

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Office Hours:

Mon.—Thurs.: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm (Vigil)

WEEKDAYS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 am
Tues.: 6:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION:

1/2 hr. before each weekend mass &

1/2 hr. before Tuesday evening mass

BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule a baptism.

MARRIAGE: Contact Fr. Bryan at least six months prior to the desired date.

Confirmation of the wedding date must be made by the priest officiating the ceremony.

FUNERAL: Please contact Fr. Bryan before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Available upon request.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR

HOMEBOUND: If you cannot attend mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS:

Immediately following 8:00 am daily mass.

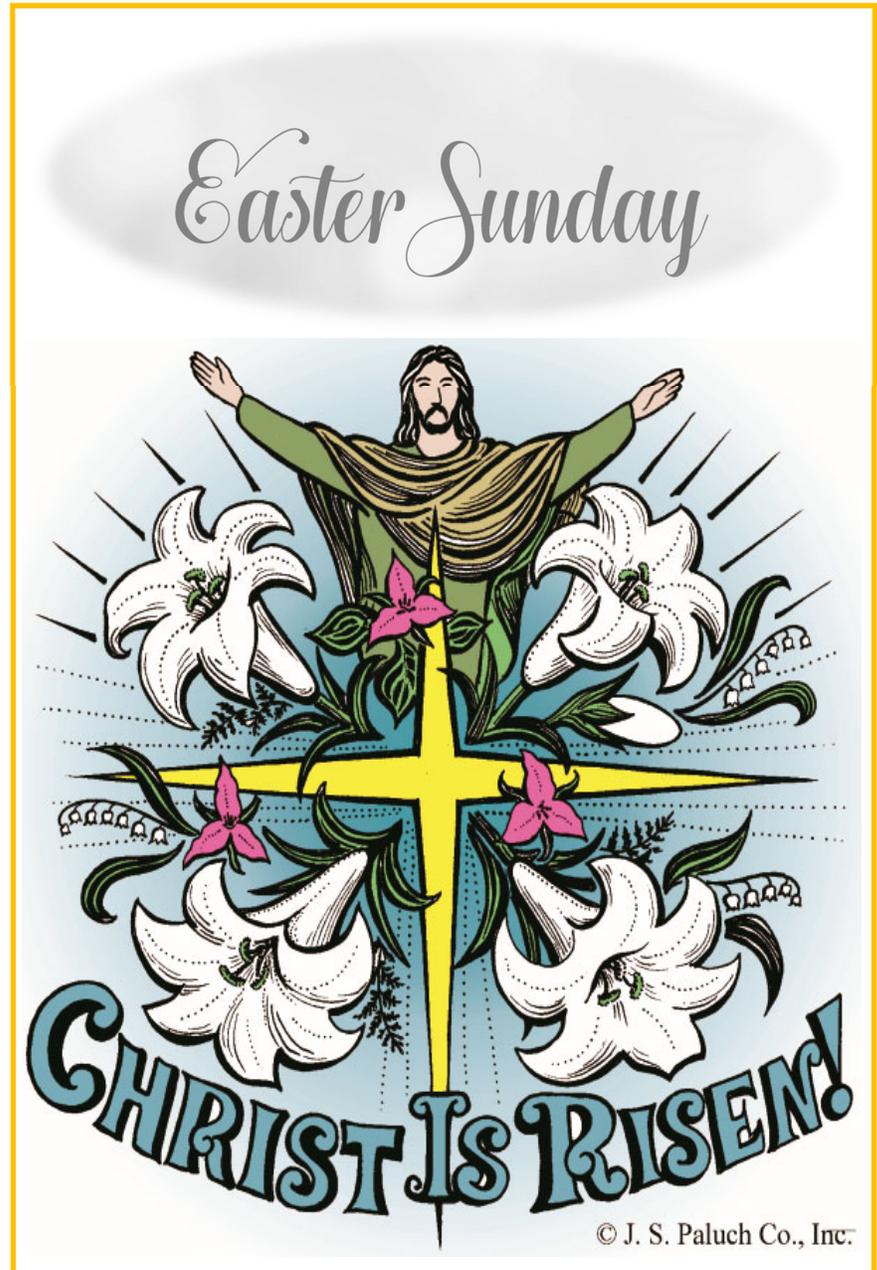
PRAY THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Wednesday of each month, following 8 am Mass until 7 pm.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion: Thursday after 8:00 am mass

Parish Holy Hour With Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament:

Every Friday at 7:00am leading to 8:00 am mass.



MISSION STATEMENT

We, members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, are committed to establish a safe haven for believers in our community. Having Christ as the center of our worship and being impelled by his teachings:

- We continually grow in ministries that address the needs and concerns of our community.
- We strive to be a vibrant “Christ-Centered” spiritual family and experience His love and presence in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Passion of Christ is the greatest and most stupendous work of Divine Love. The greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love. – *St. Paul of the Cross*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts on heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, April 20:

8:00 PM **Floyd Landry, Jr.; Floyd Landry, Sr.; Shirley Kearney; Lorraine Lafrance; Felix Ruiz; Marie Louise Williams; Edward & Beluah Williams, Sr.; Edward & Lorraine Williams, Jr.; Clinton & Ernie Williams; Charles & Evie Dubret; Judy Maloz; Elizabeth & Philip Macaluso; Mary & Bill Heins; Camilla Macaluso; Philip Macaluso, Jr.; Joliessant Pourciau; Reed & Deborah Henderson; Nide & Doris Martin; Emily Martin; Ashley & Kathleen Henderson; Kurt Rodriguez; Justilien & Emilie Martin; Oleus & Elma Clement; Ashley "Doc" & Hannah Henderson; Lloyd & Rena Cantrell; John O. Doran**

Sunday, April 21:

9:00 AM **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

11:00 AM **Veronica Serigne; George "Ching" Lopez; Valentino Molero; Rene' Pecar; Carolyn LeBlanc; Louis Burns; Joliessant Pourciau; Floyd Landry, Sr.; Floyd Landry, Jr.; Felix Ruiz; Judy Maloz; Joseph Garcia; Marilyn Galivan; Kirk Topey; Carroll Topey; Michael E. Voss; Sal Duhe; Donald Evans, Sr.; Elton LeBlanc; Elsie Deffes**

Monday, April 22: **Fr. Bryan's Intentions**

Tuesday, April 23: **Ashley Henderson**

Wednesday, April 24: **Mary Giannobile**

Thursday, April 25: **Floyd Landry, Sr.**

Friday, April 26: **All Souls**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter! Or as most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch—Passover! *Pasqua, Pascua, Páscoa, Pâques!* Israel's Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land! Jesus' Passover through the Cross to resurrection! Our catechumens' Passover last night, and ours once upon a time, through Baptism's waters to our family's Eucharist! Welcome, everybody! As someone once said of the Catholic Church, "Here comes everybody!" So in this Jubilee of Mercy, we make our own Saint John Chrysostom's Easter welcome from fourteen hundred years ago: "Let everyone enjoy this radiant feast! You who fasted from Lent's beginning, and you who didn't fast at all, rejoice! The table's richly set! Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment! All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again: pardon has risen from the tomb!" Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch! Welcome, everybody!

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MEMORIAL FLOWERS



THE BLESSED MOTHER:
GERALDINE DAVILLIER

ST. JOSEPH

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF:

KATHY THIBODEAUX SALLES

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

CARROLL TOPEY

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

JOSHUA JAMES DEJEAN



The crosses with which our path through life is strewn associate us with Jesus in the mystery of His crucifixion. – *St. John Eudes*

PRAYER REQUEST

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Art Nelson, Jr.; Wilton Richard, Jr.; Donna B. Richard; Orilea Lear; Bernardine Reimonenq; Rosalyn Thomas; Cornelius Dennis, Jr.; Isabella Bazile; Buddy Landry; Rusty Hall; Allen Nunez; Fr. Stanley Klores; Gerald Stephany; Peggy Schifano; Rose Brown; Traci Bouterie; Katie Caluda Santos; Janice Doran; Eileen Monson; Mary Jane Casey; Sandra Pelitier; Lillie Mae Wilson; Wayne Tucker, II

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Joy Dennis; Faye Hammer; Bob Maloz; Josie Landry; The Landry Family; Catherine Landry; Elijah David Landry

The prayer list will run for two weeks only. If you would like to add your beloved to the list or keep them on past the two weeks, please call the rectory or drop the intention in the collection basket.



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.



OUR FAMILY PRAYER

Loving & faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder, and racism.

We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence.

Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community.

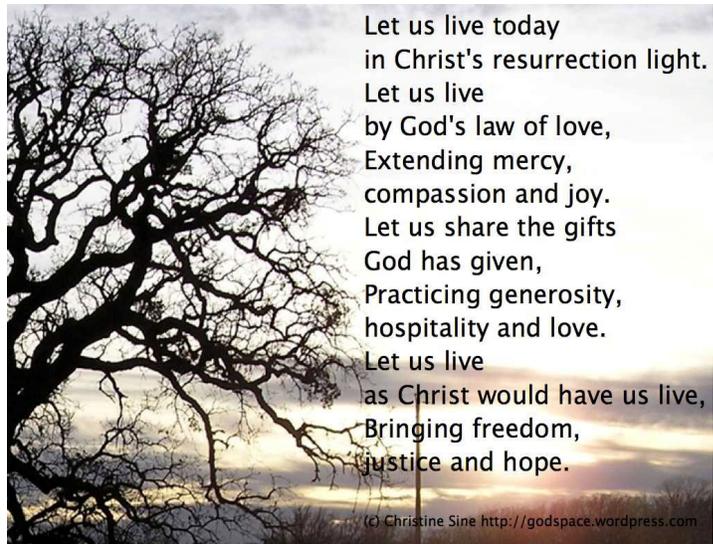
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family. Amen.

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



Let us live today in Christ's resurrection light. Let us live by God's law of love, Extending mercy, compassion and joy. Let us share the gifts God has given, Practicing generosity, hospitality and love. Let us live as Christ would have us live, Bringing freedom, justice and hope.

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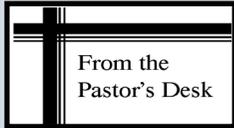


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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter; Administrative Professionals Day
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday; Arbor Day
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Bulletin Deadline: 3:00 pm, every Thursday (1 wk. Before scheduled bulletin date)



Fr. Bryan Howard

April 21, 2019



Fr. Bryan Recommends

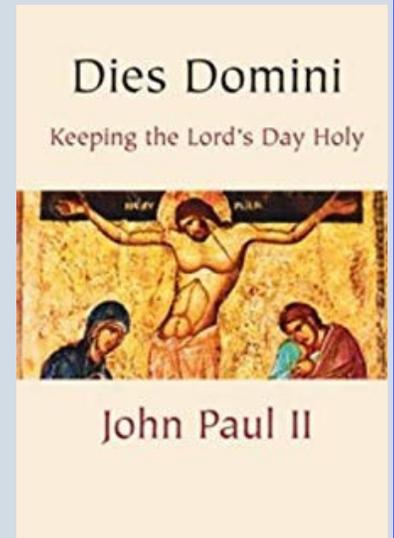
The Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini*

In 1998, Pope St. John Paul II wrote an apostolic letter to the bishops, clergy, and faithful of the Catholic Church throughout the whole world called *Dies Domini*, which means *The Lord's Day*, on keeping the Lord's Day holy. Have you ever wondered why we have to go to Mass on Sundays? The Old Testament tells us to keep the Sabbath holy, but the Sabbath is on Saturday, not Sunday. Plus, we have Mass every day of the week. Even if we do have to go to Mass every week, why not Friday, the day on which Jesus was crucified, or some other day, or why not just let us pick a day ourselves? As St. Jerome said over 1,500 years ago, "Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, it is the day of Christians, it is our day." In this letter the Pope explains why Sunday, the Lord's Day, is the "lord of days."

He explains that Sunday is a celebration of the work of Creation, as it's the day God began the work of creation. The original Sabbath was a celebration of the first creation, since God rested on the seventh day, Saturday, but the new Sabbath is Sunday, the first day, because in the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus, God is doing something new in the world, a new creation. He explains that Sunday is not only the day of the Resurrection, not only the eighth day, the day of the new creation, it is also the day of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples in tongues of fire, happened on a Sunday, exactly 50 days after the Resurrection of Jesus. In the Pentecost, the Church was born from the fires of the Holy Spirit, and so the Church comes together on Sundays to be renewed and re-born in the Holy Spirit.

The Pope explains what it means to keep the Lord's Day holy. He reminds us that Sunday is a day of joy, a day of solidarity with family, friends,

and community, and a day of rest from servile labor. The heart of keeping holy the Lord's Day, however, is the Sunday Mass. As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "For this presence (of the Risen Lord) to be properly proclaimed and lived, it is not enough that the disciples of Christ pray individually and commemorate the death and Resurrection of Christ inwardly, in the secrecy of their hearts. Those who have received the grace of baptism are not saved as individuals alone, but as members of the Mystical Body, having become part of the People of God. It is important therefore that they come together to express fully the very identity of the Church, the ekklesia, the assembly called together by the Risen Lord who offered his life 'to reunite the scattered children of God' (Jn 11:52)."



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."

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AROUND OUR PARISH



"May the Lord Smile on You and be Gracious to You"

ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR!
ANTONIO TAFFARO
 Thank you for your dedication and service!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
 2019 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!**

WE RETURN TO GOD FROM WHAT HE HAS GIVEN US
 We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us.
 In gratitude, we have returned to Him:

April 6th & 7th

Attendance: 346
 Offertory: \$3119.25
 Online Giving: \$ 220.00
 Budget: \$3500.00
 \$ 160.75

April 13th & 14th

**The collection
 totals were
 unavailable at
 time of print and
 will be published
 at a future date.**

Poor Box: \$87.77

Thank you for your generosity and spirit of caring!

In observance of the
 Triduum & Easter the office will
 close at noon Holy Thursday and
 will remain closed thru Monday
 April 22nd

LOLO'S OYSTER FESTIVAL
 LOLO'S OYSTER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE IS
 REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING
 DONATIONS IN April:
Aluminum Foil
Heavy Duty Paper Plates
 Please leave donations in back of the church.

Religious Education
Religion Education Class Schedule
 Easter Sunday April 21, 6th - 11th grade **No Class**
 Tuesday April 23, 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. 1st - 5th grades
 Sunday April 28, 10:00a.m.- noon 6th - 11th grade
(Last Class)

Bulletin Deadline: 3:00 pm, every Thursday (1 wk. Before scheduled bulletin date)



Easter Memorial Flowers

**Tommie Dunn, Jr.
Arnold & Geraldine Davillier
Maggie Washington
Isaiah Washington
Elvin Green
Walter "Nayko" Alfonso
Floyd Landry, Sr.
Floyd Landry, Jr.
Bernard Shaw Family
August Nunez Family
Conchetta B. Hausse
Charlotte Morales
Aduolph & Mary Toche
Arthur & Mary Couture
Jim & Jan Walerius
Theresa Fountain
William Toche
Michael E. Voss
Mr. & Mrs. Morris L. Rodriguez, Sr
Mr. & Mrs. Charles V. Michalik, Sr.
Kathy T. Salles
Joshua J. DeJean
Salvadore Duhe
Rita C. Macaluso
Dufour & Long Family
Ethel & Walter Kattengell
Grace Carroll
Merrill Perez
Donald & Jeanette Evans**

**Trent Mokry
Lorraine Lafrance
Arthur L. Lafrance, Sr.
Coby Allums
Comardelle Family
Matherine Family
Leatrice Landry
Mary Jean Alfonso
Anthony & Angelina Moley
Anthony & Marie Di Bartolo
Roy E. Fernandez, Jr.
Alma Bazile
Onyx Arrington
Ruth Maltoof
Shellie Pentney Critten
Reverend John Arnone
Carolyn LeBlanc
Hellen I Kettelberger
Charles M. Kettelberger, Jr.
Rita & Jules LeBlanc
Mercy & Leo Leblanc
Agnes LeBlanc
Chad Choina
Rodney Heffon
Elton J. "Jock" Leblanc
Gatien J. Livaudais, Jr.
Reed Henderson
Nide & Doris Martin**

**Deceased Family Members of Lidor & Gatien Livaudais
Deceased Family Members of Lucille & George Armstrong
Deceased Family Members of Reed Henderson
Deceased Family Members of Nide & Doris Martin**

Nine Day Novena to the Divine Mercy (continued)



5th Day (Easter Tuesday) "Today bring to Me the Souls of those who have separated themselves from My Church, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. During My bitter Passion they tore at My Body and Heart, that is, My Church. As they return to unity with the Church My wounds heal and in this way they alleviate My Passion." Most Merciful Jesus, Goodness Itself, You do not refuse light to those who seek it of You. Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Church. Draw them by Your light into the unity of the Church, and do not let them escape from the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart; but bring it about that they, too, come to glorify the generosity of Your mercy. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls of those who have separated themselves from Your Son's Church, who have squandered Your blessings and misused Your graces by obstinately persisting in their errors. Do not look upon their errors, but upon the love of Your own Son and upon His bitter Passion, which He underwent for their sake, since they, too, are enclosed in His Most Compassionate Heart. Bring it about that they also may glorify Your great mercy for endless ages. Amen.

6th Day (Easter Wednesday) "Today bring to Me the Meek and Humble Souls and the Souls of Little Children, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls most closely resemble My Heart. They strengthened Me during My bitter agony. I saw them as earthly Angels, who will keep vigil at My altars. I pour out upon them whole torrents of grace. I favor humble souls with My confidence." Most Merciful Jesus, You yourself have said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart all meek and humble souls and the souls of little children. These souls send all heaven into ecstasy and they are the heavenly Father's favorites. They are a sweet-smelling bouquet before the throne of God; God Himself takes delight in their fragrance. These souls have a permanent abode in Your Most Compassionate Heart, O Jesus, and they unceasingly sing out a hymn of love and mercy. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon meek souls, upon humble souls, and upon little children who are enfolded in the abode which is the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls bear the closest resemblance to Your Son. Their fragrance rises from the earth and reaches Your very throne. Father of mercy and of all goodness, I beg You by the love You bear these souls and by the delight You take in them: Bless the whole world, that all souls together may sing out the praises of Your mercy for endless ages. Amen.

7th Day (Easter Thursday) "Today bring to Me the Souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy, and immerse them in My mercy. These souls sorrowed most over my Passion and entered most deeply into My spirit. They are living images of My Compassionate Heart. These souls will shine with a special brightness in the next life. Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death." Most Merciful Jesus, whose Heart is Love Itself, receive into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls of those who particularly extol and venerate the greatness of Your mercy. These souls are mighty with the very power of God Himself. In the midst of all afflictions and adversities they go forward, confident of Your mercy; and united to You, O Jesus, they carry all mankind on their shoulders. These souls will not be judged severely, but Your mercy will embrace them as they depart from this life. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls who glorify and venerate Your greatest attribute, that of Your fathomless mercy, and who are enclosed in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. These souls are a living Gospel; their hands are full of deeds of mercy, and their hearts, overflowing with joy, sing a canticle of mercy to You, O Most High! I beg You O God: Show them Your mercy according to the hope and trust they have placed in You. Let there be accomplished in them the promise of Jesus, who said to them that during their life, but especially at the hour of death, the souls who will venerate this fathomless mercy of His, He, Himself, will defend as His glory. Amen.

8th Day (Easter Friday) "Today bring to Me the Souls who are in the prison of Purgatory, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. Let the torrents of My Blood cool down their scorching flames. All these souls are greatly loved by Me. They are making retribution to My justice. It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice." Most Merciful Jesus, You Yourself have said that You desire mercy; so I bring into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart the souls in Purgatory, souls who are very dear to You, and yet, who must make retribution to Your justice. May the streams of Blood and Water which gushed forth from Your Heart put out the flames of Purgatory, that there, too, the power of Your mercy may be celebrated. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon the souls suffering in Purgatory, who are enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. I beg You, by the sorrowful Passion of Jesus Your Son, and by all the bitterness with which His most sacred Soul was flooded: Manifest Your mercy to the souls who are under Your just scrutiny. Look upon them in no other way but only through the Wounds of Jesus, Your dearly beloved Son; for we firmly believe that there is no limit to Your goodness and compassion. Amen.

9th Day (Easter Saturday) "Today bring to Me the Souls who have become Lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. These souls wound My Heart most painfully. My soul suffered the most dreadful loathing in the Garden of Olives because of lukewarm souls. They were the reason I cried out: 'Father, take this cup away from Me, if it be Your will.' For them, the last hope of salvation is to run to My mercy." Most compassionate Jesus, You are Compassion Itself. I bring lukewarm souls into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart. In this fire of Your pure love, let these tepid souls who, like corpses, filled You with such deep loathing, be once again set aflame. O Most Compassionate Jesus, exercise the omnipotence of Your mercy and draw them into the very ardor of Your love, and bestow upon them the gift of holy love, for nothing is beyond Your power. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon lukewarm souls who are nonetheless enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. Father of Mercy, I beg You by the bitter Passion of Your Son and by His three-hour agony on the Cross: Let them, too, glorify the abyss of Your mercy. Amen.