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John Paul II's prayer to entrust the world to Divine Mercy



St. John Paul II believed the Divine Mercy devotion would be the spark that would prepare the world for Jesus' final coming.

By Philip Kosloski

Then visiting the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow-Łagiewniki, Poland, St. John Paul II desired that the whole world be enveloped by the Divine Mercy of God.

This would be his final pilgrimage to Poland, and he spoke of his belief that the Divine Mercy devotion will pave the way for Jesus' final coming.

Today, therefore, in this Shine, **I wish solemnly to entrust the world to Divine Mercy**. I do so with the burning desire that the message of God's merciful love, proclaimed here through Saint Faustina, may be made known to all the peoples of the earth and fill their hearts with hope. May this message radiate from this place to our beloved homeland and throughout the world. **May the binding promise of the Lord Jesus be**



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses
Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM
Sunday
8:00 AM, 9:30 Am & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, **btsp.org**.

Confessions can be arranged with Fr. Wayne. Call his private number to make your appointment, 727-401-0487.

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fulfilled: from here there must go forth "the spark which will prepare the world for his final coming" (cf. Diary, 1732). This fire of mercy needs to be passed on to the world. In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!

He concluded his visit with a special act of entrustment with the following prayer, which many continue to use as a daily prayer, giving to God the world and its many problems.

God, merciful Father,

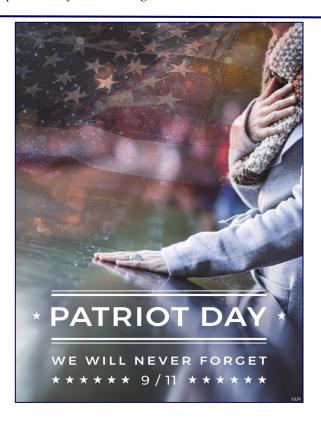
in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, We entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman.

Bend down to us sinners, heal our weakness, conquer all evil, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may experience your mercy. In You, the Triune God, may they ever find the source of hope.

Eternal Father, by the Passion and Resurrection of your Son, have mercy on us and upon the whole world!

Amen.

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Thoughts Worth Sharing



Sept. 5, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a | Jas 2:1-5 | Mk 7:31-37

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Our oldest son is deaf. I vividly remember watching him notice sounds for the first time in the days after his cochlear implant was activated: the "caw" of a crow, a doorbell, the low rumble of the furnace kicking in. Our job as parents was to provide a running commentary to help him understand the meaning of each sound that so many of us take for granted: "See the birds? That is a crow!" "Your dad is home." "The heat is coming on." I'm reminded of those early days when I read Mark's account of Jesus restoring hearing to the deaf man. While most of us can hear, so often we take the sounds all around us for granted or relegate them to background noise including the Scripture we hear at Mass each week. As Bishop Robert Barron writes, "This deaf man stands for all of us who do not hear the word of God, who have grown oblivious to it." As we listen to today's readings, we can ask Jesus to open our ears and our hearts to the word of God.

GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Mark spares no detail in describing Jesus' encounter with the deaf man who had a speech impediment. Jesus places a finger in his ear and spits, touching his tongue, then utters the word "Ephphatha! ("Be opened") Immediately, the man can hear and speak clearly. When listening to this reading, I often focus on the man's hearing. But Jesus also cured the man's speech impediment, which I think indicates we're not supposed to just hear God's word, we are to speak to it, and speak of it. Once we allow Jesus to open our ears and hearts to the Good News, sharing it will begin to come naturally. There may still be times when our Catholic tongues feel tied, but "Be strong, fear not!" Jesus will give us the words.

ACTIONS Next time you take a drive, listen to the day's Scripture readings. Ask Jesus to open your ears and hearts to his words and show you how best to share them with others. And most teachers would agree: The more senses we engage, the more we take in. If you have trouble following the readings at Mass, open your missalette and read along silently.



Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the prebaptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4 Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 4

4:00 p.m. Douglas Torres (dec)

Sunday, September 5, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

Bill Maslar (dec)

Robert Bendig (liv)

Monday, September 6

8:00 a.m. Blanche Grimes (liv)

Tuesday, September 7

9:00 a.m. Gerald Hayman (dec)

Wednesday, September 8

8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, September 9

8:00 a.m. Jordan Carruth (dec)

Friday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Gene Lamar Thomas (dec)

Saturday, September 11

8:00 a. m. Margarite Israelson (dec)

4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler (liv)

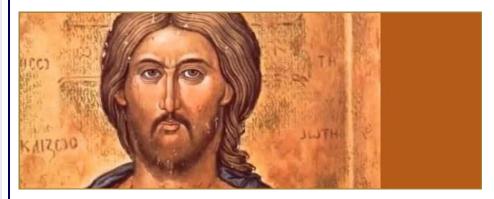
Pat Sullivan (liv)

Sunday, September 12, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Jordan Carruth (dec) 9:30 a.m. For Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Bill Kantz (dec)

The Messiah

Lives Among us



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just find. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Electronic Giving Information

A lot of people have requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.org and click on the big green box on the home page that says

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Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at (727)867-3663.

Magazine Articles

If you wish to put anything in the weekly parish magazine, please email any items to be published to parish office at amc@btsp.org



Weekly Giving

Online Giving August 23-29

Offertory	\$ 1,150
Building Fund	\$ 30
SVDP	\$ 165
Assumption	\$ 65

August 29, 2021

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Offertory/Donation	\$ 4	,868
Gift Shop	\$	152
SVDP	\$	186
Building Fund	\$	30
Feast of the		
Assumption	\$	25
APA	\$	10

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Please call the parish office at 727-867-3663 to find out more and to volunteer!

We are certainly glad you are part of our parish family. May God bless you for your gift of time.



Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Eternal Father,

we lift up these and all the priests of the world.

Sanctify them. Heal and guide them.

Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son,

Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

09/05 • Rev. Carl F. Melchior
09/06 • Rev. Sojan Punakkattu, ALCP
09/07 • Caleb Malec, Seminarian
09/08• For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
09/09 • Rev. Ryan Boyle
09/10 • Rev. Gilberto Quintero
09/11 • Rev. Patrick Rebel

Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

God, Our Father, Creator and
Lord of the universe,
you have set the earth on its
foundation and
all the elements of nature obey
your command.
We humbly beseech you to
keep us safe from all dangers and
calm the storm that threatens us.
May we be secure in your
loving protection
and serve you always
with grateful hearts.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.



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Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.