

# *Divine Mercy Sunday*

## *April 27, 2025*



**JUBILEE YEAR 2025**  
**WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

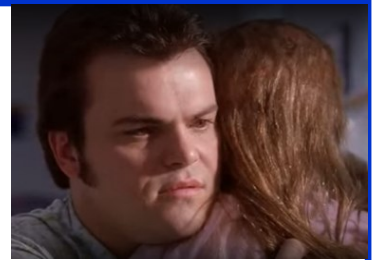


## From the Gusset—Easter Freedom

**Happy Easter! Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!!** What is **Divine Mercy**? How is **Divine Mercy** different from regular **mercy**? **Mercy** is synonymous with **love** – **St. Augustine** says, that they are two sides of the same **coin**. We could think of **love** as being ‘the heads’ side of the **coin**, and **mercy** as being ‘the tails’ side of the **coin**. **St. Paul** says, that God proves how much He loves us that while we were still sinners, God the Father sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us! (**Romans 5:8**) This is what we say in the **Eucharistic Prayer** every Sunday – though I especially like the way **Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I** puts it: *though we were lost and could not approach You, You (Lord God) loved us with the greatest love: for Your Son, who alone is just, handed Himself over to death, and did not disdain to be nailed for our sake to the wood of the Cross.* (Isn’t that so **beautiful**?) And so, **Divine Love** is when God **loves** us with the greatest **love**: a **love** that **loves** the **unlovable**! Remember in the **Shallow Hal** movie: **Hal** only fell in **love** with women, who were **beautiful**. If a girl wasn’t a **Super model**, **Hal** never gave the girl a second glance. When **Hal** sees the little girl in the burn ward at the **hospital**, he finally gives his **love** to someone, who is not **beautiful**, but on the contrary – **disfigured**. See, that is how God **loves** us! God would give all of His **love** to me – a man, who has **disfigured** himself by **sin** – God would embrace a man, who is **ugly** and **repulsive**. God wants to **love** us **more** today than He did yesterday even if, we **love** Him **less** today than we did yesterday. **Divine Mercy** is that God wants not only to **forgive** us, before we ask Him for **forgiveness**, but **Divine Mercy** is that God the Father would send His Son to do **the penance** our **sins** deserve even before we would be willing to make any **amends** for **the damage** our **sins** have caused! Regular **mercy** is that when someone asks us to **forgive** them – then we **forgive** them. **Divine Mercy** is that we **forgive** someone their **sins** against us even if, they never ask us for **forgiveness**. Regular **mercy** is that we would allow someone to **pay back** to us a little bit of **the damage** their **sins** have caused us. **Divine Mercy** is that we would do **the penance** that their **sins** deserved, for them – so that they wouldn’t have to make **any amends**! Do you see how by our going to **the Sacrament of Reconciliation** – how we allow God to show us His **Divine Mercy**? Yes, we do ask for **forgiveness** in offending God’s **love** and ask Him **to pour** more of His **love** into us. Yes, we do say we are sorry for our **sins** and ask for a **penance** to pray to make up for **some** of **the damage** our **sins** have caused to **the Body of Christ**. But by partaking of **the Sacrament of Confession** – we allow God to **love** us more today than He did yesterday – God shows us His **Divine Love**. By going to **Confession** – we allow God to not only **forgive** us, but we allow God to send His Son, Jesus, to do **the penance** our **sins** deserve – God shows us His **Divine Mercy**!

**Happy Easter! Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!!**

**Yours on the Path Fr. Randy**



## EASTER FREEDOM

What is **EASTER FREEDOM**? I think in short – **EASTER FREEDOM** is the ability to do the things that God wants us to do with our **life**! Anyone can do what they want to do in **life** – it is not hard to do things that you **enjoy** doing. Remember **Pete Rose**? All he wanted to do was play baseball!



**Charlie Hustle** once said, “I’d walk through Hell in a gasoline suit to play a game of baseball.” **Pete** loved baseball, and so he became the greatest baseball player of all time.

**History** is full of **men** and **women**, who did with their **life** – what they wanted to do with their **life**. But a **Saint** is someone who did with their **life** – what God wanted them to do. **EASTER FREEDOM** is all about embracing **the vocation** God gave us and then **excelling** at it. If you are a **priest** – **EASTER FREEDOM** is to celebrate **the Sacraments** for your people every day and allow our Lord **to pour** out all of His **Divine Love** into them, and even should a **parishioner** not wish to allow Jesus to die and rise from the dead for them (even if a **parishioner** never comes to **Mass** or wants to receive a **Sacrament**), the **priest** makes a **Spiritual Communion** for them! If you are **married** – **EASTER FREEDOM** is all about going to **Mass** every Sunday and receiving **the Eucharist** and then spending the next six days giving **all** of that **love** to your **spouse**, and should your **spouse** not be **Catholic** – or should your **spouse** not want to receive **the Sacraments** for themselves (especially **the Eucharist** and **Reconciliation**) – you would make a **Spiritual Communion** for them and you would do **penance** and make **reparations** for their **sins**, before you would even do **penance** and make **reparations** for your own **sins**. Finally, if you are **single** – **EASTER FREEDOM** is the ability to see Jesus in your **parents** and, in your **brothers** and **sisters**. The author to the letter to the Hebrews said, *if we respect our earthly fathers who corrected us, should we not all the more submit to the Father of spirits, and live?* (Hebrews 12:9) To be **docile** to those who have authority over us (**parents**, teachers, boss, **Bishop**...) is to **imitate** Jesus Christ – **who even though He was in the form of God did not regard equality with God something to be grasped!** (Philippians 2:6) To **love** your **brothers** and **sisters** as much as you **love** yourself is the second greatest Commandment! We have been given the

**EASTER FREEDOM** to spend these next fifty days seeking out God’s **love** for us, and choosing to **boldly** do something different than the rest of the peoples in **the world**. Everyone out there is doing what they want to do – we **choose** to do what God wants us to do! That is **EASTER FREEDOM!**

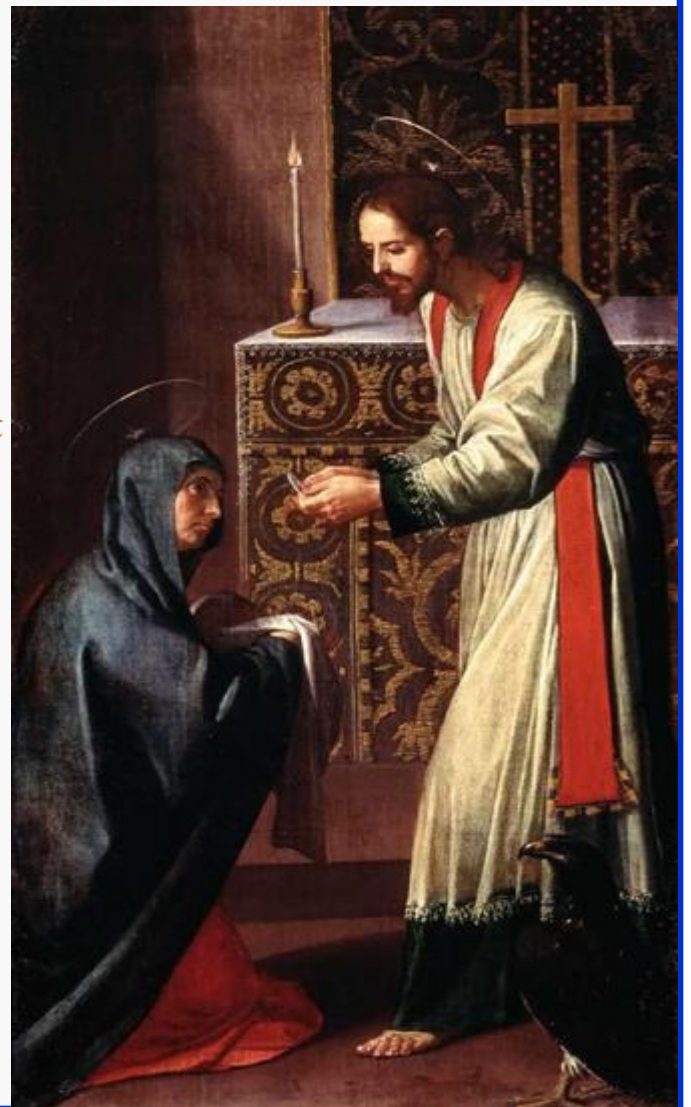






## THE MASS AND THE SAINTS

When we gather every Sunday in **the Mass** and receive **Holy Communion**, **St. Thomas Aquinas** thought that God becomes **over-joyed**! For **the Sacrament of the Eucharist** on earth, foreshadows **the Banquet Feast** that happens in **Heaven**. Remember, the greatest **Parable (the Parable of the Prodigal Son)** explains to us, how God the Father actually sees our partaking of **Holy Communion**. The father (in **the Parable**) saw his prodigal son finally returning home and the father could not even **wait** for his younger son to cross **the threshold**; such that, the father ran **to meet** his son! After a **passionate embrace** and many **kisses** were exchanged, the father instructs the servants to prepare **a Feast** – the fattened calf!! When the father becomes aware that his other son has returned from working in **the field**, but has not entered **the Feast** – the father comes out to plead with the older son to come in and partake of the fattened calf!!! God the Father is **over-joyed** to celebrate **the Banquet Feast** in **Heaven** with His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and all the brothers and sisters that the Son of God went and **scoured** the **earth** to bring back **Home** with Him!!!! Though it happens that many of our brothers and sisters no longer celebrate **the Mass** and receive **the Eucharist** with us every Sunday – we make a **Spiritual Communion** for them. When we make a **Spiritual Communion** for others, we are writing **the rough draft** of a new and better **Prodigal Son Parable**!!!! In making a **Spiritual Communion**, we are **promising** God the Father that He will experience **great joy** in His Kingdom when time ceases to be and **Eternal Life** has begun. For just as the **Blessed Virgin Mary** received a **Spiritual Communion** on the night of **the Last Supper**, so our brothers and sisters are sharing in the fruits and the benefits of **Holy Communion** – when we – their brother and their sister – make a **Spiritual Communion** for them!!!!

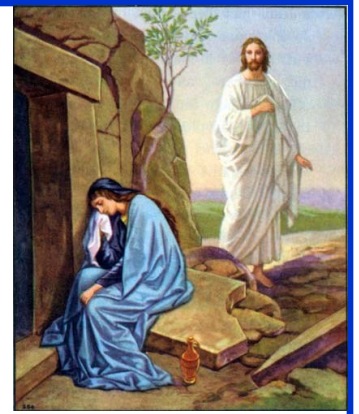


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**Saturday, April 26th**

(+) Maryanne Saracco & (+) Geraldine Golf/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mixa  
4:00 pm, **OLPH** (+) Floyd Wilson/ Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vaessen &  
(+) Frank Shepherd/ Mr. & Mrs. James Meznarich

5:30 pm, **SMA** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

**Sunday, April 27th Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Richard & (+) Mary Ann Cardot/ Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Burke

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Cletus & (+) Betty Henkel/ Family

**Monday, April 28th**

(+) James Jones & (+) Pete Rose/ Fr. Randy

**Tuesday, April 29th**

(+) Sister Benedict/ DDL

11:00am **St. Rita** Jubilarian Mass/ Bishop Malloy

**Wednesday, April 30th**

8:00 am, **OLPH** (+) Larry Truckenbrod/ Mr. & Mrs. Louis Vaessen

**Thursday, May 1st**

7:30 am, **SMA** (+) Sister Chiduwe Oraegbu & (+) Sister Amabilis Chidowe &  
(+) Sister Bernard Nnabugwu/ DDL

8:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Sharon Barr/ Carlene Schuhler

**Friday, May 2nd**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Thomas Sharkey/ Marilyn Weeks

**Saturday, May 3rd**

(+) Ronald Fronek/ Rick & Roger Fronek

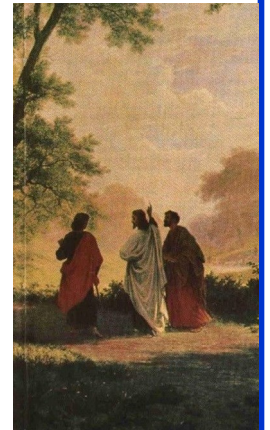
4:00 pm, **OLPH** Pro Populo/ Fr. Randy

5:30 pm, **SMA** (+) Linda Carlson/ Mr. & Mrs. John Schmidt

**Sunday, May 4th Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am, **St. Patrick** (+) Sylvia Montavon/ Mr. & Mrs. Westin Montavon

10:30 am, **OLPH** (+) Ray & (+) Jean Ritola/ Mary Lynn Valentin &  
(+) Leila Garland/ Garland Family



## **Living Mass Intentions:**

**OLPH: Mitchell Malach, Jackson Scully,**

**Elle Zinke, Vivienne Henkel**

**SMA: Blake Mumm, Logan Jones**

**St. Patrick: Abigail Burke, Adaline Montavon**



## **Five Works of a Plenary Indulgence:**

- 1) **Confession** of Sins in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- 2) Receiving **the Holy Eucharist**
- 3) Praying **the Creed**
- 4) Prayers for the **Holy Father's Intentions**
- 5) **The Work of the Indulgence** (visiting a **Jubilee Church**, **Holy Hour**, Stations of the Cross)

