



HOW TO CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—THE FEAST OF MERCY

Our Lord Speaks:

“Make known to souls the great mercy that I have for them and to exhort them to trust in the bottomless depths of My mercy.” (Diary 1567)

The Feast of Divine Mercy

The institution of the feast was requested by Jesus in 1931, while communicating His will during the painting of the Image of The Divine Mercy:

The Lord Speaks:

“I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy.” (Diary 49)

Why did Jesus appear at this time in history? Because there is no greater time than now that we need His divine mercy.

What is a Feast?

The church commemorates (honors) Jesus or our Lady or a Saint on special days known as Feasts. The Feast of Divine Mercy is a celebration of God’s mercy.

Why do we need Divine Mercy Sunday?

“Your sins and my sins” is the short answer! Mercy Sunday brings us Our Lord’s promise of an “ocean of graces” for souls, “especially for poor sinners,” and each of us as sinners most abundantly need the graces of the risen Christ to wash away those sins. Even those of us who are striving for holiness need deeper conversion and renewal. Sin is the problem, Divine Mercy is the answer. We would be foolish to ignore God’s gracious offer.

April 30, 2000, John Paul II announces the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.



Saint Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II said in his canonization of Sister Faustina, “It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the church, will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.”

The Pope said that this gift of mercy will be particularly needed in the third millennium. Mercy Sunday, as the main revelation that Jesus gave to St. Faustina, is the crowning of that gift of mercy for the whole world in our time.

What do you mean by the outpouring of graces on this day?

Our Lord told Faustina His desire to flood us

with His graces on that particular day.

Our Lord Speaks:

“This feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies.” (Diary 420)... **It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter... I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, 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.”** (Holy Communion) (Diary 699)

What is grace?

Grace is God sharing His life with us, so when there is an outpouring of grace, God is sharing an abundance of His life.

Our Lord Speaks:

“Whoever approaches the Fount of Life (Holy Communion) on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punish-

ment.” (Diary 300)

So through the feast of mercy, all is washed clean?

Yes, it’s like being baptized again. No purgatory, no punishment. Even though this sounds too good to be true, it’s God’s mercy in action.

What is purgatory?

Purgatory purifies us from venial sins and from all temporal punishment due to sin. Those in purgatory are different from the damned because they are essentially in union with God but it is an imperfect union. Purgatory purifies to make that union perfect.