

**Mankind will not have peace until it turns
to the Fount of My Mercy.** *Diary of St Faustina, 699*

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Mercy is the central Nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which He revealed Himself in the Old Testament and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love.

*Pope Benedict XVI
Divine Mercy Sunday, 2008*

***This is the day the
LORD has made; let us
be glad and rejoice in it.***
Psalm 118:24

On [the Feast of Mercy] the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession* and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

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This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood.

1 Jn 5:6, Second Reading

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." ... Let those who fear the Lord say, "His mercy endures forever."
Ps 118:2-4, Responsorial

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Jn 20:20-23, Gospel Reading

* Confession in preparation for Easter is sufficient. However, one must be in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion worthily.

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Some of the roots of the spirituality of Divine Mercy and its chaplet.



TELL THE WORLD ABOUT MY MERCY. Pope John Paul II in his encyclical “Rich in Mercy” proclaims God’s Mercy is the message for our age: “The Church must consider it one of her principal duties – at every stage of history and especially in our modern age – to proclaim and to introduce into life the mystery of mercy, supremely revealed in Jesus Christ” (14).

Our Lord, in his words to St. Faustina, instructed that the whole world be told of His Mercy, and He promised to defend throughout their lives those who proclaim His mercy. (To *the left* is the image she saw of Jesus with the blood and water from his pierced heart symbolizing the divine mercy that his death revealed, and we receive in the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. *Below* is some of what Sr. Faustina heard during her visions. Pope John Paul II took from what she wrote, the inspiration to declare the Sunday following Easter *Divine Mercy Sunday*)

Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy (301). Do all you possibly can for this work of My mercy. I desire that My mercy be worshiped, and I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation; that is, recourse to My mercy (998).

I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls (1074). Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer:

“O blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You”.

Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire life as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a judge for them but the Merciful Savior. At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immerses itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it. (1075). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of Mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature “Jesus, I trust in You” (327). Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy (300).

The ABCs of Divine Mercy:

We must (1) Ask for mercy, (2) Be merciful to others, and (3) Have Complete trust in Jesus. We only have to ask and He forgives and strengthens us, and we receive His infinite, merciful love.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Divine Mercy

When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flow down upon your soul and ennoble it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon you soul.

When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy.