

## Divine Mercy Cenacle: Week 4

**Opening Prayer:** (D# 1743)

### *The Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

See 2 Handouts

### *The Divine Mercy Novena*

- 1059 Leading up to the Feast of Mercy.
- 796 The Novena beginning on Good Friday.
- 1209 – 29 Jesus teaches Faustina the Novena intentions.
- 851 Another Chaplet Novena.

### *The Hour of Great Mercy*

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Dear Parish Family,

We know that the three most important days in the history of the universe are the days that we celebrate as the Sacred Paschal Triduum (Latin for “Three Days”), Holy Thursday evening through Easter. These are those Sacred Days by which our Lord Jesus Christ, through His Sacred Passion, Death and Resurrection, changed the eternal destiny of the universe and of every soul that has or ever will come into it. The Church celebrates these Sacred Days every year as the most important days of our lives.

Is there also a particular hour that we can point to as the most important hour of every day? In His mystical conversations with St. Faustina, Our Lord pointed to 3 o’clock in the afternoon as **The Hour of Great Mercy**. Here is what St. Faustina records in her Diary:

*“At Three o’clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion.” (#1320)*

What a powerful way to remind ourselves every day that our lives are more than the worldly hustle and bustle that fills our days. By setting aside a few moments for prayer at 3 o’clock every day, we are pointing to that particular hour on Good Friday through which Our Lord consecrated our whole life, every minute of every day, to Himself. Here are His instructions to St. Faustina on how to honor 3 o’clock as The Hour of Great Mercy.

*“I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice.*

*My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a brief instant.” (#1572)*

“If only for a brief instant.” An instant that can give renewed meaning and focus to all the instants of our days. In reading again the Diary of St. Faustina, this is something that I have decided to incorporate into my prayer life. From this special moment of prayer in the middle of the day, I am asking Our Lord to radiate His Merciful Love to help me consecrate anew the whole of each day to Him.

According to our station in life and what, through the circumstances of each day, Our Lord permits, The Three O’Clock Hour of Great Mercy could be prayerfully honored in many ways. I hope

many days to pause and pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. But even in the midst of a meeting or travelling on the road, we can pause and pray the beautiful prayer of trust that Our Lord gave to St. Faustina: "***O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!***" (#84)

In Christ, The Divine Mercy,