



Maria Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament, OLM (born Helena Kowalska; 25 August 1905 – 5 October 1938) was a Polish Catholic religious sister and mystic. Faustyna, popularly spelled "Faustina", had apparitions of Jesus Christ which inspired the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy, therefore she is sometimes called the "secretary" of Divine Mercy. Throughout her life, Kowalska reported having visions of Jesus and conversations with him, which she noted in her diary, later published as *The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul*. Her biography, submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, quoted some of the conversations with Jesus regarding the Divine Mercy devotion.

At the age of 20 years, she joined

a convent in Warsaw. She was later transferred to Płock and then to Vilnius, where she met Father Michał Sopoćko, who was to be her confessor and spiritual director, and who supported her devotion to the Divine Mercy. With this priest's help, Kowalska commissioned an artist to paint the first Divine Mercy image, based on her vision of Jesus. Father Sopoćko celebrated Mass in the presence of this painting on Low Sunday, also known as the Second Sunday of Easter or (as established by Pope John Paul II), Divine Mercy Sunday. The Catholic Church canonized Kowalska as a saint on 30 April 2000. The mystic is classified in the liturgy as a virgin and is venerated within the church as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy". Her tomb is in the Divine Mercy Sanctuary, Kraków, where she spent the end of her life and met confessor Józef Andrzej, who also supported the message of mercy.

Entering a Warsaw convent

In 1924, at the age of 18 and a half, Kowalska went with her sister Natalia to a dance in a park in Łódź. Kowalska said that at the dance, she had a vision of a suffering Jesus, who she believed asked her: 'How long shall I put up with you and how long will you keep putting Me off?' She then went to the Łódź Cathedral, where, as she later said, Jesus instructed her to depart for Warsaw immediately and to enter a convent. She took a train for Warsaw, some 85 miles (137 km) away, without asking her parents' permission and despite the fact that she knew nobody in Warsaw. The only belongings she took were the dress that she was wearing.

In 1925, Kowalska worked as a housemaid to save the money she needed, making deposits at the convent throughout the year and was finally accepted, as the Mother Superior had promised. On 30 April 1926, at the age of 20 years, she was clothed in the habit and received the religious name *Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament*. Richard Torretto sees it as the feminine form of the name of a Roman martyr Faustinus, who was killed in AD 120.^[12] In April 1928, having completed the novitiate, she took her first religious vows as a nun, with her parents attending the rite. From February to April 1929, she was posted to the convent in Vilnius, then in Poland, and now the capital of Lithuania, where she served as a cook. Although her first posting to Vilnius was short, she returned there later and met the priest Michał Sopoćko, who supported her mission. A year after her first return from Vilnius, in May 1930, she was transferred to the convent in Płock, Poland, for almost two years.

St Francis de Paula Parish

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Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers



November 16, 2025

33rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Mass Times:

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday: Mass 11:00am

Weekdays:

Mass: 8:00am Wednesday & Friday

Communion Service: 8:00am
Tuesday & Thursday

1st Friday of the Month Anointing: Holy Days: 8:00 am Mass
and 6:00 pm (Mass)

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10am-12am & 1pm - 3pm

PRE-BAPTISM: Contact Office

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: To schedule Call Barbara Reay

575-430-4547

MARRIAGE: There is a six-month preparation period

CONFESSION: Will be Thursday's 4pm-6pm EXCEPT the Thursday BEFORE 1st Friday

Thrift Store: Tuesday 9:00am-2:00pm

Food Pantry: Wednesday 3:00pm-5:00pm

Mass Intentions must go through the office.

If you would like to add anything into the bulletin (funerals, anniversary, birthdays, etc. please send a text message to Brianna at 575-921-1025 or contact the office **No later than Wednesday!**

Mass Intentions

Sat. Nov 15	Sun. Nov 16	Tues. Nov 18	Wed. Nov 19	Thurs. Nov 20	Fri. Nov 21	Sat. Nov 22	Sun. Nov 23
5:30pm	11:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	5:30pm	11:00am
† St Rita (special intention, Marvin Rowin (BD 11/18) Joe C Dominguez (Healing mass))	† St Rita (special intention), Mary & Sammy Brusuelas, Elisa Gutierrez (100th BDay)		† St Rita (special intention), Rose Dixon (Healing Mass)		† St Rita (special intention)	† Sylvia Pino (Healing Mass), Rudolfo & Albert Guerra	† Abie & Leo Maese

Please Pray for the sick in our Parish

Kelton Starr, Naomi Pino, Gloria Diaz, Manny Diaz, Debbie Williams, Geralyn Aragon, Sylvia Duran, Joe & Yvonne Padilla, Jude Lovato, Jeff Aragon, Larry Stansel, Gloria Gonzales, Andre Dorame, Robert Ruiz

ADORATION: Adorers needed for Monday 10am-11am. We also are in dire need of substitutes. If you cannot commit to an hour, PLEASE, consider becoming a sub. Contact Naomi at 575-551-2498.

Chapel Hours are from 8am-9pm Monday-Thursday, Friday's 8am-8pm

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 13th at 10am
Posole and Biscochitos after mass
in the Parish Hall.

Side Dishes are welcome !

All Souls Day—The month of November

Please bring photos of your loved ones into the Sacristy to be placed on the altar as we honor them for the month of November. Feel free to label them on the back and framed or unframed is welcome.

**FOR YOU WHO FEAR MY NAME,
THERE WILL ARISE THE SUN OF JUSTICE
WITH ITS HEALING RAYS**

Malachi 3:20

Ushers for the month of November

Saturday 5:30pm— David Pino

Sunday 11:00am— Gilbert Gaston

Alter Servers

Saturday 5:30pm — Sheacy Lathan,
EJ Padilla

Sunday 11:00am- Robert
Melendrez, Catherine & Michael
Guilliams, Andrew Gibbs

Sacristans for the Month of November

Saturday 5:30pm— Rose & Christine

Sunday 11:00am— Tim & Sally

Readers

Saturday, November 15th 5:30pm—
Steve & Liz Chavez

Sunday, November 16th 11:00am—
Maureen Smith

Weekend Total Regular Collection

11/9/2025— \$2,107.52

As a parish, we are asked to give our time, talents and treasures. As a household, we should tithe to our parish to keep up with things like utilities, building & equipment maintenance and repairs, salaries, office and church supplies. The past 3-4 years our parish has struggled, putting us \$25,000 below where we should be. We have recently had to upgrade the electrical, removal of asbestos for the school to be safe for the kids, new kneelers, replaced the carpet in the office, repaired the parish hall installed cameras, and fixed settling cracked walls. We need your help to reach our monthly, weekly and yearly goals. If each parishioner adds in an extra \$2 a week, that would help us reach our goals.

Thank you!



The Thrift Store has Christmas Lights, Trees, Cards, ornaments and trays! Make sure you stop by and get everything needed for Christmas!

Children's Mass Schedule 2025-2026

December 7, 2025

January 11, 2026

February 8, 2026

March 8, 2026



Are you registered in our church? Are you 18 or older? If you are not registered and are 18 or older, stop by the back or the church and fill out the form! This is important for our parish! Also put if you would like envelopes!

Novena

Wednesday, December 3rd—
Thursday, December 11th daily
at 4pm

Parents: For everyone's safety, please make sure you are going to the restroom with your young children.
Thank you!

This weeks readings can be found in the Missal on pages: 75-77