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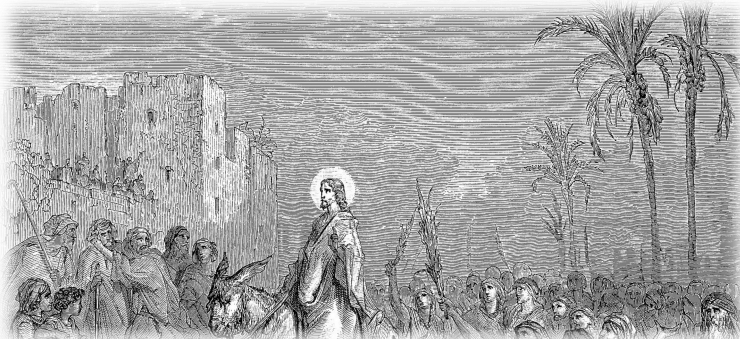
*Palm Sunday - April 2 A.D. 2023*

**VERITATEM FACIENTES IN CARITATE - LIVING THE TRUTH IN CHARITY**

**Please note the special Holy Week schedule (at right), beginning today, April 2.**

O God, Who by the wonderful order of Thy Providence wouldst, even in insensible things, show us the manner of our salvation; grant, we beseech Thee, that the devout hearts of Thy faithful may understand to their benefit the mystical meaning of that ceremony when the multitude, by direction from heaven, going this day to meet our Redeemer, strewed under His feet palms and olive-branches. The palms represent His triumph over the prince of death: and the olive-branches proclaim, in some manner, the coming of a spiritual unction. For that pious multitude then knew what was by them signified, that our Redeemer, compassionating the misery of mankind, was to fight for the life of the whole world with the prince of death, and to triumph over him by His own death. And therefore in that action they made use of such things as might declare both the triumph of His victory and the riches of His mercy. We also with a firm faith, retaining both the ceremony and its signification, humbly beseech Thee, O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, through the same Lord Jesus Christ, that we, whom Thou hast made His members, gaining by Him and in Him a victory over the empire of death, may deserve to be partakers of His glorious resurrection. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end.

*(Prayer from the Blessing of Palms)*



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## Holy Week & Easter 2023



### PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:00-8:30am Confessions

8:30am Low Mass

10:00am Palm Blessing and Procession\*

*\*Due to the Procession, there are NO confessions before the High Mass, but confessions will be available AFTER High Mass*

10:45am High Mass and Sung Passion

4:30-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Low Mass

6:00pm Sung Vespers

### SPY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

4:00-4:20pm Confessions

4:30pm Low Mass

6:00pm Sung *Tenebrae* of Holy Thursday (anticipated)

### HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY, APRIL 6

5:00-5:50pm Confessions

6:00pm High Mass followed by Vespers, Compline, and Adoration at Altar of Repose until midnight

9:00pm Sung *Tenebrae* of Good Friday (anticipated)

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

3:00-4:45pm Confessions

4:00pm Stations of the Cross

5:00pm – *Mass of the Presanctified* - Good Friday Liturgy

7:30pm Sung *Tenebrae* of Holy Saturday (anticipated)

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

4:00-5:45pm Confessions

6:00pm Easter Vigil

*followed by blessing of Easter food & baskets*

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:00-8:30am Confessions

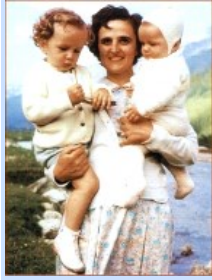
8:30am Low Mass w/Organ

9:30-10:30am Confessions

10:30am High Mass followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet, Blessing of Paschal Lamb & Children's Easter Egg Hunt

5:00pm Low Mass w/Organ

6:00pm Sung Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



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1<sup>st</sup> Sun. 4/2

8:30am Low Mass

10:00am Procession

10:45am High Mass

5:00pm Low Mass

6:00pm Vespers

## PALM SUNDAY / 1<sup>st</sup> cl. / Violet

*Dry Mass w/ Blessing of Palms & Procession,*

Mass (Domine): Sung Passion, Credo, Pref. of the Holy Cross

CS Catherine L. Davis

*by Nancy Thornes*

**CF Pro populo**

CF Canon Fehrenbacher

*by Jim & Sallyanne Fisher*

Mon. 4/3

5:30pm Low Mass

## HOLY MONDAY / 1st class / Violet

Mass (Judica) : Comm. pro Papa, Preface of the Holy Cross

CF †Lorraine Tomac

CS Beth Maddatu

*by Taleck/Kruszewski Fam.s*

Tue. 4/4

8:00am Low Mass

## HOLY TUESDAY / 1st class / Violet

Mass (Nos autem) : Comm. pro Papa, Preface of the Holy Cross

CF †Thomas Maas

*by Dean & Arden Maas*

CS Milo Gauger

*by the Gauger Family*

Wed. 4/5

4:30pm Low Mass

6:00pm Tenebrae

## SPY WEDNESDAY / 1st class / Violet

Mass (In nomine Jesu) : Comm. pro Papa, Preface of the Holy Cross

CF Mary Momot

*by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Wypych*

CS †Holy Souls in Purgatory

*by D. & C. Villascuesa*

Thur. 4/6

6:00pm High Mass

9:00pm Tenebrae

## MAUNDY THURSDAY / 1st class / White & Violet

Mass (Nos autem): Gloria, Credo, Preface of the Holy Cross

*Procession, Vespers, Stripping of the Altars, Compline*

CF H.E. Cardinal Burke

*by Canon Fehrenbacher*

Fri. 4/7

5:00pm Liturgy

7:30pm Tenebrae

*Fasting & Abstinence*

## GOOD FRIDAY / 1st class / Black

*Sung Passion, Great Orations, Adoration of the Cross*

Mass of the Presanctified, Vespers, Compline

Sat. 4/8

6:00pm Easter Vigil

*Trad. Fasting &*

*Abstinence*

## HOLY SATURDAY / 1st class / Violet & White

*Blessing of Fire & Candle, Prophecies, Blessing of Font, Litanies*

Vigil Mass : Gloria, Preface of Easter, Vespers

CF Those entering the Church

*by Saint Gianna Oratory*

Sun. 4/9

8:30am Low Mass

10:30am High Mass

5:00pm Low Mass

6:00pm Vespers

## EASTER SUNDAY / 1st class w/ Octave / White

Mass (Resurrexi): Gloria, Sequence, Credo, Preface of Easter

*Divine Mercy Novena*

CS Bradford Lee

*by Canon Silvey*

**CF Pro populo**

CF Msgr. Wach & Superiors

*by Saint Gianna Oratory*

## CONFESSIONS TIMES THIS WEEK

<b>Sun, 4/2</b>	8:00-8:30am <i>Aft. 10:45am Mass</i>	<b>Thurs, 4/6</b>	5:00-5:50pm
		<b>Fri, 4/7</b>	3:00-4:45pm
	4:30-4:50pm	<b>Sat, 4/8</b>	4:00-5:45pm
<b>Mon, 4/3</b>	5:00-5:20pm	<b>Sun, 4/9</b>	8:00-8:30am
<b>Tues, 4/4</b>	7:30-7:50am		9:30-10:30am
<b>Wed, 4/5</b>	4:00-4:20pm		4:30-4:50pm

## **Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

**Deceased:** Lorraine Tomac, Canon Fragelli, Greg Schuller, Matthias Garcia, Sheila Beaumont, Walter Avis, Ricky Schenck, Joan Francis, Stephen Gallop; Arturo Piña; Dean Maas; Maureen LoManto; Rosemary Shillue; Mitchell Awana;  
**Healing:** Thomas Cordova; Patricia Hillenius; Linus Gonzalez; Ignatius Everitt; Howard Baumann; Ted Davis; Joseph Wypych, Jr.; Marlene Luhr O'Connor; Sadie Schuller; Thaddeus Stypa; Deborah Schultz; Andy Stropko

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday

**Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

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

Using ordinary Rosary beads, begin with *Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostle's Creed.*

Then, on the large bead before each decade, say:

Eternal Father,

I offer Thee the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Thy dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads of each decade, say:

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

Conclude with (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

Thy mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence

submit ourselves to Thy holy will, which is

Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

The **Oratory Office** will be **closed April 7th** in observance of

**GOOD FRIDAY.**

Special Collections

- ◆ On **Good Friday (Apr 7)**, a single collection will be taken up for support of Christians in the Holy Land and the Franciscan custodians of the Holy Places.
- ◆ On **Good Shepherd Sunday (Apr 23)**, a second collection will be taken up to support the International Seminary of the Institute of Christ the King



Thought from St. Francis de Sales:

I would advise you to consider from time to time the quantity of your interior and exterior goods, and at the same time the very great number of interior and exterior punishments that Divine Providence has prepared for us in His most holy justice and His great mercy. As if opening the arms of our consent, let us most lovingly embrace all this by saying, "Yes, Lord, Thy will be done on earth, where we have no pleasure without pain, no roses without thorns, no day without a night to follow, no spring without a winter that preceded it. Here consolations are rare and trials are countless. Still, O God, Thy will be done."

*(T.L.G. IX, Ch. 1; O. V, pp. 111-112)*

**From the Rector's Desk:**

Dear Faithful,

"What is *Tenebrae*?" *Tenebrae*, or *darkness* comes from the office of Matins and Lauds that the Clergy sing on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. As the ceremony of *Tenebrae* progresses, after each Psalm is completed, a candle is extinguished as the earthly life of our Lord draws to a close before His death on the cross when Our Lord hands Himself over to the powers of darkness.

The clergy and faithful from the earliest days of the Church watched and prayed at vigils during the night preparing for the glorious return of Our Lord at the Second Coming: "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh, shall find watching (Lk 12:37)."

We priests of the Institute are called Canons as the chanting of the Canonical Hours is our priestly joy and duty. This year, we will sing *Tenebrae* as we watch and pray for the glorious return of Our Lord and as we prepare particularly for the most glorious of Our Lord's miracles: His Resurrection. We will anticipate the office of *Tenebrae* the evening prior, in order to benefit from the darkness of nightfall that will accompany the somber spirit of this office. Come and join us! Wishing you a very blessed Holy Week!

- Canon Jonathon Fehrenbacher

Sat. Apr. 8 - 9:00am

***VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED:***



**Decoration of church, preparation for the Vigil Mass, and final cleaning for Easter.**

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**INTROIT:** Ps. 21: 20,22, 2 O Lord, keep not Thy help far from me; look to my defense: deliver me from the lion's mouth, and my lowness from the horns of the unicorns. (Ps) O God, my God, look upon me: why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my sins. O Lord, keep not Thy help...

**COLLECT:** O Almighty and everlasting God, Who didst cause our Savior to take upon Him our flesh and to undergo the cross, for an example of humility to be imitated by mankind: mercifully grant that we may deserve to possess not only the lesson of His patience, but also the fellowship of His Resurrection. Through the same.

**EPISTLE:** Phil. 2: 5-11 *Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Philippians* Brethren, let this mind be in you which was also in Jesus Christ: Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a name which is above all names (*here all genuflect*) that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

**GRADUAL:** Ps. 72: 24, 1-3 Thou hast held me by my right hand; and by Thy will Thou hast conducted me, and with Thy glory Thou hast received me. How good is God to Israel, to them that are of a right heart! But my feet were almost moved, my steps had well-nigh slipped, because I was jealous of the wicked, seeing the prosperity of sinners.

**TRACT:** Ps. 21: 2-9, 18, 19, 22, 24, 32 O God, my God, look upon me: why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my sins. O my God, I shall cry by day, and Thou wilt not hear; and by night, and it shall not be reputed as folly in me. But Thou dwellest in the holy place, the praise of Israel. In Thee have our fathers hoped; they have hoped, and Thou hast delivered them. They cried to Thee, and they were saved; they trusted in Thee, and were not confounded. But I am a worm, and no man; the reproach of men and the outcast of the people. All they that saw me have laughed me to scorn; they have spoken with the lips and wagged the head. He hoped in the Lord, let Him deliver Him; let Him save Him, seeing He delighteth in

Him. But they have looked and stared upon me: they parted my garments amongst them, and upon my vesture they cast lots. Save me from the lion's mouth, and my lowness from the horns of the unicorns. Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him: all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him. There shall be declared to the Lord a generation to come: and the heavens shall show forth His justice. To a people that shall be born, which the Lord hath made.

**GOSPEL:** Mt. 26: 1-75; 27: 1-66 +*The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew* ..... {Mt. 27: 45-60} Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over the whole earth, until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli, lamma sabachthani? That is: My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? And some that stood there and heard said: This man calleth Elias. And immediately one of them running took a sponge and filled it with vinegar and put it on a reed and gave Him to drink. And the others said: Let be; let us see whether Elias will come to deliver Him. And Jesus again crying with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. (*Here all kneel and pause for a few moments*). And behold the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top even to the bottom; and the earth quaked and the rocks were rent; and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints that had slept arose, and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, came into the holy city, and appeared to many.

**OFFERTORY:** Ps. 68: 21, 22 My heart hath expected reproach and misery, and I looked for one that would grieve together with Me, but there was none; I sought for one that would comfort Me, and I found none; and they gave Me gall for My food, and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.

**SECRET:** Grant we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the gifts offered in the sight of Thy Majesty, may procure us the grace of devotion and the reward of a blessed eternity. Through Our Lord.

**COMMUNION:** Mt. 26: 42 Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, Thy will be done.

**POSTCOMMUNION:** By the operation of this mystery, O Lord, may our vices be removed, and our just desires fulfilled. Through Our Lord.



## Fasting and Abstinence: RULES AND PRACTICE

*Fasting is an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God.*

**Fasting:** Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to **FAST** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting has been defined as the partaking of only one full meal and of two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. It is gravely forbidden to eat anything between these three meals! No snacks are allowed.

**Abstinence:** In addition, all Catholics 14 years and older are obliged by Canon Law to **ABSTAIN** from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. On these days in Lent it is **NOT** allowed to substitute the obligation to abstain from meat by a different sacrifice. The sacrifice of abstaining from meat on the above mentioned days reminds us of the bloody sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

[From USCCB website: Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs, all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are technically not forbidden. However, moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal-derived products (except foods such as gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs, which do not have any meat taste). Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, and shellfish are permitted.]

**Children:** Children, however, can and even should be invited to voluntarily abstain from meat on those days as an expression of self denial & as an act of penance. Before the new regulations concerning fasting & abstinence were promulgated by Pope Paul VI (Apostolic Constitution *Poenitemini* Feb.17, 1966), the age, from which Catholics were obliged to abstain from meat on those mentioned days in Lent, was the age of reason, namely the age of 7.

**Encouragements:** Aside from these minimum penitential requirements, Catholics are encouraged to impose some personal penance on themselves at other times, like prayers, time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, almsgiving, fasting, spiritual or corporal works of mercy, etc. Before all else we are obliged to perform the duties of our state in life. **When considering further mortifications, it is prudent to discuss the matter with one's confessor or spiritual director.** Any deprivation that would seriously hinder us in carrying out our work, as students, employees, or parents would be contrary to the will of God and thus should not be undertaken. Mortifications, being corporal or spiritual, need to be accomplished with prudence and serve our purification of weaknesses, imperfections, attachment to sin, vices and thus our growth in all four cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance as well as in the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.

**The USCCB in its letter of Nov. 18, 1966,** "strongly recommends" to us the practice of penance on all weekdays of Lent (Sundays of Lent and Solemnities/Feasts of First Class like the Feast of St. Joseph or the Feast of the Annunciation, even if they fall on a Friday in Lent, are exempt from Fasting and Abstinence). Let us do with the grace of God what is possible for us and our spiritual life will be rejuvenated.

**Exceptions for Fasting and Abstinence:** Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing mothers according to need for meat or nourishment, are excused from the law of fast and abstinence. The same holds true for the poor who have nothing else to eat that day.

**Fasting Prayer:** *Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that Thy servants who discipline the body by fasting from food, may strive after righteousness by abstaining from sin. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Novena to the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ



***The Novena may be prayed any time, but Jesus asked that it especially be prayed beginning on Good Friday and ending the day before Low Sunday (what is now also known as Divine Mercy Sunday -- the Sunday after Easter).***

### **First Day**

Today bring to ME ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me. Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Thy infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Thy Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of

Thee by Thy love which unites Thee to the Father and the Holy Ghost. Eternal Father, turn Thy merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Thy mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Thy mercy for ever and ever. Amen. *Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

### **Second Day**

"TODAY BRING TO ME THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy. It was they who gave me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy flows out upon mankind. Most Merciful Jesus, from whom comes all that is good, increase Thy grace in men and women consecrated to Thy service,\* that they may perform worthy works of mercy; and that all who see them may glorify the Father of Mercy who is in heaven. Eternal Father, turn Thy merciful gaze upon the company of chosen ones in Thy vineyard -- upon the souls of priests and religious; and endow them with the strength of Thy blessing. For the love of the Heart of Thy Son in which they are enfolded, impart to them Thy power and light, that they may be able to guide others in the way of salvation and with one voice sing praise to Thy boundless mercy for ages without end. Amen.

*Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

### **Third Day**

Today bring to me ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. These souls brought Me consolation on the Way of the Cross. They were that drop of consolation in the midst of an ocean of bitterness. *Most Merciful Jesus*, from the treasury of Thy mercy, Thou impartest Thy graces in great abundance to each and all. Receive us into the abode of Thy Most Compassionate Heart and never let us escape from It. We beg this of Thee by that most wondrous love for the heavenly Father with which Thy Heart burns so fiercely. *Eternal Father*, turn Thy merciful gaze upon faithful souls, as upon the inheritance of Thy Son. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, grant them Thy blessing and surround them with Thy constant protection. Thus may they never fail in love or lose the treasure of the holy faith, but rather, with all the hosts of Angels and Saints, may they glorify Thy boundless mercy for endless ages. Amen. *Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

### **Fourth Day**

Today bring to Me THE PAGANS AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME. I was thinking also of them during My bitter Passion, and their future zeal comforted My Heart. Immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.

*Most Compassionate Jesus*, Thou art the Light of the whole world. Receive into the abode of Thy Most Compassionate Heart the souls of pagans and of those who as yet do not know Thee. Let the rays of Thy grace enlighten them that they, too, together with us, may extol Thy wonderful mercy; and do not let them escape from the abode which is Thy Most Compassionate Heart. *Eternal Father*, turn Thy merciful gaze upon the souls of pagans and of those who as yet do not know Thee\*, but who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Draw them to the light of the Gospel. These souls do not know what great happiness it is to love Thee. Grant that they, too, may extol the generosity of Thy mercy for endless ages. Amen. *Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

### **Fifth Day**

Today bring to me THE SOULS OF HERETICS AND SCHISMATICS, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church, My wounds heal and in this way they alleviate My Passion. *Most Merciful Jesus*, Goodness Itself, Thou dost not refuse light to those who seek it of Thee. Receive into the abode of Thy Most Compassionate Heart the souls of heretics and schismatics. Draw them by Thy light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Thy Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to adore the generosity of Thy mercy. *Eternal Father*, turn Thy merciful gaze upon the souls of heretics and schismatics\*\*, who have squandered Thy blessings and misused Thy graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Thine own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Bring it about that they also may glorify Thy great mercy for endless ages.

Amen. *Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy* \*\* These were the original words of Our Lord Jesus Christ to Sister Faustina.

### **Sixth Day**

Today bring to me THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. Only the humble soul is capable of receiving My grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence. *Most Merciful Jesus*, Thou thyself hast said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Receive into the abode of Thy Most Compassionate Heart all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy, and they are the heavenly Father's favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God Himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Thy Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy. *Eternal Father*, turn Thy merciful gaze upon meek and humble souls, and upon the souls of little children, who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Thy Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Thy very throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg Thee, by the love Thou bearest these souls and by the delight Thou takest in them: bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Thy mercy for endless ages. Amen. *Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

### **Seventh Day**

Today bring to me THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death. *Most Merciful Jesus*, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Thy Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Thy mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Thy mercy. These souls are united to Jesus and carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Thy mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life. *Eternal Father*, turn Thy merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Thy greatest attribute, that of Thy fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their spirit, overflowing with joy, sings a canticle of mercy to Thee, O Most High! I beg Thee O God: Show them Thy mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in Thee. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them, I Myself will defend as My own glory, during their lifetime, and especially at the hour of their death, those souls who will venerate My fathomless mercy. Amen. *Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

### **Eighth Day**

Today bring to me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice. *Most Merciful Jesus*, Thou Thyself hast said that Thou desirest mercy; so I bring into the abode of Thy Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to Thee, and yet, who must make retribution to Thy justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Thy Heart put out the flames of the purifying fire, so that, in that place, too, the power of Thy mercy may be praised. *Eternal Father*, turn Thy merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg Thee, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Thy Son, and by all the bitterness, with which His most sacred Soul was flooded, manifest Thy mercy to the souls who are under Thy just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way than through the Wounds of Jesus, Thy dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Thy goodness and compassion. Amen. *Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

### **Ninth Day**

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 Thy will." For them the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy. *Most compassionate Jesus*, Thou art Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Thy Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Thy pure love let these tepid souls, who, like corpses, filled Thee with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Thy mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Thy love; and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Thy power. *Eternal Father*, turn Thy merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls, who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg Thee by the bitter Passion of Thy Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Thy mercy. Amen. *Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

### **Final prayer which may be recited during the Novena at the end of each day:**

*Most compassionate God, Father of Mercy and Lord of all consolation, Who dost not wish the damnation of him who believes and trusts in Thee; look down upon us, we beseech Thee, according to the multitude of Thy mercies and increase Thy Mercy, that even in the greatest trials of this life we may always faithfully comply with Thy will, which is Mercy itself. Through Thy Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee for ever and ever. Amen.*