

Five Weeks Before

Complete all bulletin submissions for the Sunday of Divine Mercy. This includes the bulletin announcement for the Divine Mercy Novena, information on abortion healing for the Sunday of Divine Mercy, and advertisements for the Prayer Service for Forgiveness and Healing. Make copies of the prayers for the prayer service. (These are available online). Begin advertising the event on bulletin boards, in newsletters, and on social media and parish and/or diocesan websites.

Three Weeks Before

- ◆ Reconnect with appropriate parish staff regarding your bulletin submissions. Touch base with your pastor to offer further assistance and to confirm any plans you may have made. This is the time to tie up any loose ends, verify that all content has been received by those who need it, confirm with your volunteers, and determine if there are any follow-up tasks to be completed. Having all these tasks completed prior to Holy Week will allow you to fully enter into this special liturgical season and celebrate Christ's Resurrection at Easter!
- ◆ If you have obtained the necessary permission, hang the Project Rachel Ministry flyer in appropriate places around your parish. Tear off two or three of the tabs from each flyer before putting it up. (This makes it less intimidating for those who want to take a tab to do so.)

Two Weeks Before

Touch base with volunteers and take care of any last-minute tasks.

Friday Before the Sunday of Divine Mercy

Check your Project Rachel Ministry flyers located around the parish. Do any need to be replaced? Perhaps most of the pull-tabs have already been removed. Make sure any flyers that need to be refreshed are ready in advance of the Sunday of Divine Mercy.

Monday After the Sunday of Divine Mercy

Following the Sunday of Divine Mercy, check your Project Rachel flyers located around the parish. If any are running low on pull-off tabs, hang up replacement flyers in case someone who wanted a pull-off tab didn't get a chance to take one yet.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Mercy Novena

(Suggested Weekend: Weekend of Palm Sunday)

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, [date], and concludes Saturday, [date]. In private revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The novena can be accessed online at www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php.

Sunday of Divine Mercy

(Suggested Weekend: Weekend of the Sunday of Divine Mercy)

◆ Option 1

This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. Women and men alike who have been involved in an abortion may feel deep grief, guilt, anxiety, depression, broken relationships and a sense of alienation from God and the Church. They may experience anniversary reactions to the date of the abortion or what would have been the baby's due date. For anyone struggling with this, the Church cares. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider confidential, compassionate help from our diocesan abortion healing ministry. It is open to those of any faith or no faith, offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. **[Insert contact information for local diocesan abortion healing ministry. If, after contacting your diocese, you learn the diocese does not have one, you could include the following instead: "Visit the "Find Help" map on HopeAfterAbortion.org to find the diocesan ministry near you."]**

◆ Option 2

This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God never ceases offering us His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](https://www.HopeAfterAbortion.org).

Prayer Service for Forgiveness and Healing
(Suggested Weekends: Beginning three weeks before the scheduled event.)

Please join us at [time] on [date] for a Prayer Service for Forgiveness and Healing to pray for all who have participated in abortion. Questions? Contact [name] at [email or phone number].

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Mercy Novena

(Suggested Weekend:
Weekend of Palm Sunday)

Please join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena beginning this week on Good Friday. Private revelation holds that Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy would be preceded by this novena. See the bulletin for more information.

Prayer Service for Forgiveness and Healing
(Suggested Weekend:
Weekend before the event.)

Please join us at [time] on [date] for a Prayer Service for Forgiveness and Healing to pray for all who have been involved in abortion. See the bulletin for more information.

or

Please join us at [time] on [date] for a Prayer Service for Forgiveness and Healing. We will pray that all those who have been wounded by participation in abortion may find forgiveness and healing in God's tender mercy. See the bulletin for more information.

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▶ INTERCESSIONS

These sample intercessions were written for use on the Sunday of Divine Mercy; however, many can be used throughout the year. These intentions are appropriate for inclusion in the Prayer of the Faithful at Sunday Mass, but can also be used elsewhere. For example, they could be printed in the weekly bulletin, featured in email newsletters, shared on social media platforms, or prayed during personal or family prayer times.

May all who suffer from participating in abortion hear of the infinite mercy of our Savior and receive His healing, hope and peace;
We pray to the Lord:

May all who suffer from participating in abortion turn to God's loving forgiveness;
We pray to the Lord:

For all whose hearts ache from the sin of abortion: That God will soothe and heal them with the balm of his Divine Mercy;
We pray to the Lord:

For men and women afraid to confess their participation in abortion: May the assurance of God's limitless mercy give them courage to seek forgiveness and healing;
We pray to the Lord: