



*His Sacred
Heart...*

Treasure House

Refuge

*Place of
Infinite Mercy*

MISSION OF DIVINE MERCY
SUMMER 2022



Paschal Fire Easter Morning

OUR COVER: An antique Statue of the Sacred heart that stands in an alcove at the Sisters' House. Behind it hangs an Image of Our Lady of Tenderness which is placed in St. Joseph's Chapel each year for Holy Saturday.

THE TWO HEARTS ARE ONE

In June we celebrate the feast days of the Two Great Hearts: the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 24th and the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday, June 25th. There is much wonderful information that has been written about the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, and we encourage you to seek it out. Here we would like to share just a few thoughts.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Among all that has been written and revealed about the Sacred Heart we would like to touch on His Heart as Treasure House, Refuge and Place of Infinite Mercy.

Jesus' Sacred Heart is a **Treasure House** of love and graces for all those who open their hearts to Him. When you give Jesus the gift of your heart, by opening your heart to His Light, and asking Him to show you what He wants to reveal to you, He opens His Heart to you. With great joy He invites you to come and dwell therein, to drink of His love for you and to take all the graces that you need for yourself and others.

Jesus' Sacred Heart is a **Refuge, especially in our final moments**. His Heart is completely open at that last hour for those who have loved Him, served Him, believed in Him and obeyed Him. His Heart will be their Refuge, as a protection from the last attacks of the enemy, as a consolation and encouragement and especially as a foretaste of the fullness of His Love, to give them strength for the last effort.

Jesus' Sacred Heart is the **Place of Infinite Mercy** for all His wounded children. The Church in our time is living anew the Paschal Mystery: Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. And we, His children who love Him, are called to follow Him on the painful, difficult road of Faith, Trust and Abandonment. Our participation includes carrying upon our shoulders our wounded brothers and sisters, carrying them to the place of Infinite Mercy: His Sacred Heart. There all these children, captive, wounded, and dead, might be healed, freed, and brought back to life.

Jesus' Sacred Heart is a Treasure House of graces, our Refuge in our last moments, and the Place of Infinite Mercy. He invites us to come to His Heart, to rest, to be strengthened and to be nourished.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

In 1917, Our Blessed Mother appeared to the three little shepherds of Fatima and spoke of Her

Immaculate Heart as a refuge for these times. Later, reflecting on the June 1917 apparition, Sr. Lucia said that Our Lady told her that "Her Immaculate Heart would be my refuge and the way that would lead me to God." (Interesting that once again, we hear of refuge.)

For this reason, you should not hesitate to trust your heart to Mary for fear that She would distract you from Jesus. Mary always leads to Jesus. Everything that you place in Her Heart She keeps safe for Him.

Our world envelopes us in fogs and confusion, so that it can be difficult to discern the will of the Father. This is why so many misunderstand it and lose sight of His will for their lives. But in Mary, in Her Immaculate Heart, the air is clean, clear and it is easier to discern the Father's Will for you shining brightly.

Her Immaculate Heart is like a secret garden where you are always safe from the enemy and always sure of finding Jesus. Mary invites you to enter into the garden of Her Immaculate Heart where you can contemplate the Father's Will for you with clarity, surrounded by Love and Tenderness. Safe in Her Heart, She can form you in Faith, in humility and in docility to the Will of the Father.

Go to Mary. She carried and protected the beating Heart of our Savior in Her womb. She will always take you in Her arms to Jesus. She is the surest way to get to Him.

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Sr. Lucia also said, "I see that from the very beginning Jesus Christ united to His redemptive work the Immaculate Heart of Her whom He chose to be His Mother. The work of our redemption began at the moment when the Word descended from Heaven in order to assume a human body in the womb of Mary. From that moment, and for the next nine months, the Blood of Christ was the Blood of Mary, taken from Her Immaculate Heart; the Heart of Christ was beating in unison with the Heart of Mary."

Her Heart is in His; His Heart is in Hers. So united that they become one same Heart. One same heartbeat that not even death could separate.

The month of June is a good time for contemplating and finding your refuge in the Two Hearts.







Divine Mercy Sunday



Amici Christi
April 22, 2022



WATER FOR THE SISTERS!

The next step toward the **new convent on Shepherd's Hill** is the laying of a water pipeline. Thanks be to God, we are moving forward! In these perilous times we are especially conscious of the generosity of so many donors, old and new. Your gifts make you co-workers in MDM's mission. Thank you and may God bless you! ♦



OUR SABBATICAL MONTH

In this, the 20th year of the founding of the Mission of Divine Mercy, our religious community will be living the month of July as a little "sabbatical." The Mission grounds will be closed during that month, and there will be no public religious services. However, the Mission offices will be staffed so that various work projects may continue.

This will be a time of rest and renewal for our community, of "*ora et labora*," that is, of contemplative prayer, as well as an opportunity to accomplish some projects for which it is hard to find time during the normal course of the year. Some members may also do some traveling, but it will be mainly a "staycation."

To our local friends and supporters who come frequently to our Masses and other services, we're sorry for any difficulty or inconvenience this may cause. But we think this brief sabbatical will ultimately help us to serve you better, and better serve God's plans. MDM wants to be with you for the long haul.

Thank you for your understanding, for your continued support, and for your prayers. ♦

ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS RETREAT SCHEDULE

September 8-11, 2022

Women / English

October 6-9, 2022

Women / Spanish

December 8-11, 2022

Men / English

January 26-29, 2023

Men / Spanish

February 9-12, 2023

Women / English

March 9-12, 2023

Women / Spanish

May 4-7, 2023

Men / English

Please visit our website for additional information or registration when available.

WHY SHOULD YOU TRUST JESUS?

When we recently decided to revive the **Network of Trust** that we had initiated at the time of our 10th anniversary, it wasn't just due to the arrival of our 20th anniversary. No, the symmetry of the timing was *providential*. We revived it because the prayer "*Jesus, I trust in You,*" is the simplest, purest cry from our hearts for the peril of these times. It says everything. It says, "***I can't solve the problem in front of me, but I know Jesus can, and only Jesus can.***"

But praying "Jesus, I trust in You" does not mean you necessarily *feel* trust. On the contrary, you may feel overwhelmed with fear, doubt, anxiety. That is when this act is most helpful. What is important is your *act of the will*. It is like saying, "Jesus, I'm *trying* to trust in You. I *want* to trust in You."

It is an even greater gift to Him to when you are trying to trust in difficult situations, when trust seems almost impossible.

Like an exercise, each time we do it, we are strengthening our trust. And each time, we are calling down graces upon ourselves and others.

Does your heart still waver? Do you still hesitate to put your trust in Him because evil seems to be winning everywhere? Are you influenced by much in our culture which wants to dismiss God as weak and irrelevant? It may help to meditate on the following:

JESUS IS KING. From eternity to eternity. All DOMINION is His. All POWER is His. All AUTHORITY is His.

JESUS IS KING. Over all. Over all time. Over all creation.

JESUS IS KING. He will purify and cleanse His House. He will crush all who have betrayed His Name and His children. He will destroy all who are corrupt, and who have caused so much spiritual illness among His little ones.

But first He must bring forth – as a doctor treating an infected wound – all the filth. He allows the enemy to reveal himself more and more. Uncovering his plans. Bringing it forth into the Light so that it may be revealed to His children. So that JESUS might destroy ALL the enemy's works.

JESUS REIGNS. Who can dispute His Right? No one. No one. No one.

His "ENOUGH" puts an end to ALL things. His "ENOUGH" will thunder over all creation.

As it says in the Book of Revelations:

And He who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also He said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, as for murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters and all liars, their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Rev.21: 5-8)

THIS IS THE JESUS IN WHOM YOU PLACE YOUR TRUST!

HE IS KING. HE REIGNS. IT IS JESUS WHO WILL CONQUER.

What you need to do is simple—but not always easy—you need to hold on, and trust.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.





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