

You will have to bear many sufferings and overcome many difficulties; that much is certain. It would be better to wait and to pray much for deeper knowledge and for divine light. These are grave matters.”

1118 My God! In these difficult moments, my spiritual director [Father Andrzej] is away, for he has gone to Rome. Jesus, since You have taken him away from me, guide me Yourself, (32) because You alone know how much I can bear. I believe firmly that God cannot give me more than I can bear. I trust in His mercy.

1119 In the moments when I am between heaven and earth, I keep silent, because even if I did speak, who would understand what I say? Eternity will reveal many things about which I am now silent.

1120 When I went out into the garden, I saw how everything was breathing the joy of spring. The trees, adorned with flowers, gave off an intoxicating odour. Everything was throbbing with joy, and the birds were singing and chirping their adoration of God and said to me, “Rejoice and be happy, Sister Faustina;” but my soul remains in torment and darkness.

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14 September

The Feast celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God’s greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: “We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free.”

We invite you to visit the Shrine and worship the Holy Cross individually.



DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

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8.00 am - 7.00 pm

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 6.00p.m. Polish

Sunday: 9.00a.m., 11.00a.m. - Polish

4.00p.m. - English

Weekdays Mass Time:

5.45p.m. Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

6.00p.m. Holy Mass

(Tuesday - ENG)

Reconciliation/Confession

Sunday: 3.00 p.m.

Weekdays: 5.45p.m.

Announcements:

- Divine Mercy Shrine opens for the private prayers from 8a.m till the evening Mass.
- On the third Sunday of September, we will collect additional donations to cover insurance costs. This year's Shrine insurance costs \$25,881.
- Distributing and leaving any publications, announcements and posters in the church vestibule without the permission of the Shrine's rector is prohibited.
- We do not accept requests for Mass intentions until the end of October. Please do not submit Mass intentions with Mass donations anonymously.
- 3 September 2024, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor
- 5 September Saints remembered by the Church, St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, a witness of charity and mercy.
- 8 September: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast day commemorates the birthday of Mary. (There are only three birthdays on the liturgical calendar: Mary, Jesus, and John the Baptist)
- 12 September Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14 September Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)
- 2nd Tuesday Fr. Rojan's healing service at Divine Mercy Church at 6.00PM
- 23 September Memorial of St. Padre Pio – While praying before a cross on September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata. He is the first priest ever to be so blessed.

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1113 My soul is often burdened with suffering, and there is no human being who can understand these torments.

1114 May 1, 1937. Today I felt the nearness of my Mother, my heavenly Mother, although before every Holy Communion I earnestly ask the Mother of God to help me prepare my soul for the coming of Her Son, and I clearly feel Her protection over me. I entreat Her to be so gracious as to enkindle in me the fire of God's love, such as burned in Her own pure heart at the time of the Incarnation of the Word of God.

1115 May 4. Today I went to see Mother General [Michael] for a moment and asked her, "Dear Mother, have you had nay inspiration regarding my leaving the convent?" Mother General answered, "Until the present, Sister, I have always restrained you, but now I leave you complete freedom to choose to do as you wish; you can leave the Congregation, or you can stay." So, I answered, "Very well." I thought of writing immediately to the Holy Father to ask him to release me from my vows. 194 When I had left Mother General, darkness once again descended upon my soul, as it had in the past. It is strange that, each time I ask permission to leave the Congregation, this darkness invades my soul, and I feel as though I have been left completely on my own. While experiencing this torment of the spirit, (31) I decided to go immediately to Mother and tell her about my strange torment and struggle. Mother answered, "That leaving of yours is a temptation." After talking to her for a while I felt some relief, but the darkness persisted. "This Divine Mercy is a beautiful thing, and it must be a great work of the Lord, since Satan opposes it so much and wants to destroy it." Such were the words of our beloved Mother General.

1116 No one can understand or comprehend, nor can I myself describe my torments. But there can be no sufferings greater than this. The sufferings of the martyrs are not greater because, at such times, death would be a relief for me. There is nothing to which I can compare these sufferings, this endless agony of the soul.

1117 May 5, [1937], Today, I opened my soul in confession, because it occurred to me that perhaps this is the real temptation: that at the time I ask to be allowed to leave the Congregation I experience such great suffering and darkness. To this the confessor replied that it was not the time appointed by God. "You must pray and wait patiently, but it is true that great sufferings are in store for you.