own will does not exist. From today on, I do the will of God everywhere, always and in everything. (Diary 374)"

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy. (Diary 300)"

St. Faustina, help me to trust in Jesus as you did and to glorify His mercy every moment of my life.

St. Faustina, pray for us!

Prayer to St. Corona in a Time of Epidemic

Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.

Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.



2020 - The Year Of Unpredictability

By Lorraine Carpenter

The year 2020 has been a challenging and unpredictable year. We continue to be in the midst of a pandemic which has brought about great hardships, illness and loss as well as uncertainties, difficulties and great concern. We have encountered much but our loving and merciful Savior has offered us the gifts of faith, hope, trust and a belief that together with him we can weather any storm or challenge that comes our way.

We need to spend time reflecting on these adversities and ask ourselves what lessons can I learn, how can I grow through this experience, is God calling me to bring about change in my life? Do I need to show more kindness or mercy towards others, do I need to ask forgiveness for an offense, do I need to offer forgiveness to someone whom may have wronged me? Do I need to spend more time in prayer, meditation, quiet reflective time with our Lord - staying still and just listening - allowing God to reach our inner being.

Sometimes it is during the most challenging times that we learn to prioritize and reorganize our lives. What or whom are most important in my life? What brings me the most joy? What weighs me down? What can I let go of that consumes me?

We need to surround ourselves with positive energy, uplifting reading materials that enrich and encourage us to be the best that we can be. We need to search for the face of Christ in others, to be his hands and feet and to live each day serving others with a grateful heart, a giving spirit, a gentle touch, and encouraging words.

Let us be the beacon of hope that reflects the light and love of Christ in a world in great need of peace, harmony and healing.

God bless, watch over, guide and protect each of you.



From the Diary of St. Faustina

Jesus: "My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for my kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life – for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My goodness." (Diary No. 1488)

"My daughter, let nothing frighten or disconcert you. Remain deeply at peace. Everything is in my hands." (Diary No. 219)

"Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior. At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it." (Diary No. 1075)

Prayer Intentions

Please Pray for

Tim Ford, brother-in-law of
Lucille Coan

Marilyn Schrieber

Kellianne Nagy

Ralph and Pat Sullivan

Jan and Paul Clemens

Perri and Guy Bomar

For the Repose of the Soul of

Emil Saul, father of Denise Long

Robert Solnick, nephew of
Julie and Joe Novak



Road of Life

When the road of life is
rocky
And the climb is all uphill
Hold onto hope
Cling to faith
Keep a trust in God
Release your worries to
God
What is unclear to you is
very clear to God
Pray often
Walk by faith
Lean on God and loved
ones
Know that others are
praying for you
Embrace God's love and
light as your source of
strength
Believe that God is near.

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Evangelizing the Divine Mercy Message

By Joseph Novak

There are many moments where a person can evangelize the Divine Mercy message. Such as this:

Attending Sunday mass, there was a young boy sitting near me. It was the Liturgy part of mass and the boy was fidgeting. I said to him, "Jesus loves you very much, he loves the whole world of course, but he loves you personally, " and I showed him a pocket size holy card of Jesus and his Divine Mercy image. I am giving you two so you may give one of your brother. He showed this to his mother and she smiled in approval.

After mass I zigzag my way around the people exiting the pews to speak to his father. Giving him another Divine Mercy holy card, I said to him "I gave this to your son. Jesus loves the whole world but he especially loves the person viewing the Divine Mercy of Jesus holy card. The wrath of God the Father wants to punish the human race for the sins that are committed. But Jesus is blocking the punishment of God saying "I suffered and died for these people and I don't want to lose anyone." Another holy card was given to the father.

Another time I was at a gas station. As I entered the store, I noticed a man exiting his vehicle. He had a prosthetic leg. As I stood holding the door open for him, the man did not enter the store but he went around his vehicle to get gas. After I paid for gas, I saw that the man was about to drive away. I quickly approached him and said "may I give you this? and I presented him the Divine Mercy holy card of Jesus. I told him that "Jesus loves you! He became elated and told me that he is involved with evangelizing of faith.

