

# Saint Francis Village Catholic Chapel

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## REFLECTIONS

### Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of the Easter season in our Catholic faith is traditionally celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Needless to say, we hopefully celebrate God's mercy each and every day of our lives, but the Church invites us on this particular weekend to focus on this essential quality of God's abiding presence in our lives.

In a legal system we tend to focus on justice, an important and essential aspect of our social and political lives. We assume that others will obey the laws of the land; we demand that disobedience be punished. That's justice. Of course, if we are honest, we often assume that when we transgress the law, we ourselves are or ought to be exceptions to the rule. Even so, we do expect justice to be done and we are offended when we hear about injustices, when people don't get 'what they deserve' because of their crime.

It is important to realize, however, that our spiritual lives are an admixture of both justice and mercy. As scripture emphasizes, "if you, O Lord, kept a record of our sins, who could stand their ground?" (Psalm 131) If we count on justice alone in our spiritual lives, then surely each of us is doomed since we have, as one of the Opening Prayers for Mass suggests, "no merits to plead our cause before God." But Psalm 131 continues: "Lord, with you is forgiveness that you may be revered." God chooses to be merciful toward us, forgiving our sins as we confess, not because we are deserving but because God is love and mercy itself.

That, in the most profound sense, is why we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday – because God

is love and mercy and that reality makes all the difference in our lives. That recognition of those qualities of mercy and love is at the heart of our faith. One of the prayers frequently used in the funeral rite underscores this reality: "May God grant ... a merciful judgment." Yes, judgment is still reality; we will be required to account for our attitudes, actions, and words. Judgment and punishment are the consequence of our choosing sin, but God chooses to be forgiving. However, God's abiding mercy does not give us the license to do as we please, to choose sin without thought, in the assurance that God will always forgive. Rather, God's mercy is the abiding grace within us that guides us to know right from wrong and assists us in choosing to follow God's plan.

The Christian challenge of discipleship is to live daily, open to God's abiding grace, such that we choose to avoid serious sin. In that sure knowledge of faithful discipleship, we can then depend on God's mercy to deliver us from sin and death.

*From Father Ken*



## My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. In a series of revelations to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus called for a special Feast Day to be celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter. This Sunday is called Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus told Saint Faustina to tell the whole world about his unfathomable mercy. Jesus desired this Feast of Mercy to be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. Divine Mercy is not a Feast Day based solely on Saint Faustina's revelations, nor is it altogether a new Feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a Solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title Divine Mercy Sunday, however, highlights the meaning of the day.



Tell [all people], My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls.  
—Diary 1074

## Thank You



**Altar Society:** We extend our deepest gratitude to the Altar Society for your tireless work in preparing the Chapel for Lent and Easter. Your dedication, from the careful cleaning, statue draping, banner hanging, and flower arranging created a sacred and welcoming space that truly reflects the joy of the Resurrection of our Lord.

**Friday Fish Fry Chapel Volunteers:** We are proud of your generosity of time and community spirit in helping with the Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by the SFV Board of Directors for all the Village.

**Bob Frank:** We are thankful that you volunteer your expertise in completing the many ongoing tasks of Chapel maintenance, including the current work on Chapel kneeler pads.

**Bill Humm:** We are grateful for your management of the beautiful music chimes and upkeep of the Village Carillon. Your patient help with the Chapel office computer and presentation equipment is very much appreciated.

**Volunteer Chapel Ministers:** Ushers, Altar Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Cantors, we thank you for blessing us. Your faithful service is a beautiful reflection of God's love in action.

**All of the SFV Catholic Chapel Family:** The way you serve – whether seen or unseen – brings light, hope and encouragement to our Chapel Family. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your dedication and the joy you bring to His work.



Walk for Life 2026  
Saturday, April 18, 2026  
9AM to 11AM  
Bailey Lake Park  
Burleson, TX 76028

Please donate to support our walkers in this life-affirming cause. Donations sheets are located at the Chapel Entrance

In closing, I will continue on with a few observations on God's Divine Mercy. Saint Pope John Paul II in his 1981 encyclical letter stated:

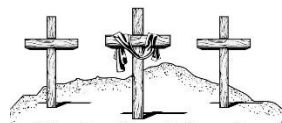
***Mercy is Love's second name, and Mercy is God's greatest attribute. God does not do just merciful things, nor does he have a merciful side, He is always and everywhere merciful. Everything God does is an expression of his mercy. This is why we say God is Love, His merciful love is His greatest attribute.***



*May Christ's will be done on earth*

*as it is in heaven. God Give You Peace.*

*Mike Pierson*



*Blessed are those who have not seen and have yet believed.  
John 10:29*

### Mass Intentions

April 12, 2026	SFV Catholic Chapel Community
April 13, 2026	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
April 14, 2026	Fr. Bob Strittmatter
April 15, 2026	For Infant Victims of violence, born and unborn – <i>the holy innocents</i>
April 16, 2026	Repose of the Soul of Jennifer Kemp By Tom & Ruth Kemp
April 17, 2026	Intentions of Pete & Delia Carroll
April 18, 2026	Repose of the soul of Ida Hesse By Suzanne Williams (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)