



# St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Wednesday Mass - 5 pm

Shirley Pithey †

Confessions -

Second Wednesday of the month after Mass

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023

John 20:19-21 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you."

The resurrected Jesus greeted his disciples, who were hiding away for fear of the Jews, with a manifold array of spiritual gifts. First, he imparted his peace—twice. The peace of God surpasses all human understanding (Philippians 4:7), and how relieved and joyful they must have felt as recipients of this heavenly peace in the midst of their fear. Next, Jesus commissioned them: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." They were to become his emissaries and would be given all the grace they would need for their mission's completion. Finally, he gave them the power to forgive sin. This extraordinary power is reserved for Christ's priests. "The apostles and their successors carry out this "ministry of reconciliation," not only by announcing to men God's forgiveness merited for us by Christ, and calling them to conversion and faith; but also by communicating to them the forgiveness of sins in baptism, and reconciling them with God and with the Church through the power of the keys, received from Christ" (CCC 981). What an illustration of Our Lord's superabundant grace! May each of us recognize his visitations and gifts in our life!

St. Thomas's reputation often suffers when this Scripture is read because he doubted Jesus would rise from the dead, despite Jesus predicting at least three times it would happen. How could he have doubted, having ministered alongside Jesus so intimately as one of the Twelve? In truth, all great saints—all of us humans—have our doubts from time to time. Sister Faustina, who revealed Christ's Divine Mercy to the world, doubted. "Although the temptations are strong, a whole wave of doubts beat against my soul, and discouragement stands by, ready to enter into the act," she wrote. But like Thomas, who exclaimed, "My Lord and my God," when he encountered Christ, Sister Faustina said of her doubt, "I see how many actual graces God grants me; these support me ceaselessly. I am very weak, and I attribute everything solely to the grace of God" (Diary 1086). Faith in Jesus is the remedy for all doubt.

Mercy Sunday,  
Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Welcome to all those visiting us today. We invite everyone to continue to celebrate Mass with us at St. Michael's. Please let the parish office know if we can be of assistance to you.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**April 9, 2023**

Adult Envelopes: \$ 2270.00  
Loose Plate: \$ 174.00

**Saints of the week**

April 16 - St. Bernadette  
April 21 - St. Anselm  
April 23 - St. George

**Divine Mercy Mass schedule:**

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am,  
12 pm (Spanish), 5 PM  
Monday - 5:30 pm  
Tuesday - 8:30 am  
Wednesday - 8:30 am IC  
10:20 am IC  
Thursday - 8:30 am  
Friday - 8:30 am  
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**April 23**

Reader: Bruce Chmelik  
Ushers: Tim Donkers & Marv Donkers  
Servers: Serenity Overholt & Greyson Overholt

**April 30**

Reader: Mike Chase  
Ushers: Tim LaCanne & Greg Dapper  
Servers: Ryan LaCanne & Serenity Overholt

April money counters:

Marv Donkers & John Smith

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

April 21 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

April 28 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

April 30 - First Communion Mass 8:00 am

May 5 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

May 7 - Youth Breakfast

Last day of Faith Formation

May 12 - Holy Hour of Reparation 6:00 am

We pray for all our parishioners, families and friends who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, especially, Anne Haynes, Bryce Young, Don Graunke, Marian Spindler, Reymundo Ramirez, Thomas Eilen, Shelly DeMars, Dave Schmitz, and Sharon Hoaglund

We pray for those in the Armed forces, especially Sergio Jr & Angela Rodriguez, Zury Hoaglund, Zane Hoaglund, and Naomi Bauernfeind.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## Vacation Bible School - June 19-23



The program we are using this year is called, "Great Big Beautiful World." This theme is inspired by Pope Francis. The goals are focused on caring for God's world through our choices and actions, to love God the Creator, and to follow in the way of Jesus.

The VBS program is open to ALL children (ages 4 to 14) who attend St. Michael's Church, who attend St Michael's faith formation program, relatives to members of St. Michael's, and any community members that would like to have their kids attend a VBS program. As far as the age, the older kids can choose to either be a helper (confirmation hours) or be involved in the actual program. The cost will be \$15 per student or \$45 limit per family. If you have any questions at all, please contact Jo Ann Erie. Thank you.

## Job opening - Custodian

St. Michael's is currently seeking a person interested in the custodial position at the church. This job is approximately 6 hours per week (unless more is needed for special events, funerals, hall rentals, etc).

For more information and a job description please contact Karla in the parish office.

Please discern if your time, talents, and wisdom could be utilized by joining our Parish Council. We would love to have new members for their ideas and insight in making St. Michael's a viable and flourishing parish. It is a fairly small time commitment with council meetings every other month on the third Monday at 7 pm. Contact the parish office for more information.



## Altar Servers needed!

Altar servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions. Would you be willing to serve our parish in this capacity? We are looking for people of all ages to help in this important role. Please contact the parish office for more information.



The **Living Water Program** is ending for this year. Please return your water bottles or donations to the parish office. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to St. Michael's and put Kitui in the memo line.

Thank you for helping promote water awareness and raise money to be used in programs that assist the Kitui Diocese!



# DIVINE MERCY

# How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

## 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 fount 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 Apostles' 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 10 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.

