

THE RECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of St. Francis Church,

Today is traditionally known in English as "Low Sunday," to accentuate the idea that the previous Sunday, Easter Sunday, along with its octave, have been the peak of the Liturgical year. It is known in Latin as "*Dominica in albis*," or "Sunday in white," because it was historically the last day on which those baptized at the Easter vigil would dress in their white, baptismal garments. Now it is known also as "Divine Mercy Sunday".

There is a plenary indulgence (under the usual conditions) for those who participate in Divine Mercy devotions in any church, or even who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, recite an Our Father and Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord, e.g., "Merciful Jesus, I trust in Thee!" (There are lesser requirements for those unable to go to a church.) The "usual conditions" mentioned are: Holy Communion on the day of the indulgenced work, Confession within a short time before or after, detachment from any sin, and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions.

Christ exhorts in today's Gospel, "be not faithless but believing;" let us put firm faith in God's mercy, and have recourse to the special means available this day of attaining it. May the good God bless you and your families!

In the Love of our Risen Lord,

Fr. McCambridge, FSSP



FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

"Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent" (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

LOW SUNDAY
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

APRIL 3 - 9, 2016

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, April 3, Low Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:30 am Allington Family
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, April 4, Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred)

7 am Molly Ratigan+

TUESDAY April 5, St. Vincent Ferrer, Confessor

7 am Doris Rowe+

WEDNESDAY, April 6, Feria

7 am Doris Rowe +

THURSDAY, April 7, Feria

7 am Celebrant's Intention

FRIDAY, April 8, Feria

7 am Doris Rowe+
5:15 pm Celebrant's Intention

SATURDAY, April 9, Saturday of Our Lady

8 am Confraternity of Christian Mothers

SUNDAY April 10, Second Sunday After Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

8:30 am Members of St. Michael's Defense Guild
10:00 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday-Thursday	7 am
Friday	7 am, 5:15 pm
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am <i>High Mass</i> 10:00 am

Confessions are heard one half-hour before each Mass (unless otherwise noted). Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

The Rosary is prayed one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday	6:30 pm
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Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: 8 am—4:50 pm, Dolorosary at 4:30 pm, Benediction at 5:00 pm.

Other Fridays: Holy Hour at 6 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturday: Simple Exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

Altar Guild

As announced

Coffee Social: After the 10:00 mass on Sunday

Catechism for Children (October-May)

Monday	7 - 8 pm
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Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

Not organized for this year.

Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

Second Saturday of the month	9 am
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Choir

Wednesday	6 - 7:30 pm
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome, Visitors to St. Francis Church! There will be no Coffee Social after Mass today.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, May 6, 2016. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule; please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

Divine Mercy Sunday: Today is Divine Mercy Sunday; please see "The Rector's Desk" section for further information.

Camp Mater Dei: Immaculate Conception Church, the FSSP apostolate in Rapid City, South Dakota, is sponsoring Camp Mater Dei, a girls' etiquette camp designed to teach girls how to model themselves after the Mother of God. The camp will run from June 12-18, 2016, for girls 13-16 years old; Fr. Terrence Gordon, FSSP, will serve as Chaplain. The deadline for applications is April 13. For more information, see the notice posted in the vestibule, or visit the website: <<http://campmaterdei.weebly.com>>.

Please Pray for the Sick: Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Tim Ecoff (son of Tim and Cindy Ecoff), Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Rev. Mr. Philip Gerard Johnson, and for all the sick of our congregation.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: George Pickard, Bernadette Way (mother of Frank Way).

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday March 27:	\$3188.00
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Collection for the Holy Land:	\$1974.00
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Collection counters April 3:	Jeff Kohn and Troy Butcher
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Collection counters April 10:	Philip McNeely and John Quinto
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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.