

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—April 28



Jesus, I Trust in You

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday highlights and amplifies the meaning of the Second Sunday of Easter. Liturgically, the Easter Octave has always been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Therefore, Divine Mercy Sunday points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery—the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ—made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the meaning of the Easter Octave.

Join us each evening at 6:30pm

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a **Novena to the Divine Mercy** which would begin on Good Friday. All are encouraged to pray the **Divine Mercy Novena** which begins on Good Friday, April 19th, and continues for nine days until Saturday, April 27th. Pamphlets are at the church entrance.

Please come and join in prayer each day of the novena in anticipation of the Feast of Divine Mercy. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at **6:30PM in the church each evening from April 19th through April 27th**. All are welcome!

Our Parish Celebration

For the **Feast of Divine Mercy (Sunday, April 28th)**, please join us at **3:00PM** in the church to venerate the Divine Mercy as a parish. Father Hector will hear Confessions during the Divine Mercy hour (3:00-4:00PM). During this hour, the Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed together, followed by brief meditations from Saint Faustina's diary about Jesus' mercy. All are welcome!

Divine Mercy devotion

What is the Divine Mercy devotion? Simply remember ABC:

- A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and the world.
- B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C** - Completely trust in Jesus. The graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

As Jesus told St. Faustina: *My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners...[I]t is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. (Diary, 367)*



Saint Faustina

Saint Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who lived from 1905-1938. She received private revelations from Our Lord concerning God's divine mercy. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina with rays of red and pale light streaming from the area around His heart. His right hand was raised in blessing, recalling the scene of Easter Sunday night (see John 20:19-23). He asked St. Faustina to have this vision painted along with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Special Graces

According to Saint Faustina's diary, Jesus Christ made a special promise, which she was to communicate to the whole world:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

In her diary, Saint Faustina records a promise from Our Lord of specific, extraordinary graces He will make available through the devout reception of Holy Communion on this Feast Day; truly a "whole ocean of graces" is contained in these promises:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).