

## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

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

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

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

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

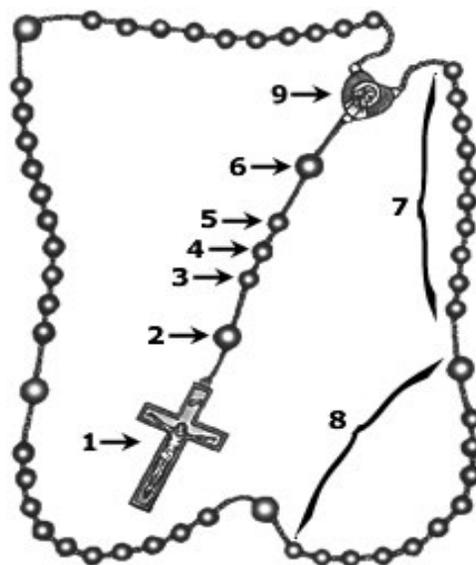
Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



## The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

### The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the Diary of Saint Faustina and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

For further information please go to: <http://thedivinemercy.org/message/>



**Boston College: C21 Resources,-**

Boston College’s, The Church in the 21st Century Center -- Spring 2015 edition C21 Resources is devoted to Families carrying the Faith forward. Father Jim recommends that you log into this Spring 2015 resource for this edition which will be made available for you very shortly at:  
<http://www.bc.edu/church21/publications/c21resources.html>

The following is from the BC C21 Spring 2015 issue: *“Jesus belonged to the family of Joseph. Of course, as Matthew tells us, Joseph isn’t the physical father of Jesus; but the Jews weren’t hung up on genetics – People could come from one family, be brethren, without worrying about the exact biology of it all.”* Fr. Jim reminds us that this is not all that unlike what we experience several times over right here on Beaver Island and elsewhere. The Spring 2015 issue tells us of all the ways that Catholic families carry the Faith forward in all kinds of home situations today; it’s for us for this to happen.

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**Fr. Jim’s Annual Spring Priest Retreat,-**

This week, Monday the 13th through Thursday 16 April, Fr. Jim, and Willow, (if she will get on the plane), will be on retreat at Guest House, an addiction treatment center for Priests and for Religious men and women. Located in Lake Orion, near St. Joseph’s Church where Rod Nackerman, R.I.P. and family are members: Rod died in Lake Orion with his funeral Mass to be held here at Holy Cross on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 12pm... the 6<sup>th</sup> of June is the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of D-Day. Fr. Jim plans to be with us be here with us for next Sunday’s Mass 19 April at 930am. Depending on flying weather.

On NBC Local Channel 7 9/8c & Fox News Network



**Our Ellen Welke Flight Ministry Fund Continues To Need Our Help,-**

For those who are seriously ill and in need of flights for medical care. Our Island Community in need has surely benefitted greatly. We are very grateful for those who have given and to *Paul and Angel Welke* we are very grateful for making this Ministry of Flights possible. Please help.

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**Stewardship Report,-**

Stewardship report will be given at the end of each month. The annual fiscal report to be given at the end of June. Our fiscal year starts July 2015 – July 2016.

A reminder that we continue to encourage you to use the weekly envelopes with your personal number; this way we will be able to have a more accurate accounting of your weekly donations.

## **A Space for Women**

**America Magazine Editorial, March 30, 2015**

**There are leadership roles in the church that do not require ordination.**

**Catholic women from around the world recently shared their stories of faith and service during the observance of International Women's Day at the Vatican. The event, called Voices of Faith, took place on March 8, and was notable for its open dialogue about the status of women in the church today.**

**For some women, a lack of interest in the church results, in part, from the feeling that their voices are not heard or represented within the visible structures of the church. For example, while women serve the church in myriad ways, there remains a lack of leadership roles for women at the Vatican itself. Only two women serve as under secretaries, the highest ranking position to which women have been appointed in the Curia.**

**Catholic women who succeed in other parts of their lives often see no outlet for their leadership skills within church structures. This can result in women choosing to devote their energy elsewhere. When this occurs, the church loses the perspectives and strengths of these women. Yet during the Voices of Faith meeting, Gudrun Sailer, a journalist for Vatican Radio, pointed out that greater opportunities for women in the church does not mean simply replicating secular structures. "It's about recognizing, realizing that excluding women from the church [does] not conform to the Gospel."**

**This sentiment was echoed during the Pontifical Council for Culture's assembly on women, whose working paper urged the engagement of women "in full collaboration and integration with the male component." This full collaboration is crucial if the church hopes to continue to attract and keep women active in the faith. Pope Francis, consistent with the centuries-long teaching of the church, has stated that *"the reservation of the priesthood to males, as a sign of Christ the spouse who gives himself in the Eucharist, is not a question open to discussion."* It remains the case, however, that there are many leadership roles in the church that either do not or should not require priestly ordination. Some of those efforts might include: Attention to language. What we say and how we say it matter. Inclusive language in church documents and in liturgies is a small but welcoming gesture. The church could also choose more readings about women for the Lectionary. In addition, providing greater opportunities for lay people to preach would provide a greater variety of perspectives on the word and a wider look into the ways in which we experience God.**

**Lift up the work already being done. Pope Francis has voiced support for women in theology. And while the new theology of women encouraged by Francis certainly can be developed further, the church cannot ignore the rich theology that already exists. Provide guidance and opportunity. We must explicitly tell young women that they matter, that they have a voice and that their voices will be heard. And then we must act. We must help young women to envision how their gifts and talents might be expressed in leadership roles in the church and connect them with mentors who can guide these efforts. More roles for women in Roman and diocesan curias would be a good start.**

**Think globally. The church must work for the inclusion of women not only within church structures but within our larger society as well. We must also recognize that the challenges facing Catholic women in developed nations can be very different from those in less developed nations.**

**Meet people where they are. The church at every level must be willing to listen to the frustrations of all who feel alienated and be willing to accompany them in their spiritual journey. Open channels of discussion and greater inclusion of all people mean more room for dialogue and for the experience of true encounter that so many people men and women alike seek today.**