



TAMIL CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

April Newsletter

By: Angelin, Avina, Anusha

Upcoming Masses

- June 16th
Our lady of
Fatima Blue
Army Shrine
Pilgrimage
Washington.
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PRIEST'S MESSAGE

Dear TCA members,

Tamil Puthandu, also known as Puthuvarudam or Tamil New Year, is the first day of year on the Tamil calendar. The festival date is set with the solar cycle of the lunisolar Hindu calendar, as the first day of the Tamil month Chithirai. It therefore falls on or about 14 April every year on the Gregorian calendar. On this day, Tamil people greet each other by saying, “Puttāṇṭu vāḷttukkaḷ!” or “Iniya puttāṇṭu nalvāḷttukkaḷ!” which is equivalent to “Happy new year!”. The day is observed as a family time. Households clean up the house, prepare a tray with fruits, flowers and auspicious items, light up the family Puja altar and visit their local temples. People wear new clothes and youngster go to elders to pay respects and seek their blessings, then the family sits down to a vegetarian feast. Puthandu is also celebrated by Tamil outside Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, such as in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore, Reunion, Mauritius and other countries with Tamil diaspora. Tamil Catholic Association of USA Wishes all Tamil people around the world a HAPPY TAMIL NEW YEAR.

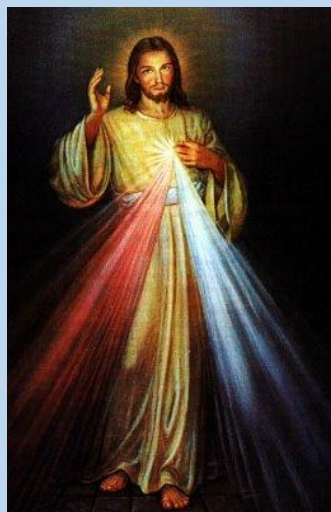
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The Meaning of the Divine Mercy Image





By: Angelin James

The Divine Mercy image remains an instrument of God's grace and has encouraged Christians all around the world to trust in the mercy of God. However, fully understanding the meaning behind the Divine Mercy image is crucial to receive more graces through this image. In order to do this, it is important to examine the writings of St. Faustina, regarding her vision of this image. Saint Faustina writes in her diary: "In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing; the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world" (Diary, 47)

The overall image of Divine Mercy is the risen Christ Jesus with hand and feet marked from his crucifixion. From his heart, a red and blue light shine, representing the blood and water flowing from His heart. Not only does this echo the blood and water gushing from his pierced after His crucifixion, but also the endless mercy which God provides us. The blue light or the water signifies the cleansing of souls and the red light or the blood symbolizes the life of the souls. These two concepts illustrated through this image demonstrate the graces and infinite mercy which God pours out unto the world, especially through sacraments such as Holy Eucharist and Baptism. All is all, through any way you see it, the Divine Mercy image remains a powerful instrument in revealing to people the ceaseless mercy.





Birthdays





Ahila Selvaraj	3/1
Albert Xavier Arulswamy	4/5
Allen Ramasamy	4/23
Amal Jayakumar	4/16
Angelin James	4/11
Anita Jayasingh Mathias	3/24
Anu Alex	3/18
Anush Coongha	4/15
Anusha Annah Mathias	4/13
Anusha Sabina	3/13
Anvsh Devadhasan	4/15
Arul Suji	3/22
Athalya Joseph	4/4
Austen Gabriel Pillai	4/27
Caroline Sebastian	4/18
Catherine Joseph	3/16
Christina Simpson	3/1
Claris Infanta	4/11
Cynthia	3/7
Cynthia Clement	3/9
Daniel Ganeshananda	3/3
Deepthi Baskar	3/17
Doss Britto	4/4
Eskalin Joe	4/7
Ethan Emmanuel	4/15
Jeevana Thevarajah	4/8
Jeffrey Kamal	4/14
Jenitta	4/8
Jeremy Earnest	4/7

Birthdays



Johana John Peter	4/24
John Anantha	3/8
Johnathan Paulraj	4/15
Jonas Kevin Peter	3/27
Joseph Earnest	3/30
Joseph Selwin	4/1
Joshna John Peter	4/24
Kavitha	3/6
Leanna Melner	4/12
Marc Mariyampillai	4/10
Michail David	4/18
Nevin Dhanaraj	3/22
Nirmal Sagayaraj	3/12
Patrick Gabriel Pillai	4/3
Praveena Vijayakumar	4/14
Raira Indra Anto	3/21
Rajasingam Jayasingam	3/6
Remus Liam	3/4
Ruban Soundrapandyan	4/10
Samson Selvaraj	4/25
Serene Anbu	3/20
Sheryl Christhuraj	4/25
Soosai M Raj	4/3
Stell Joseph	4/27
Tad Kamalappan	4/15
Tony Jose	3/18
Vimala Arockiaswamy	4/10





Ordination Day

Rev. John Berchmans	4/22
Rev. Sahaya Justus	4/14
Rev. Theesmas Pankiraj	4/22

Wedding Anniversaries

Agnel Bestus / Latha Bestus	4/22
Anton Antony Arockiasamy / Abini Cross	4/25
Anton Santha Vijayakumar / MaryAnn Vijayakumar	4/25
Felix Sebastian /	4/9
Francis Dhanaraj / Regina Dhanaraj	4/22
Joseph Earnest / Raji Earnest	4/11
Manikandan Radhakrishnan / Nirmala Robert	4/26
Paulraj Rathinasamy / Vimala Charles	4/17
Samson Selvaraj /	4/15
Stephen D Alex / Emerald Michael	4/18
Tad Kamalappan / Shibi Kamalappan	



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By Avina Mathias

Spring

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The winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time if singing has come . . . Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Help the bee find its way through the tulip!

