

# MERCY SUNDAY FEASTDAY PREPARATION

(Nine days) Novena to our Lord of Divine Mercy

**Mercy Sunday is celebrated on April 8, 2018.** Novena starts on **Good Friday** and ends **Saturday** before the feast of Mercy Sunday. Leaflets for the Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy are available at both entrances to the church.

**Schedule is found below for those who wish to participate in the novena, nine days before Mercy Sunday in church or privately.**

March 30 - Day one – Good Friday after the 3:00 services in community with the Lay Dominicans

March 31 - Day two – Saturday, privately

April 1 - Day Three – Sunday, privately

April 2,3,4,5, Day Four to Day Seven – after 8:00 am Mass in community with the Lay Dominicans

April 6 and 7 - Day Eight and Nine – Friday and Saturday, privately

**Please take advantage of Jesus' offering of this great grace of mercy for the salvation of our own souls and the souls of our loved ones.**

## **Requirements for the Novena:**

1. Start praying the **novena and the chaplet of Divine Mercy on Good Friday** - You can pray it anytime during the day or join us in the church.
2. Say the **prayer and intention for each day** up to the ninth day as you see in the leaflet.
3. On the other side of the leaflet is the **chaplet of Divine Mercy. Say it each day along with the novena prayers using your rosary beads.**
4. If you faithfully say the prayers each day, you will end up on the Saturday after Easter Sunday.
5. Go to **confession** and receive **Holy Communion** on Mercy Sunday. If confession is not possible on this day, you can go to confession eight (8) days before or eight (8) days after with the intention of fulfilling the requirement for this novena.

## **Spiritual benefits obtained from praying this Novena**

You have **total forgiveness from all the sins** you have committed during your past life and **forgiveness from all the punishments due to your sins after having made a good confession as seen in one of the above requirements for the Novena.**

## **Additional information about the devotion:**

1. This is a great grace of mercy and forgiveness Jesus is offering us for the salvation of our souls and the salvation of the souls of our loved ones.
2. Whoever will recite the chaplet will receive great mercy at the hour of death.
3. **This prayer is very helpful at the death bed of our loved ones. Jesus promised that He will stand between God the Father and the dying person, not as a Judge but as a Merciful Savior.**
4. Even the most hardened sinner who will say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy **even just once** will receive grace from God's infinite mercy.
5. Through the Chaplet, **you will obtain everything you ask**, for as long as it is compatible with God's will.
6. This prayer is with the Church's approval.