

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church
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Divine Mercy Sunday
April 07, 2013



As Pastor of Christ the King Parish in Hollywood, I warmly invite you to celebrate The Divine Mercy Sunday on April 07, 2013. Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when ***“all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened”*** (*Diary 699*). Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

In Christ the King Church there is a special chapel with the Icon of Merciful Jesus blessed by John Paul II, whom from today we call Blessed John Paul II. This is why, for us, at Christ the King, this Divine Mercy Sunday is very special Feast.

To observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. **Celebrate** the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely **Repent** of all our sins;
3. Place our complete **Trust in Jesus**;
4. Go to **Confession**, preferably before the Divine Mercy Sunday;
5. Receive **Holy Communion** on the day of the Feast;
6. **Venerate the Image** of The Merciful Jesus
7. **Be merciful to others**, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

Your participation in this Feast, your presence in our Sanctuary of Divine Mercy expresses your devotion to Jesus the King of Mercy and your willingness to bring souls to the fountain of His Mercy.

Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Msgr. Paul Montoya'.

Rev. Msgr. Paul Montoya

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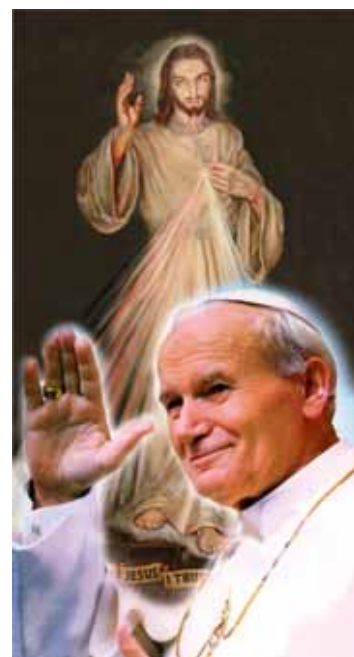
Among all of the forms of devotion to The Divine Mercy requested by our Lord through Saint Faustina, the Feast of Mercy holds first place. **There were 14 revelations concerning the desired feast.**

All the elements of the message and devotion to The Divine Mercy focus on the Feast of Mercy

Our Lord is asking for a Feast of His mercy to bring attention to the outpouring of the ocean of graces, and to His promise of the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, to the souls that will go to **Confession** and receive **Holy Communion**.

Priests are to proclaim the mercy of God. The Image of Jesus, the Merciful Savior, is to be blessed and venerated as a reminder to trust in Jesus and do works of mercy. And we are to **renew, ratify and seal the covenant of mercy by receiving Holy Communion.**

In preparing for the Feast of Mercy we are to make a novena of Chaplets to the Divine Mercy (beginning on Good Friday), and to **be purified by the sacrament of Reconciliation.**



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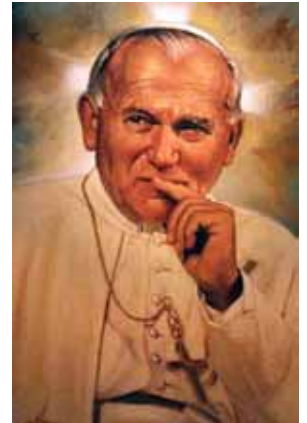
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Reflection: *"Divine Mercy in My Soul"*
- Stations of the Cross with Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
- Veneration of the Relics of St. Faustina and Blessed Michael Sopoćko

Let us thank the Lord for his love, which is stronger than death and sin. It is revealed and put into practice as mercy in our daily lives, and prompts every person in turn to have "mercy" towards the Crucified One. Is not loving God and loving one's neighbor and even one's "enemies", after Jesus' example, the program of life of every baptized person and of the whole Church? (*John Paul II*)

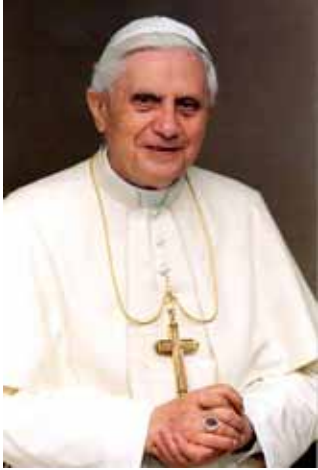
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On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. [...]

*The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy (*Diary 699*).*



- **This is a day of total forgiveness of sins for those who approach the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**
- **It is an annual celebration like the Day of Atonement. All sins and punishment would be washed away in His infinite mercy.**
- **Our Lord spoke to Sister Faustina about the special purpose of the feast as a "refuge and shelter for all souls" and described how His mercy was especially available to all who call upon it on that day.**
- **Jesus has attributed the power to remit sins and punishment to Holy Communion received on the Feast of Mercy, thereby elevating it to the rank of "Second Baptism".**



Every year in celebrating Easter we relive the experience of the first disciples of Jesus, the experience of the encounter with him risen: the Gospel of John tells that they saw him appear in their midst in the Upper Room on the evening of the very day of the Resurrection, “the first day of the week”, and subsequently eight days later (Jn 20:19, 26). That day, later called “the Lord’s Day”, was the day of the assembly of the Christian community which gathered for its own devotion, that is, to the Eucharist, a new form of worship which from the outset differed from the Judaic worship of the Sabbath. Indeed, the celebration of the Lord’s Day is a very strong proof of Christ’s Resurrection, for only an extraordinary and overwhelming event could have induced the first Christians to begin a form of worship that differed with regard to the Jewish Sabbath.

Then, as today, Christian worship is not only a commemoration of past events nor even a specific, inner mystical experience; rather, it is essentially an encounter with the Risen Lord who lives in the dimension of God beyond time and space, and yet becomes really present amidst the community, speaks to us in the Sacred Scriptures and breaks the bread of eternal life for us.

It is through these signs that we relive what the disciples experienced, that is, the event of seeing Jesus and at the same time of not recognizing him; of touching his body, a real body and yet free from earthly bonds.

What the Gospel says is very important: namely, that Jesus, in his two appearances to the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room, repeats several times the greeting: “Peace be with you” (Jn 20:19, 21, 26). Here, the traditional greeting with which people wish one another *shalom*, peace, becomes something new: it becomes the gift of the peace that Jesus alone can give because it is the fruit of his radical victory over evil.

The “peace” that Jesus gives to his friends is the fruit of the love of God which led him to die on the cross, to pour out all his blood, as a meek and humble lamb “full of grace and truth” (Jn 1:14).

For this reason [Bl. John Paul II](#) chose to call this Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy, with a very specific image: that of Jesus’ pierced side from which blood and water flowed, according to the account of an eyewitness, the Apostle John (cf. Jn 19:34-37). However Jesus is now risen and the paschal Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist flow from him, who is alive: those who receive them with faith receive the gift of eternal life.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us accept the gift of peace which the Risen Jesus offers us, let us allow our hearts to be filled with his mercy! In this way, with the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead, we too can bring these Easter gifts to others. May Mary Most Holy obtain this for us.



BENEDICT XVI DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, *REGINA CAELI*, 15 April 2012

Divine Mercy Image in Christ the King Church



The parish of Christ the King in Los Angeles owns its Sanctuary of Divine Mercy since 2003. The image of the Merciful Christ is venerated in a separate Chapel. The image traveled a long way from Poland, Saint Faustina's country, through the Vatican to find its place here in Hollywood, on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

The image in the Church of Christ the King, one of the contemporary copies of the countenance known through Saint Faustina's revelations, deserves special attention. The Image was blessed in Rome by the Holy Father on April 30,

2003 during special audience in the Vatican. John Paul II – The Great Pope of Mercy placed his signature on It, upon the request of Msgr. Zenon Jarzabek and Fr. George J. Bobowski. On September 14, 2003 the Image was placed in a separate Chapel which also includes the Painting of Saint Faustina and Blessed Father Michael Sopocko. All paintings were done by the Polish Artist Mr. Dymitr Grozdev. Also, in the Church there

is a plaque dedicated to John Paul II. **Today, the Image of Merciful Jesus is the only one Icon in the United States signed by God's Servant John Paul II. This Makes this Icon a Relic**



This very new center of devotion to the Divine Mercy has made a considerable contribution to the spreading of this devotion to the Divine Mercy — the Highest Attribute of God. The devotion to the Divine Mercy occupies an important place in the ministry of the Priests serving at Christ the King Parish. Divine Mercy is a way of Life for the parishioners.

The teachings about God's Mercy are one of the foundations of John Paul II's Petrine Ministry. In his book "Memory and Identity" there is a separate chapter titled "The Mystery of Mercy"; He wrote: "I recall here Sister Faustina and the devotion to the Merciful Christ initiated by her, I do it also because she belongs to our age [...] Words written in Saint Faustina's Diary appear to be an special Gospel of God's Mercy written from the 20th Century's perspective. The people of this century understood this message. They have comprehended it though this dramatic compiling of the evil, which has been brought by the Second World War and later, by cruelties of totalitarian systems. It is just like Christ wanted to show that the measure of evil, in which the casualty was the man, is finally the Mercy of God".



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