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Pope John Paul II had notable affinity towards this devotion, being a native of Poland and significantly authorizing the devotions in the Liturgical Calendar of the Catholic Church. The same Pontiff issued the Papal encyclical "*Dives in Misericordia*" on 30 November 1980. The liturgical feast of the Divine Mercy is celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

Father Augustine

#### A quote from Laudato Si, Section 21:

Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources....Industrial waste and chemical products utilized in cities and agricultural areas can lead to bioaccumulation in the organisms of the local population, even when levels of toxins in those places are low. Frequently no measures are taken until after people's health has been irreversibly affected.

Quiet times of centering prayer, a brief reflection, shared petitions, framed with simple music. All are welcome!" The service will begin on Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m. and will last approximately 25 minutes. No prior experience or training is necessary in order to participate; all that is needed is a desire to meet with a small group to spend time in prayer. If you would like more information, please contact Susan Schaeffer at [lilac52@gmail.com](mailto:lilac52@gmail.com) or [415-935-1729](tel:415-935-1729)

#### Please join members of the Prayer Tree

To pray "Rosary for Peace" on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on following days in 2016: April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.

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### Divine Mercy

The **Divine Mercy**, also known as the **Divine Mercy of Jesus**, is a Roman Catholic devotion to Jesus Christ associated with the reputed mystical apparitions revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska. It refers to the unlimited merciful love of God towards all people. The devotion is rooted in the apparitions of Jesus reported by Sister Faustina Kowalska, who was granted the title "Secretary of Mercy" by the Holy See in the Jubilee Year of 2000.

Sister Faustina Kowalska reported a number of apparitions during religious ecstasy which she wrote in her diary, later published as the book *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*. The **three main themes** of the devotion are to ask for and obtain the mercy of God, to trust in Christ's abundant mercy, and, finally, to show mercy to others and act as a conduit for God's mercy towards them.

The first and second elements relate to the signature "Jesus I trust in You" on the Divine Mercy image and Faustina stated that on April 28, 1935, the day the first Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated, Jesus told her: "Every soul believing and trusting in My Mercy will obtain it."

The third component is reflected in the statement "Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners" attributed to Jesus in Faustina's diary (Notebook I, items 186-187). This statement is followed in the diary by a specific short prayer: "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You." which Faustina also recommended for the Hour of Divine Mercy. In her diary (Notebook II, item 742) Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me." and that He explained that there are three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first-by deed, the second-by word, the third-by prayer.

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#### Mission Statement

We are called by Christ to love Him, to follow Him and to bring Him to the world.

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:**

Mildred Burns, Maria Pestle, Mary Owens, Bob Shobar,  
Gloria Bautista, Virginia Nelson, Fr. Freddie's father,  
Thomas, Claudia Johnson, Theresa Allevato, Ruby Toro.

**And those who have died:**

*George & Alice Weller, Patricia Joaquin Burkhalter, Efren  
Castaneda, Thresia Joseph, Rose Thomas, Frankie Levine,  
Katie Johanni, Catherine Gerrick.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, April 2nd, 2016, 5 p.m.

**Gabor Tuba (-)**

Sunday, April 3rd, 2016, 8 a.m.

**Parishioners & Benefactors**

Sunday, April 3rd, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

**Peter Kwok (+)**

Sunday, April 3rd, 2016, 6 p.m.

**Julia & Antonio Custodio (-)****Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

Easter Collection: \$5,480.50 Does not includes EFT

**Question of the Week****For Adults:**

When has your faith in the living Christ  
helped you overcome fear?

**For Children:**

What could you do this Easter season to help  
someone feel less afraid?

**Rice Bowls**

It is time to return your Rice Bowls to the  
Parish. Please leave them in the basket  
located in the back of the church on the  
registration table.

Thank you for your generosity.

**We will continue our Bible Study** next Sunday, April 10th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the cafeteria. All are welcome. Please bring your Holy Bible, a pen and note pad.

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,

Fr. Freddie Thomas

**Pastoral Council**

**Please welcome our newest member, Lou Cisz to the Pastoral Council.**

President: Michael Marino. Email: mike.marino@att.net

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Our Council is looking forward to meeting with you to get to know you and hear your thoughts for our parish.

**Ministry Schedule**

April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm: Day of Mercy ~ Divine  
Mercy Prayer

April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm: RCIA ~ Mystagogy

April 10<sup>th</sup> – NO FAITH FORMATION

April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am mass ~ Children's  
Liturgy of the Word

**Weekly Worship Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil**  
5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Eucharist**  
8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

**Weekday Eucharist**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
8:30 a.m.

**Communion Service**  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday 4 p.m.

**From the Office of the Ministry Coordinator:**

What a wondrous Easter time! For the next several weeks we will be celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and the preparation of His disciples for the birth of His church on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th. As we celebrate this Easter Season several of our children in Faith Formation will be preparing for their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 22nd. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this special time.

**56 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy**

**# 37) Learn the Jesus prayer, and use it!**

**"Lord Jesus Christ Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner,"**

**# 38) Take a few minutes during the week to stop at a church and sit before the Tabernacle simply to be with Christ, the Merciful. If you cannot do that, meditate upon the crucifix.**

Visit the Diocese Jubilee of Mercy website @ <http://www.jubileeofmercy-eb.org>

Visit our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Augustine-Catholic-Church-113260159035124/>  
Please continue to pray with me that our Parish community will grow in God's love and holiness. In Christ's love, Karen