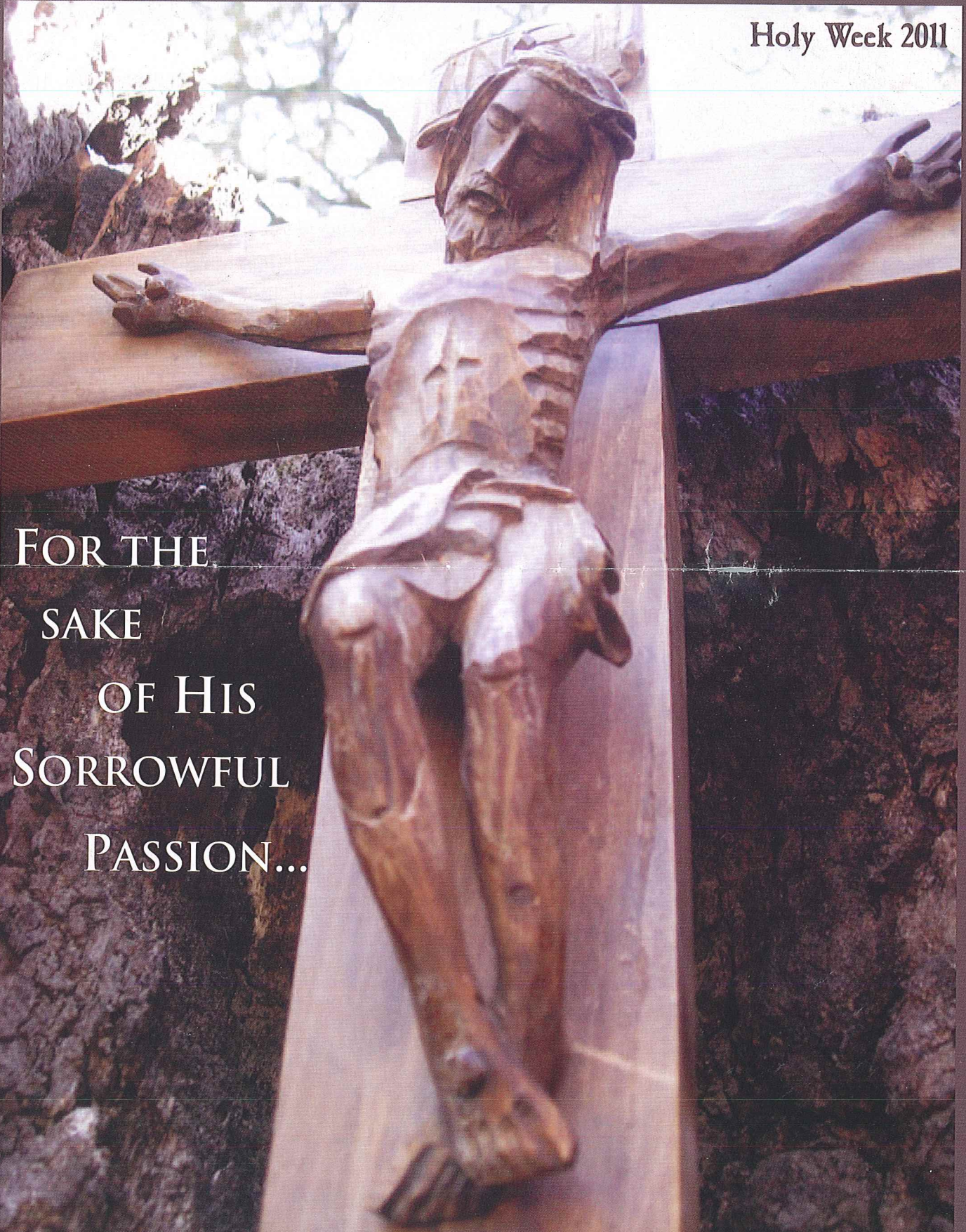


# The Mission of Divine Mercy

Holy Week 2011



FOR THE  
SAKE  
OF HIS  
SORROWFUL  
PASSION...





# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

May 1, 2011  
3:00 P.M.

Solemn Mass

Veneration of Image &  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Reception

*In preparation for Divine Mercy  
Sunday, the Sacrament of Recon-  
ciliation will be available Saturday,  
April 30 from 9:00 a.m. till noon.*

## Dear Friends,

In this Holiest Season of Sorrow and Grace, we send you a very lean issue of our MDM Newsletter.

The number of spring activities and retreats, the Kick-off Event for our new Capital Campaign, and the work on the plan for the new monastery has precluded anything more substantial at the moment.

*(In May we will be sending you a special issue to explain and to update you on the work of the Campaign.)*

But for now we are united with you and all His Church as we make our way to the Foot of His Cross.



## AND WE REMIND YOU...

1)...that the Great Novena of Divine Mercy begins this year on April 22, Good Friday. The power of this Novena and the Promises attached to it are without precedent in the devotional life of the Church.

2)...that our Beloved John Paul II will be formally beatified this Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, six years after his death on the Eve of the Feast of Divine Mercy in 2005. ♦

## *A Special Promise of Mercy \**

*"I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary, No. 1109)*

*"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary, No. 699)*

\* Church officials have indicated that the Confession could be made within 20 DAYS before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. So Confession does not necessarily need to be done on this day.



*"When this Chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, and unfathomable mercy envelops the soul, and the very depths of My tender Mercy will be moved for the sake of the Sorrowful Passion of My Son."*

## *Mercy and the death of a Husband*

*By Mother Magdalene*

*(I wrote these notes a few years ago after the death of a friend's husband. They are published here with her permission. The names have been changed.)*

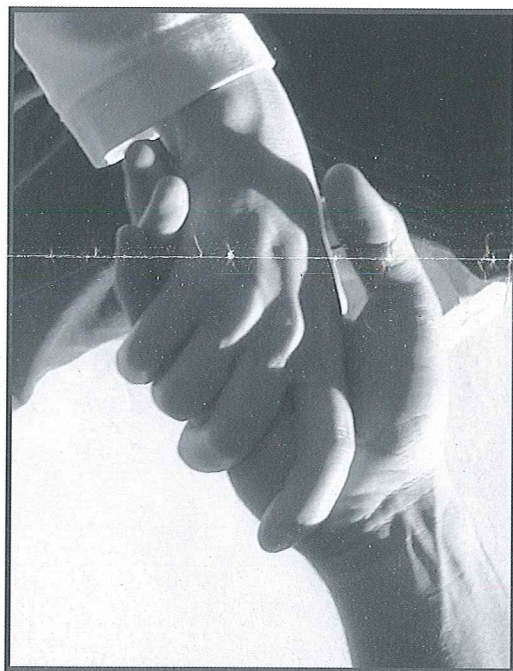
Last night at 8:53p.m. John Jones finally died of cancer. Susan was alone with him holding his hand. It was the ninth day of her Divine Mercy Novena for him. She had just blessed him with Blessed Oil an hour earlier, at last able to say the prayer that she hadn't been able to say before, consecrating him to the Perfect Will of the Father.

In the end John's path was the Road to Calvary; his own Stations of the Cross. John is condemned to death; John falls the third time; John is stripped; John is nailed to his Cross.

I asked him three questions when I saw him on Saturday:

*Have you forgiven everybody everything?*  
"YES. I HADN'T UNTIL TODAY BUT TODAY I HAVE."

*Can you accept this suffering and still believe in the Father's perfect and complete love for you?* "YES."



*Can you unite your suffering with the Passion of Jesus in reparation for your own sins, and for the salvation of your family?* "YES."

I had brought over a scapular and told him that putting it on placed him in the Arms of Mary. "THEN LET'S PUT IT ON!"

I asked him if he was in pain. He said he'd never been in pain; that he'd had suffering but that he hadn't had pain.

He also said, "I WAS NEVER SURE I KNEW WHAT GRACE WAS. NOW I THINK I KNOW."

*Now I think you do know, John. Now I think you've met Him.* ♦

*"...encourage souls to say the Chaplet....When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior." (Diary 1541)*





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## Paschal Triduum Retreat 2011

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*You are welcome to come to whichever activities you choose. But the Paschal Triduum forms a whole.  
To fully experience it, we strongly recommend participating in all the activities,  
whether at your parish or at the Mission.*

### HOLY THURSDAY April 21 (Please bring a flashlight)

- Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist 7:00 p.m.  
Procession to the Altar of Repose
- Eucharistic Adoration Ends at 10:00 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY April 22 *A day of silence and prayer*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the breaks

- Outdoor walking Way of the Cross 9:00 a.m.
  - Quiet Time
  - Service of the Passion 3:00 p.m.
  - Novena of Divine Mercy 5:00 p.m.
- Mission closes at 6:00 p.m.

\* Comfortable shoes and sun hat may be needed. Ice water and tea will be provided. Meals will not be provided. Feel free to bring your own lunch if you plan to stay for the whole day.

### HOLY SATURDAY April 23

Morning: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. till noon.

- Rosary and meditations in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows 9:00 a.m.
  - Quiet time
  - Novena of Divine Mercy (Second day) 11:00 a.m.
- Mission closes at Noon.

### Holy Saturday Evening (Please bring a flashlight)

- Solemn Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.

This great Vigil is the highest moment of the Church's year. It includes the blessing of the New Fire and an extensive series of Scriptural readings. It is over two hours in length. No reception follows.

### EASTER SUNDAY April 24

- Solemn Mass 10:30 a.m.

### MODEST DRESS AT THE MISSION

*This is consecrated land.*

Please refrain from wearing:

Low-cut necklines, tight pants, hemlines or slits above the knee; shorts, sleeveless shirts; or any tight or provocative clothing.