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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- Established by Pope John Paul II as an invitation to face the difficulties and trials of humanity with confidence in God's love and mercy.
- Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska canonized in 2000, first saint of the new millennium. Mystic and visionary, her message: "Jesus, I trust in You!"
- Read more: <u>Diary of St.</u>
 <u>Faustina</u> Watch: <u>Fount of</u>
 Mercy DVD
- Pray: <u>Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy</u>, <u>Hour of Great Mercy</u>.

OUR HOLIEST WEEK

Clear your calendar for the Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil – these are the most solemn celebrations of the year! Lent ends on April 17th as the bells ring and the Gloria is sung at the celebration of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. Witness the Washing of the Feet and give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist on this special night.



Join in praying the Stations of the Cross and solemn commemoration of Christ's Passion and Death on the Cross at Good Friday Services.



Celebrate the Blessing of the new fire, walk in procession with the Paschal Candle - Light of Christ, and hear the beautiful words of the Exultet as the Easter celebration begins. Rejoice with the Catechumens and Candidates at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday as these newest Catholics receive Baptism, Confirmation and join the faithful at the Lord's Table for the very first time. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



TWO NEW SAINTS FOR OUR TIME

Two extraordinary men, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II, will be recognized as saints by Pope Francis on April 27th in St. Peter's Square. Both of these men shaped the Church and the world in the 20th century.

St. John XXIII became Pope in 1958 at the age of 71. His major accomplishments included improving ecumenical relations, reforming and revising the liturgy, and fostering a greater role for the laity in Church governance. His landmark achievement, the conven-

ing of the Second Vatican Council, breathed new life into the Church. He will be remembered also for his humility, warmth, and gentle sense of humor. John XXIII issued eight encyclicals - Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth) is considered his most important contribution to Church teaching.

St. John Paul II was elected Pope in 1978 at the age of 58. His term as Pope is the second longest in the history of the Church. John Paul's legacy is highlighted with significant achievements

including: a revised and update Catechism of the Catholic Church, improved relations with Jews, Muslims. and Orthodox Christians: fourteen encyclicals including the Gospel of Life with its unwavering support for Church teaching abortion and euthanasia. His papacy was marked with world travels in a effort renewed evangelization and peace. He will be remembered for deep devotion to the Blessed Mother.

BLESSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending us Your own Divine Son. Jesus lived in the Holy Family with Mary and Joseph. we ask that He also dwell in the midst of our family to watch over it and bless it.

Keep our family from all evil and unite us in mind and heart.

Bless mother and father with wisdom and fidelity; give children respectful and generous spirits.

Grant us all the strength of Your grace and the priceless gift of Your peace.

Be with us in good times and hard times as we grow together in love.

Bring us safely to our home with You in heaven. Amen

CELEBRATE FAMILY: MOTHER'S DAY / FATHER'S DAY

Parents are our first teachers. They teach us to walk, talk, and read. More importantly, they teach us to love - to love God, others, and ourselves. Mothers and Fathers teach us these things through example. At some point, whether we like it or not, we become just like our parents. We pick up their sense of humor, mannerisms, or little quirks.

Parents are our first heroes and role models as children, and the people we genuinely strive to be like in adulthood. There are some things in life that only a mother's kiss or a father's wisdom can fix. Our parents have also sacrificed so much for us. They often set aside their own hopes and dreams to help us achieve our own. Celebrate Mothers' and

Fathers' Days this year with a special gift of faith, inspiration, and love. Check out our books, and iewelry, garden statues to find the perfect gifts for Mom and Dad to show how much you love and appreciate them. Also see our memorial wind chimes and other memorial aifts to remember a parent who has passed away.

WELCOME SPRING – GARDEN STATUES AND SAINTS

For many of us it has been an unusually long and cold winter; haven't seen green grass in several months! As temperatures finally climb and flowers begin to bloom it's time to get out in the garden

Why not add an inspirational focal point to enhance your garden? MOSACK'S carries out-door statues of Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph, St Francis, St Anthony and Holy Angels.

Statues are available in cement, resin, and PVC with full-color, white, or grey stone finishes. Birdfeeders, wind-chimes and other garden ornaments are also in stock and ready for you.

For our local customers, beautiful hanging plants arrive just in time Mother's Day and spring planting. After you hang your baskets, sit back and relax in a beautiful Adirondack Chair



MEMORIAL DAY MAY 26 - FLAG DAY JUNE 14

I didn't know you sold flags. flagpoles and everything to go with them!" said a recent customer.

U.S.A. States flags, logo flags, re- finishes and sets, parade flags and telescoping

Mosack's provides a wide 9.5' flags. In addition, also available. range of flags made in the MOSACK'S sells commercial including United aluminum flagpoles military residential aluminum flagflags, state flags, foreign poles in a variety of sizes and ligious flags, sports flags, fiberglass flag-poles in a and message flags. We variety of sizes. We also also carry presentation have a complete line of flag-poles. patriotic bunting. Memor- Other flag and flagpole ial flag display cases are accessories out-door flags large enough to hold 5' x and indoor flag sets are

We are constantly adding to our wide variety of flags Please accessories. and contact us for availability of other flags and flagpoles. We look forward to serving you!



FIRST COMMUNION - CONFIRMATION

AVAILABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

Communion Dresses * Suits * Veils * Gloves * Socks * Purses Ties * Tie Clip * Lapel Pins * Jewelry * Patron Saint Medals Four-Way Medals * Sports Medals * Rosaries * Rosary Boxes

Wall Crosses & Crucifixes* Statues * Figurines * Valencia Seraphim Classics Angels * Joseph Studio Collection Saint Statues * Willow Tree * Precious Moments* Communion Dolls Plaques * Music Boxes * Holy Cards * Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA Candles

Adult & Children's Books & Music * Prayer Books New Missals * Bibles for All Ages

Communion & Confirmation Photo Frames & Photo Albums Invitations * Thank You Notes * Party Goods Greeting Cards As First Communion, Confirmation, R.C.I.A., and Easter approach this year, we invite you to visit our Catholic store or shop online at www.mosacks.com. Find the items and gifts that will help your family members and friends on their journey with Christ. Our embossing and engraving service is very affordable and adds a personal touch to your keepsakes, which will be treasured for years to come. Our courteous staff is looking forward to serving



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY COMING IN JUNE

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 27th) became popular in the 17th century through the mystic visions of St Mary Margaret Alacoque. Christ reveals that His Sacred Heart, though wounded by our sins, is overflowing with mercy and love, a fount of heavenly gifts to all who honor Him. Many believers choose to enthrone an image of the Sacred Heart in their

home as a sign that the Heart of Jesus reigns over their family.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (June 28th) was popularized by St John Eudes in the 17th century. As Mary's Heart was a fit dwelling place for the Holy Spirit at the Incarnation, we pray that we may be filled with that same Spirit and become worthy temples of God's glory.



Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1942. Mary serves as our Model, our Intercessor, and our Mother in making our lives an offering to God.

WEDDING AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



MOSACK'S has a wide selection of Wedding and Anniversary Gifts to highlight your special day. Choose from our selection of Unity Candles, Crosses, Frames, Precious Moment Figurines, Music Boxes and more. Personalize your selection by adding a name, date and/or a special message at MOSACK'S.

Sacred Heart Enthronement

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost approve the painting and sculpturing of the images of Thy Saints, so that as often as we gaze upon them we are reminded to imitate their deeds and sanctity; vouchsafe, we implore Thee, to bless and sanctify this image made in honor and in memory of the Most Sacred Heart of Thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and grant, that whosoever in its presence, will suppliantly worship and honor the Most Sacred Heart of Thy only begotten Son, may obtain through His merits and intercession grace in this life and everlasting glory in the world to come through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

In May and June school years finish and graduates move forward to take their place in the world. What hopes and dreams will they bring to refresh and renew our society? Here are some reflections:

Though we leave friends behind as we say goodbye we know that there is One who will never leave, One who walks with us all our days. Though events change our lives, God is ever there walking with us through good times and bad. We build a solid future on the lessons we have learned and the subjects we have studied. As we continue our journey in life, we take God's wisdom and keep him in our hearts. With God's loving guidance our choices will be smart and we will be able to follow the dreams within our hearts.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Father in heaven, you sent us your only Son to redeem us and to build your kingdom on earth. Please give us the wisdom and strength we need to follow His call. Grant to the faithful a spirit of generosity, that Church vocations may flourish. Bless our priests with holiness and courage that they may lead your people to Christ. Help all sisters and brothers to fulfill their sacred promises and be effective signs of your kingdom. Lord, invite more men and women to your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

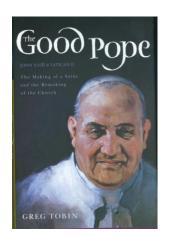
BOOK REVIEW: The Good Pope by Greg Tobin

Read about one of our newest Saints in this beautiful and inspiring book about a humble priest who became a powerful and influential Pope.

'You cannot understand contemporary Catholicism without understanding Pope John XXIII. In fact, you cannot understand the modern world without understanding John. But 'Good Pope John,' a hero to millions of believers, was more than a historical figure whose decisions radically altered the world. His joyful humility and his unwavering trust in God can be a great gift to anyone seeking consolation in a world torn by egotism and

despair. Greg Tobin's marvelous book is a terrific introduction to the pope who changed the Church, and to the man whose spiritual wisdom may change your life." -JAMES MARTIN, SJ, author of The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything

The Good Pope by Greg Tobin is one of literally millions of book titles available through MOSACK'S Church Goods & Religious Gifts – ranging from religious to spiritual and fictional as well as a whole host of political and other secular titles.





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