

Diary of St. Faustina, 1485. The mercy of God, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the voice of the Lord who speaks to us from the throne of mercy: **Come to Me, all of you.**

Conversation of the Merciful God with a Sinful Soul.

Jesus: **Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish his graces on you. How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon My hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart.**

Soul: Lord, I hear your voice calling me to turn back from the path of sin, but I have neither the strength nor the courage to do so.

Jesus: **I am your strength, I will help you in the struggle.**

Soul: Lord, I recognize your holiness, and I fear You.

Jesus: **My child, do you fear the God of mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth—the tabernacle—and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace.**

Soul: Lord, I doubt that You will pardon my numerous sins; my misery fills me with fright.

Jesus: **My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of my goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give me pleasure if you hand over to me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace.**

Soul: You have conquered, O Lord, my stony heart with Your goodness. In trust and humility I approach the

tribunal of Your mercy, where You yourself absolve me by the hand of your representative. O Lord, I feel Your grace and Your peace filling my poor soul. I feel overwhelmed by Your mercy, O Lord. You forgive me, which is more than I dared to hope for or could imagine. Your goodness surpasses all my desires. And now, filled with gratitude for so many graces, I invite You to my heart. I wandered, like a prodigal child gone astray; but you did not cease to be my Father. Increase Your mercy toward me, for You see how weak I am.

Jesus: **Child, speak no more of your misery; it is already forgotten. Listen, My child, to what I desire to tell you. Come close to My wounds and draw from the Fountain of Life whatever your heart desires. Drink copiously from the Fountain of Life and you will not weary on your journey. Look at the splendors of My mercy and do not fear the enemies of your salvation. Glorify My mercy.**

Diary, 1488.

Conversation of the Merciful God with a Soul Striving after Perfection.

Jesus: **I am pleased with your efforts, O soul aspiring for perfection, but why do I see you so often sad and depressed? Tell Me, My child, what is the meaning of this sadness, what is its cause?**

Soul: Lord, the reason for my sadness is that, in spite of my sincere resolutions, I fall again into the same faults. I make resolutions in the morning, but in the evening I see how much I have departed from them.

Jesus: **You see, My child, what you are of yourself. The cause of your falls is that you rely too much upon yourself and too little on Me. But let this not sadden you so much. You are dealing with the God of mercy, which your misery cannot exhaust. Remember, I did not allot only a certain number of pardons.**

Soul: Yes, I know all that, but great temptations assail me, and various doubts awaken within me and, moreover, everything irritates and discourages me.

Jesus: **My child, know that the greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and exaggerated anxiety. These will deprive you of the ability to practice virtue. All temptations united together ought not disturb your interior peace, not even momentarily. Sensitiveness and discouragement are the fruits of**

self-love. You should not become discouraged, but strive to make my love reign in place of your self-love. Have confidence, My child. Do not lose heart in coming for pardon, for I am always ready to forgive you. As often as you beg for it, you glorify My mercy.

Soul: I understand what is the better thing to do, what pleases You more, but I encounter great obstacles in acting on this understanding.

Jesus: My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for My kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life—for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My goodness.

Soul: O Lord, I feel my heart being filled with Your love and the rays of Your mercy and love piercing my soul. I go, Lord, at Your command. I go to conquer souls. Sustained by Your grace, I am ready to follow You, Lord, not only to Tabor, but also to Calvary. I desire to lead souls to the fount of Your mercy so that the splendor of Your mercy may be reflected in all souls, and the home of our Father be filled to overflowing. And when the enemy begins to attack me, I shall take refuge behind the shield of Your mercy.

Jesus: Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy.

Let souls who are striving for perfection particularly adore My mercy, because the abundance of graces which I grant them flows from My mercy. I desire that these souls distinguish themselves by boundless trust in My mercy. I Myself will attend to the sanctification of such souls. I will provide them with everything they will need to attain sanctity. The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is—trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My mercy into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. On the other hand, I am sad when souls ask for little, when they narrow their hearts.

The Beatitudes of Christ

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are the meek for they shall possess the earth.
3. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
8. Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Above is what Jesus teaches. These are His standards for us. The standards of the world regard selfish sensuality (using the five senses selfishly for things not of God), which puffs up the “unholy trinity”—me, myself, and I. See the comparisons below.

Standards of Christ versus

Standards of This World

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, that is, those detached from earthly things and who love the humble condition of the poor.
 1. Be a successful person, that is, one who makes a lot of money.
2. Blessed are the meek.
 2. Get things your own way.
3. Blessed are they who mourn.
 3. You have a right to enjoy life.
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after justice, that is, not after the things of this world, but the grace of God and all that goes with it.
 4. Love the things of this world.
5. Blessed are the merciful.
 5. Get even with those that hurt you, and you have a right to hold a grudge.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, that is, those whose hearts are clean of desire for pleasure and who desire only God.
 6. Seek pleasure of all kinds.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers.
 7. Am I my brother's keeper? I'm in this world for me.
8. Blessed are they who suffer persecution.
 8. Avoid all suffering, and if it comes, complain about it.

Summary: Blessed are those who want to glorify God and be instruments to save souls, for they do not desire earthly honor, power, wealth, and pleasure.

March 15: Fish Fry Moneymaker for those Going to Steubenville of the Rockies at Our Lady of the Snow

At Our Lady, there will be a fish fry and all proceeds will help our high schoolers attend the Steubenville of the Rockies Conference. Come for the fish dinner and fellowship at 5:30 p.m.; then Stations begin at 6:45.

Friday Meatless Suppers and Stations of the Cross

- St. Peter:** Stations, 6:30 p.m.; soup/bread supper, 7:35 March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12 (Stations are bilingual)
- St. Anne:** Soup/bread supper, 5:30 p.m. Stations, 6:45 March 22, 29; April 5, 12
- Our Lady:** Soup/bread supper, 5:30 p.m. Stations, 6:45 March 15 (Fish Fundraiser dinner); April 12
- St. Bernard:** Soup/bread supper, 5:30 p.m. Stations, 6:45 March 29

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. –Luke 4:1-2

Do you pray to the Holy Spirit every day, so that you can be led by the Spirit?

Prayer to the Holy Spirit (by St. Augustine)

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.
Move in me, Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,
that I may love only what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,
that I may defend all that is holy.
Protect me, Holy Spirit,
that I may always be holy. Amen.

Coffee and Donuts; StB, Sunday, March 10

Please join us for coffee and donuts after 7 a.m. Mass.

Traditional Marriage Crusade at St. Peter, March 23

Please join the 2019 Traditional Marriage Crusade in support of traditional marriage. We must ask God to save America. The Rosary with the intercession of St. Mary and St. Joseph is very powerful.

Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, March 23 at 12:00 noon, at St. Peter, Kremmling. There will be 3,000 Rosary Rallies going on across the country.

Contact Kathy Reliford at 309-648-4822 for more information.

Wisdom of The Dialogue of St. Catherine

Summary of Chapter 9. Interior virtues (custody of the eyes, deciding to live interior silence to hear the Lord, etc.) are more pleasing to God than exterior works and penances (giving up chocolate or beer for Lent). Exterior penances are supposed to help us grow in virtue, not to say, “Look what I did.” Exterior penances are just instruments to grow in virtue. We are supposed to focus

more on the growth in virtue than the actual penance or cross we carry.

Humility is the soul’s true knowledge of herself (strengths/weaknesses) and the goodness of God. The soul gives glory and praise to God’s name for all graces and gifts, knowing all comes from God.

Lack of humility is lack of discernment. A soul without discernment robs God of His honor and, instead, gives herself glory. This soul likes to complain and blame God and neighbor for her problems.

Calendar of Events

- Mar 15 (Fri).** Stations of the Cross at StP and OLS
- Mar 23 (Sat).** Rosary Rally for Traditional Marriage, StP
- Apr 20-21. Easter** schedule in next week’s bulletin
- Apr 27-28 (Sat-Sun).** USAFA Cadet Choir, take two!
The cadets want to try to come again.
- Jun 16-21, (Sun-Fri).** *Totus Tuus* (VBS), at OLS

Mass Collections, Mar 2 – 3

St. Anne	\$ 1427
St. Bernard	1931
Our Lady of the Snow	1593
St. Peter	712
St. Ignatius	----
Total	\$ 5663

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

- Sat**—Paolo Mori & Michael Pitio
- Sun**—R.D. Braz & Patrick DiLoreto
- Mon**—Jhan Sainea & Daniel Pereira
- Tue**—Manuel Alarcon & Guilherme Da Silva
- Wed**—Micah Flores & Kevin Kasel
- Thu**—Sile Kone & Trevor Lontine
- Fri**—Men and women applying for formation

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;
OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

- Sat, Mar 9, StA, 5 p.m., David and Laura Haber Family
- Sat, Mar 9, StB, 4 p.m., Tim and Trish McNutt
- Sat, Mar 9, StB, 5:30 p.m., People in our region/visitors
- Sun, Mar 10, StB, 7 a.m., Barry and Aimee Kroneberger
- Sun, Mar 10, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Jordan and Victoria Goray

Weekday Masses

- Mon, Mar 11, StA, 8:30 a.m., David and Laura Haber
- Tue, Mar 12, OLS, 7:30 a.m., John and Cynthia Corlett
- Wed, Mar 13, StB, 8:30 a.m., Richard and Maureen Graff
- Thu, Mar 14, OLS, 8:30 a.m.,** Peter/Kathleen Brownell
- Fri, Mar 15, OLS, 8:30 a.m.,** David/Judy Culbertson

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

KEY: StP = St. Peter; StI = St. Ignatius (Walden)

- Sun, Mar 10, StP, 10 a.m., People in our region/visitors
- Sun, Mar 10, StI, 1 p.m., Mark and Debbie Goulette
- Fri, Mar 15, StP, 5:30 p.m., [TLM],** Special Intention