

About Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY

Sacred
Paschal Triduum



Today is **GOOD FRIDAY**, a day of abstinence and fasting.



It is a good time to **pray and keep the house quiet** from 12:00 pm when Jesus was crucified until 3:00 pm when He died on the Cross.

If possible, going to the Celebration of Lord's Passion is also a good thing for your children to experience. Once, for the veneration of the cross, in our parish we actually had a relic of the True Cross to kiss. An unforgettable moment.



Today we talk about this **special liturgy** that seems like Mass. . . but it is not.



The Divine Mercy Novena: Today is the day we're asked to begin this novena, continuing every day for a different intention which Our Lord revealed to St Faustina. You can sing it with us through the audio links.



You can **PRINT** off the day-by-day prayers.

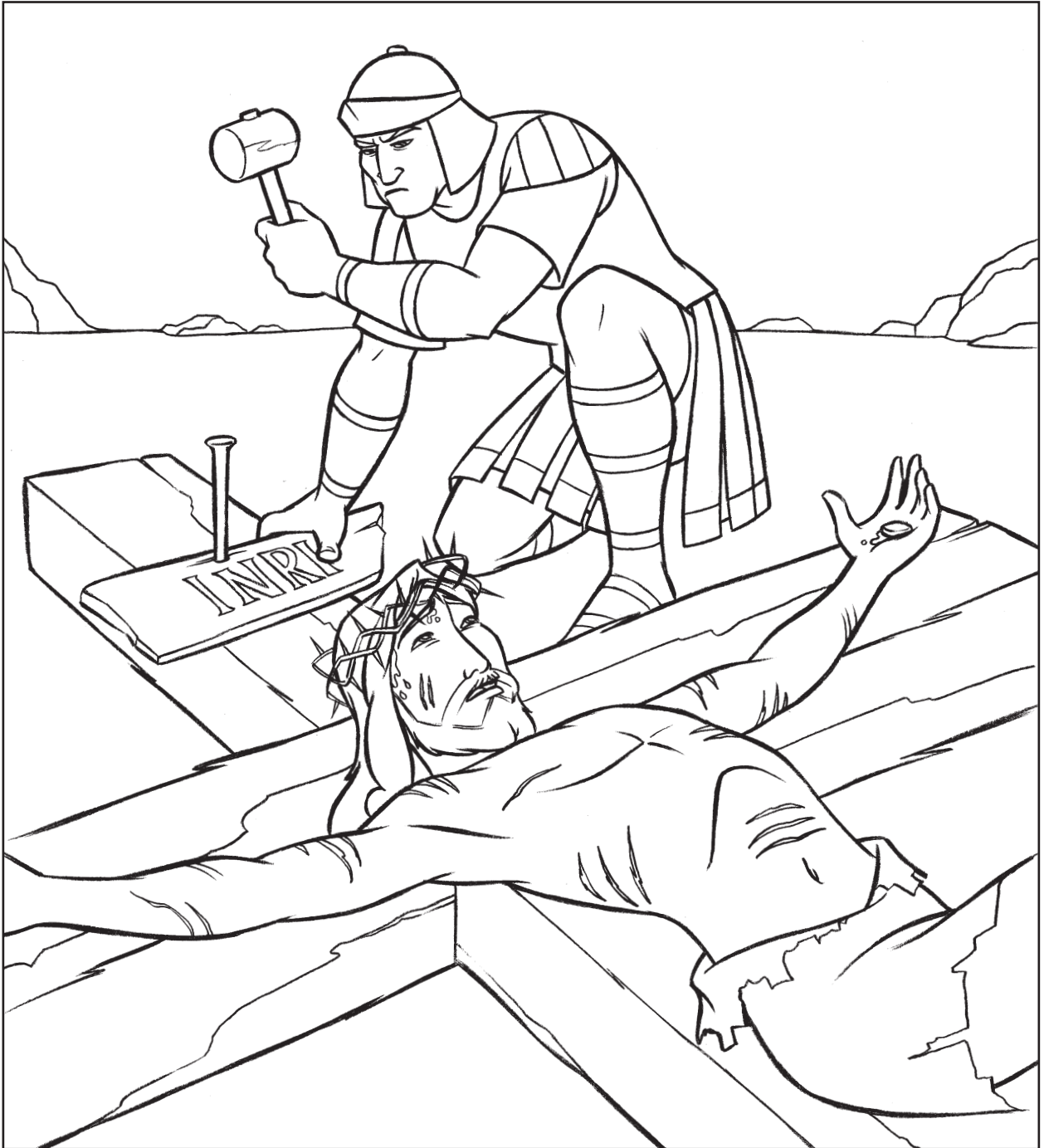


Our Stations of the Cross certification quiz: Starts today for a limited time!

You can earn SILVER or GOLD level certification and a certificate with YOUR NAME ON IT!

Remember, although Lent ended on Holy Thursday before the Mass of the Lord's Supper, there are still TWO MORE days of fasting and penance before Easter.





The Roman soldiers hold Jesus against His Cross, stretch Him out, and then pound heavy nails through His hands and feet. Then, like for all criminals, they also nail onto the cross above His head a sign with the crime He is being killed for:
“Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews.”

Why was Jesus crucified by the Romans?

Use the chart below to crack the code to find out!

Here's how: Find the letter to put in each blank in the questions below by following the first symbol across and the second symbol up in the chart. For example, $\triangle >$ is the letter M.

\bigcirc	A	B	C	D	E
\square	F	G	H	I	J
\triangle	K	L	M	N	O
\bigcirc	P	Q	R	S	T
\diamond	U	V	W	Y	Z
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1. The Jewish Sanhedrin found Jesus guilty of what crime?

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(which means they thought Jesus insulted God because He claimed to be equal to God)

The penalty for this crime was death—but the Romans did not allow the Jews to execute anyone. So, they brought Jesus to Pilate to ask him to put Jesus to death for a crime against Rome.

2. What crime did the Sanhedrin tell Pilate Jesus had committed?

They said Jesus claimed to be a ____ _
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Pilate said that he found Jesus was not guilty of any crime! But he was afraid of the crowds yelling to “Crucify Him!” so he went along with the crowd and condemned Jesus to die.

The crime of every criminal being crucified was written on the “titulus” above his head.

3. What did Pilate write was Jesus’ crime deserving of death?

Jesus the Nazorean, the ____ _ of the ____ _
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Liturgy Quiz

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Pay close attention today during the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, then answer these questions:

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are _____.
2. True or False: Music was played when priest came in.
3. What did the priest do when he approached the altar? _____
4. The 1st Reading is from the Book of:
a. Exodus b. Isaiah c. Numbers
5. Fill in the blank from the Responsorial Psalm:
"Father, into Your hands, I commend my _____."
6. The 2nd Reading is from the Letter to the:
a. Hebrews b. Corinthians c. Philippians
7. The Gospel Reading is "The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

BONUS 1: This Gospel was read in a way similar to what Sunday? _____

8. What happened after the prayers (which are called the "Solemn Intercessions")?
a. The liturgy ended, and all left in silence
b. The Adoration of the Holy Cross took place with each person coming up to it
c. Flowers were brought up to the altar to prepare for Easter

BONUS 2: On Good Friday, we genuflect (kneel down on one knee) towards what? _____

BONUS 3: Where did the Blessed Sacrament for Communion come from?

(Did the priest consecrate it on the altar like at Mass?)





Jesus wore a dazzling white robe with two rays of light, one red, the other pale, coming from His Heart. Jesus said, “Paint this image, with the words, ‘Jesus, I trust in You.’ The pale ray stands for the waters of Baptism, which makes souls pure and pleasing in My sight. The red ray stands for the blood I shed on the Cross.”

Divine Mercy Novena

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Divine Mercy Novena begins today.

Day 1



Jesus appeared many times to a nun in Poland named Saint Faustina. He asked her to spread a devotion to His Divine Mercy and to encourage people to pray certain prayers He taught her. These prayers are called “The Divine Mercy Chaplet.” You can learn how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at www.LentenAdventure.com.

Jesus especially asked her to encourage people to pray this chaplet as a novena beginning on Good Friday for specific intentions that Our Lord dictated to Saint Faustina. He said, “On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My Passion, for the graces for these souls.”

Here is the intention Jesus gave Saint Faustina for this first day of the novena:

“Today bring to Me all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.”



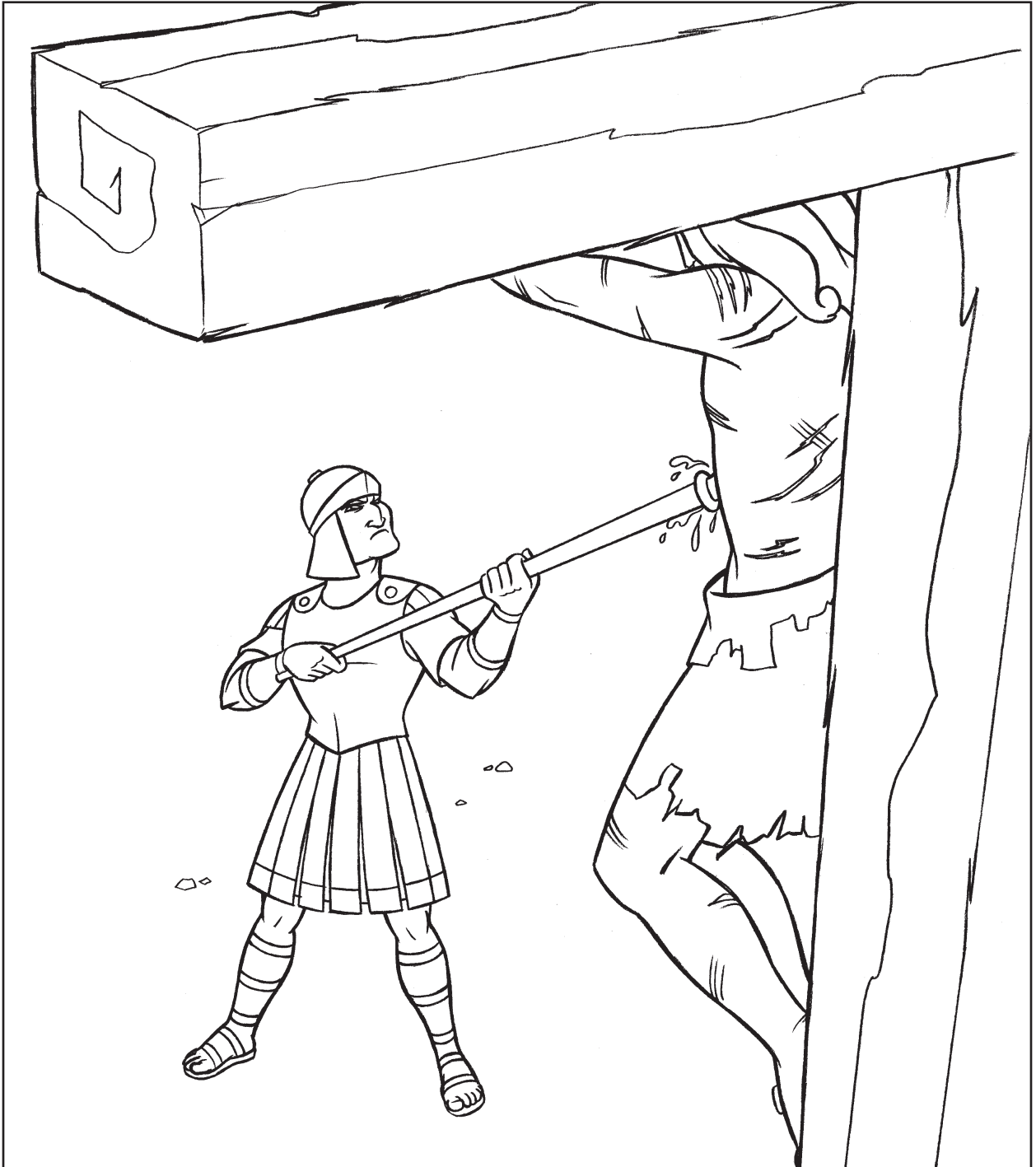
Here is a prayer that Jesus gave Saint Faustina that we can use for this intention:

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

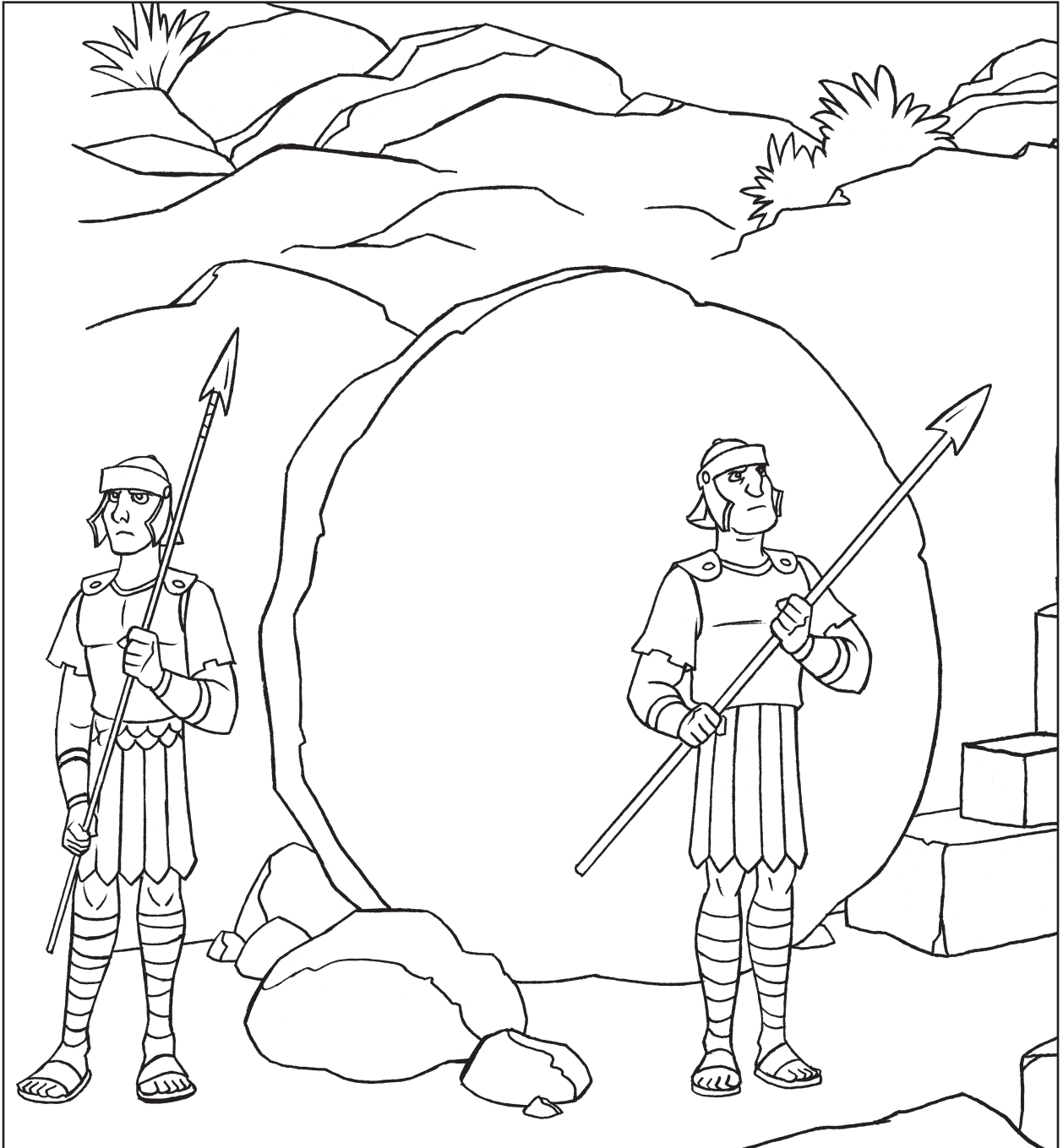
Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

To learn more about the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet, contact:

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Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Jewish council, takes courage and goes to Pilate to ask if he can take the body of Jesus from the Cross. Pilate says Joseph can have the body, but first a soldier takes a spear and pierces Jesus' side to make certain He is dead. Blood and water flow out.



Jesus is left alone in the tomb, and a large rock is rolled in front of it to close it. His mother and friends have done what they can for Him, so now they go away to celebrate the Sabbath, which God commanded them to keep holy. It is the time of the Passover, which the Jews celebrate each year in memory of God rescuing them from the Angel of Death in Egypt thousands of years before.