

Parish Office Communication

Good Sunday Morning All,

New!!! First Sunday Adoration! The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for prayers after the 11:00 Mass through the Divine Mercy Chaplet service at 3:00 PM.

See the notice below regarding a new show on EWTN which will debut on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC on "Living Divine Mercy." The new show will air weekly on EWTN.

1. Today's Readings: [Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: While we can learn so much about St. Joseph as we have been doing on our "Sundays with St. Joseph", it is important that we stop and ask for his intercession often. You may already be familiar with the "Memore" to the Blessed Mother. Today we offer you the Memorare to St. Joseph. You can pray this once as you read it or save it and pray to this wonderful saint often.

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession were left unassisted.

Full of confidence in your power I fly unto you and beg your protection.

Despise not O Guardian of the Redeemer my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen. (EWTN.com)

3. Quotes of the Day:

~ "St. Joseph, as a model of quiet prayer and closeness to Jesus, also invites us to think about the time we devote to prayer each day." *St. Francis*

~ "Joseph was willing to cooperate with the Divine Plan, though he in no way knew its contours or deepest purpose....he trusted and let himself be led." *Bishop Barron*

~ "Let's allow ourselves to be 'infected' by the silence of St. Joseph." *Pope Benedict XVI*

~ Why was St. Matthew so keen to note Joseph's trust in the words received from the messenger of God, if not to invite us to imitate this same loving trust?" *Pope Benedict XVI*



St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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New on EWTN: "Living Divine Mercy" Weekly!



By Chris Sparks

Beginning Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m. (EST), Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, will host "Living Divine Mercy," a brand new 30-minute program on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). Join him each Wednesday as he and other members of the Congregation of Marian Fathers present teaching on the Divine Mercy message and devotion, as well as stories about Divine Mercy "miracles" in the real lives of Marian Helpers. Tune in to learn how you can begin living Divine Mercy in a whole new way!

In light of the state of the world today, including such extensive political and social unrest, the message of the show is critical for our times. This whole show is based around the Marian Fathers' new methods of evangelization that they adopted when COVID hit, forcing the cancellation of many of their parish missions, conferences, and other forms of witness.

Early in the pandemic, the Marian Fathers began livestreaming Masses, devotions, and talks. "We wondered what was going to happen to our Divine Mercy ministry," said Fr. Chris, "and thank God, He brought a greater good out of the evil of the

pandemic. And the response we've seen has been amazing — people joining our ministry in record numbers through becoming Marian Helpers."

But why is God now bringing this message to the forefront like never before? In the 1930s, Jesus described the Feast of Divine Mercy and told St. Faustina that she was going to help prepare the world for His final coming. Jesus also told St. Faustina that Divine Mercy is mankind's last hope of salvation.

"Our last three popes have been mercy popes," continued Fr. Chris. "Pope Francis declared the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Benedict XVI established the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy. Saint John Paul II beatified and canonized St. Faustina, and put Divine Mercy Sunday on the universal liturgical calendar of the Church. Saint John Paul also said that Divine Mercy is the most important message of our times.

"Why all this now? Because man has lost his way, and the only way back is going to be asking for mercy for what we've done," stated Fr. Chris, author of the bestselling book *Understanding Divine Mercy*. "We are so far gone right now that only God's mercy is going to allow us to be reconciled back to Him. We can never justify ourselves — only God's mercy can do that. This is why Scripture says, 'Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more' (Rom 5:20).

"Well, this is a time of sin, as Pius XII said, noting that mankind's more sinful today than he was even at the time of the Flood," Fr. Chris continued. "What is God's answer to that? Well, if mankind's more sinful now, he needs more grace than ever. And so that's why God is giving us this time of unprecedented mercy.

"This is the heart of the show. Please, we beg you — if you do nothing else in your life, seek God's mercy. Ask for God's mercy because He's offering it to us right now in a way that is overabundant, undeserved, and unconditional. But Jesus said, after the time of His mercy will come the time of His justice (see *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 848, 1146), so let's not be unprepared" Fr. Chris said.