

# Feast of Atonement, Divine Mercy Sunday, and the Octave of Easter

Novena starts -----ends

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>Easter Tuesday</b>	<b>Easter Wednesday</b>	<b>Easter Thursday</b>	<b>Easter Friday</b>	<b>Easter Saturday</b>	<b>Octave of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	<b>“Grand Finale”</b>
Ritual is set for the sacrifice of Good Friday and Holy Communion	Christ offered as our Sacrificial Lamb for Atonement	waiting for the Christ to rise and the Easter Vigil.	Rising of Jesus. Institution of Confession <b>“Grand Opening”</b>	Just like another Sunday.	Just like another Sunday.	Just like another Sunday.	Just like another Sunday.	Just like another Sunday.	Just like another Sunday.		

Octave starts (the greatest feast in the Church, the Feast of Easter, 8 days of solemnities) ----- ends

Feast of Atonement starts (10 day feast, just like Old Testament) Holy Thursday to Octave of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy ----- ends

## Explanation of this concept

The Lord told Moses (Leviticus 16: 29-34, 23: 26-28) *And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins, once a year. “This is to be a lasting ordinance for you.... Because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the Lord, you will be clean from all your sins.* The people had to afflict (humble) themselves and offer a blood sacrifice.

To receive the forgiveness of sins and punishment on this, once a year feast (the Feast of Mercy/Octave of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy), we must go to Confession (humble ourselves) and receive Holy Communion (the Lord’s life-blood). This once a year feast is, as it was for the Jews, an annual preparation for the Judgment. The Jews still refer to the 10 days leading up to the Day of Atonement, as the “10 days of awe”. In the same way for us, the 10 day period from Holy Thursday to the Octave of Easter/Mercy Sunday, is most definitely the “10 days of awe”.

The Church has always taught the importance about octave celebrations. Like any big feasts, festivals or carnivals, the last day of the festivities is always the day that offers the “grand prize”. Because there is no greater feast in the world than Easter, it must offer the very greatest ‘grand prize’ of all: a straight ticket to Heaven. The Octave of Easter is the “grand finale” of the Easter feast, which holds within it, the gift of Easter. It is time to end the miss-conception that Divine Mercy Sunday takes away from Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday is the day where we receive the gifts of Easter, eternal life in Heaven. For more information visit [www.DivineMercySunday.com](http://www.DivineMercySunday.com) or call Robert R. Allard at 1-772-343-9475.