# The Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine



# Divine Mercy of the Sacred Heart

The death of Pope Francis is a moment of both great sadness and profound gratitude for his extraordinary legacy left to the church. Of the many things I personally feel indebted to him for, his last encyclical on the Sacred Heart (Dilexit nos) of Jesus is a must read for this special Sunday commemorating the divine mercy of Christ.

"'He loved us', Saint Paul says of Christ (cf. Rom 8:37), in order to make us realize that nothing can ever "separate us" from that love (Rom 8:39)": Thus begins Pope Francis' fourth Encyclical, which takes its title from the opening words, Dilexit nos. The Encyclical is dedicated to the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ:

"His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us His love and friendship," the Pope writes in the introductory paragraph. "For 'He loved us first' (cf. 1 Jn 4:10). Because of Jesus, 'we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us' (1 Jn 4:16)."

Of the many things we can glean from this profound reflection, In our societies, the Pope writes, "Christianity often forgets "the tender consolations of faith, the joy of serving others, the fervor of personal commitment to mission" (88). Indifference and "forgetting to shed tears of compassion" are the illnesses of our time. He calls for a renewal of "authentic devotion" (163) to the Sacred Heart.



# April 27, 2025 Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

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## Fatima Shrine News

Sunday Collections April 20<sup>th</sup>: \$1,953.00 Thank you for your generosity

Many thanks to those who came to pray during our 24-Hour Adoration

and who supported the event. In particular our prayers for Pope Francis during his funeral were beautiful.

May 2-4, 10 am - 3 am we are asking for volunteers to spruce up the shrine gardens for the Spring. Sign up at https://bit.ly/fatimagardencleanup or call the office.

Our famous Sequoia tree trunk, dating back to 400 BC, is getting a.

a new home. We are grateful to friends at Gleeson Power in Southboro for their very kind gift.

**Easter Flower Memorials** wants also to remember John Patrick Murphy, Albert Palumbo, Carol & James Lucas and Robert Hudon.

The Festival of Rivdan, a special Baha'i celebration will take place at the shrine as a special interfaith opportunity to find inspiration from each other. Join us at 3 pm in the shrine hall.

## Weekly Celebrations

#### **SUNDAY**

10 AM MASS IN THE SHRINE CHURCH

#### **SATURDAY**

10 AM MASS IN THE SHRINE CHURCH CONFESSIONS 3 PM - 4 PM

#### **MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

7:30 AM MASS IN CONFORTI CHAPEL

#### WEDNESDAY CONFESSIONS

6 PM - 7 PM IN THE SHRINE CHURCH

#### **DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

7:30 AM IN CONFORTI CHAPEL 12:10 PM IN SHRINE CHURCH

#### **LECTIO DIVINA**

**EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:30 AM** 

#### **PAX CHRISTI**

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 4 PM IN THE UPPER ROOM

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 10 AM**

+ Joseph Horrigan

#### MONDAY, APRIL 28, 7:30 AM

+ Joao Gomes & Alilcar Carneiro, Laurinda Valenca & Domingos Dos Santos.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 7:30 AM

+ Souls of Purgatory

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 7:30 AM

Hugo & Mariana D'Abrosio Jr

#### THURSDAY, MAY 1, 7:30 AM

+ Joao Gomes & Alilcar Carneiro, Laurinda Valenca & Domingos Dos Santos.

#### **FRIDAY, MAY 2, 7:30 AM**

Healing for Mary Lou Risso

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 3, 10 AM**

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