

# St. Katharine Drexel Parish

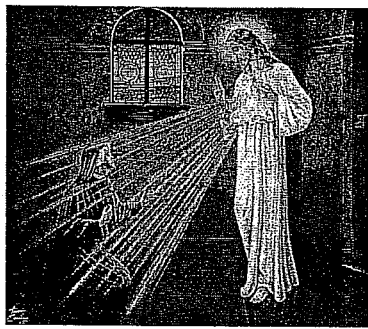
*Come grow with us!*

**April 5,  
2009**

## **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

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**St. Katharine Drexel Parish Mission Statement:** *The mission of St. Katharine Drexel Parish is to gather together as a community of faith, sharing the Word of God with all of our neighbors through our words and example. We emphasize the sanctity of the Eucharist in our daily lives and encourage good stewardship and lifelong Catholic Christian education. Our consistent message is "Come home to Christ".*



### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

The Sunday following Easter was declared "Divine Mercy Sunday" by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000. This was the same year he canonized Sr. Faustina Kowalska.

Saint Faustina was a nun who lived in a convent in Krakow, Poland. She had only at-

tended school for three years before entering the convent, so hers were the most menial of tasks. She worked in the garden, in the kitchen and did a lot of cleaning. On February 22, 1931, an extraordinary thing happened. Jesus appeared to her in her room and his appearance was new and unique. He had one arm raised in blessing, the other hand was touching His white garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast, two rays of light were shining out—one red, one white. Jesus told Faustina to paint an image of Him as He had appeared to her and to include the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom.

Jesus appeared to Faustina many times over the next seven years. She kept a diary of all He told her and it has since been published for all to read. One of the things He instructed her to do was to write down some prayers that have become the "Divine Mercy Chaplet". He also instructed her to form a novena of the Chaplet with special devotions on each of the nine days. These devotions are directed towards persons who are in desperate need of God's mercy. Pope John Paul II admonished all Catholics to say the novena on the days leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday. He also granted a plenary indulgence for those who would go to confession at some time during Holy Week, and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, along with praying the novena.

Here at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, we will begin saying the Novena as a parish community on Good Friday (April 10) at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Here is the schedule:

- Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.
- Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. Wed., April 15<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.

*There will be a potluck supper after the April 19th session.*

### **WHAT DO YOU KNOW, FR. JOE?**

#### **CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE**

Confessions will be available at our parish the following times between now and Easter.

- Sunday, April 5th, 7:00 p.m. Communal Penance
- Tuesday, April 7th, 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 8th, 7:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 8th, 12 - 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 8th, 5 - 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 9th, 12 - 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 9th, after the 7 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass
- Friday, April 10th, 12 - 1 p.m.
- Friday, April 10th, after the 3:00 p.m. Living Stations
- Friday, April 10th, after the 7 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

### **LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SCHEDULE**

*Cut this schedule out today and make sure you get to confession before Easter.*

- Sunday, April 5, 2:00 p.m. Christ the King Parish
- Sunday, April 5, 2:00 p.m. St. Mary Parish
- Sunday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Lambert Parish
- Sunday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Katharine Drexel Parish**
- Monday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Cathedral
- Monday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Parish
- Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. St. Michael Parish
- Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. St. Therese Parish

#### *Holy Week Schedule*

- **Mass of the Lord's Supper—Holy Thursday (April 9): 7 p.m. (no 8 a.m. Mass this day)**
- **Living Stations: Good Friday (April 10), 3 p.m.**
- **Good Friday (April 10) Liturgy: 7 p.m. (no 8 a.m. Mass this day)**
- **Easter Vigil (April 11): Saturday, 8:30 p.m. (no 5 p.m. Mass this day)**

These three days, along with Easter Sunday, are the *holiest* of our Church year. They have been called "the culmination of the entire Liturgical year". Join us for all three if you can.

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