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Cathedral Bible Study

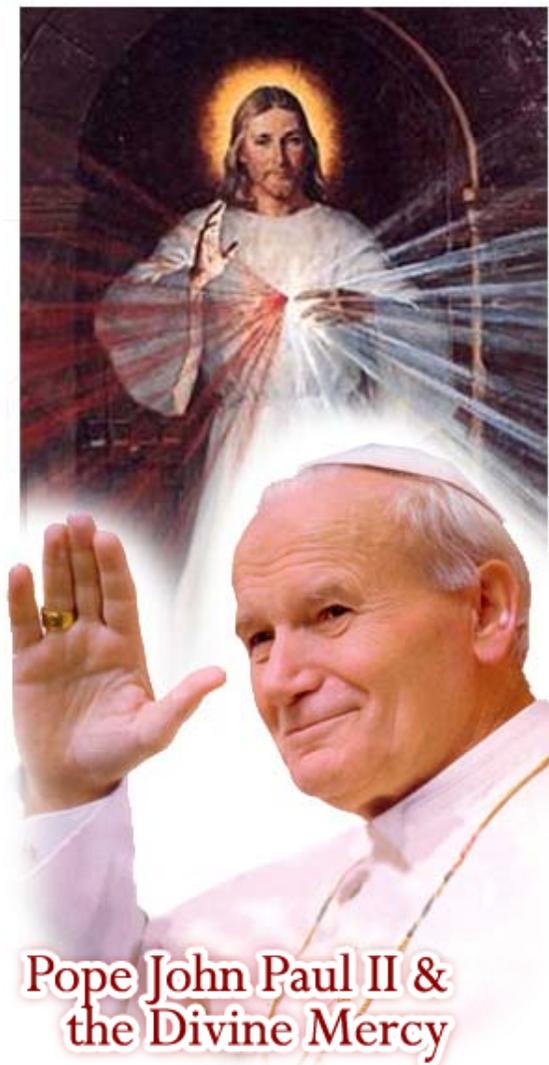
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BIBLE STUDY OBJECTIVES

- Discussion & Study of Christ's Divine Mercy as presented by St. Maria Faustina Kowalska
- Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday (May 1st)
- Preparation for Beatification of Pope John Paul the Great
- Have fun!



Mercy in the Bible

New American Bible (NAB)

- Over 130 occurrences
- 88 times in the Old Testament
- 43 times in the New Testament

Psalm 6:5 → “Turn, LORD, save my life; in your mercy rescue me.”

Luke 1:50 → “His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him”

Ephesians 2:4 → “God, who is rich in mercy”

Hebrew:

חַנּוּן (*ḥā·mān*) → Mercy, object of deep love, kindness, compassion; implying in some cases that the one in the distress may deserve the condition

Greek:

ἐλέους → Mercy & Compassion, kindness, goodwill

Mercy in the Mass (10 times)

Penitential Rite:

- May Almighty God have Mercy
- Lord Have Mercy x3

Gloria:

- you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

Eucharistic Prayer II:

- Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy:
- Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Eucharistic Prayer IV:

- For you came in mercy to the aid of all

After Lord's Prayer:

- Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin

Agnus Dei:

- Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. x2

Private Prayers of the Priest:

- May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body, and a healing remedy.

Mercy in the Catechism

1846 The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners

1856 Mortal sin, by attacking the vital principle within us – that is, charity - necessitates a new initiative of God's mercy and a conversion of heart which is normally accomplished within the setting of the sacrament of reconciliation:

2447 *The works of mercy* are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities

2840 Now - and this is daunting - this outpouring of mercy cannot penetrate our hearts as long as we have not forgiven those who have trespassed against us.

2677 *Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death:* By asking Mary to pray for us, we acknowledge ourselves to be poor sinners and we address ourselves to the "Mother of Mercy,"

Definitions of Mercy

CCC → The loving kindness, compassion, or forbearance shown to one who offends

Webster → compassion or forbearance shown especially to an offender or to one subject to one's power; *also* : lenient or compassionate treatment

Pope John Paul II → The limit imposed upon evil “is ultimately Divine Mercy”

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Most Blessed Sacrament



**Secretary & Apostle
of Divine Mercy**

Born: August 25, 1905

Died: October 5, 1938
(age 33)

Beatified: April 18, 1993

Canonized: April 30, 2000

Feast Day: October 5

Shrine of Divine Mercy in
Kraków, Poland

Congregation of the Sisters of
Our Lady of Mercy

TIMELINE

April 30, 1926 → Helena receives habit and her religious name Maria Faustina.

February 22, 1931 → Sr. Faustina sees a vision of Jesus who tells her to paint His image.

May 25, 1933 → Sr. Faustina goes to Vilnius where she receives many mystical experiences and is assisted by Fr. Michael Sopocko, a wise spiritual director.

March 29, 1934 → Sr. Faustina offers herself for sinners, especially those who lack trust.

July 1934 → Beginning of Sr. Faustina's illness; she begins writing the *Diary* under obedience.

October 5, 1938 → Sr. Faustina makes final confession, and dies late in the evening.

Image of Divine Mercy

Jesus told Saint Faustina, "*Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You...*

I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I, myself will defend it as my own glory...

I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for grace to the Fountain of Mercy. That vessel is this image with the Signature 'Jesus, I Trust in You.'

In the image, Jesus stands with one hand outstretched in blessing, the other clutching the side wounded by the spear, from which proceed beams of falling light, red and white in color. An explanation of these colors was given to Saint Faustina by Jesus himself saying, "*The two rays represent blood and water.*"

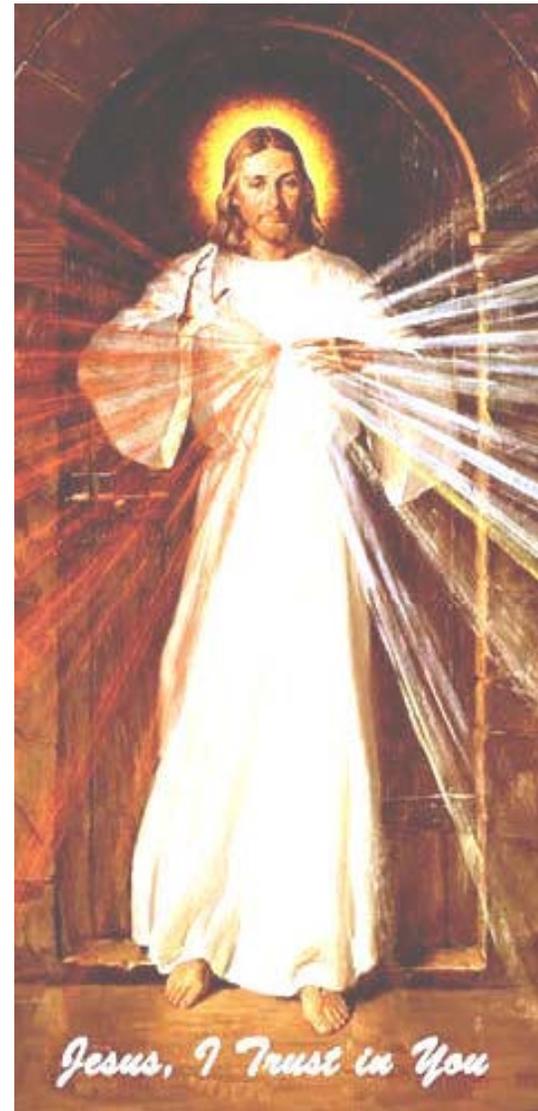
The Image of Divine Mercy



Eugene Kazimierowski, Vilnius, 1934

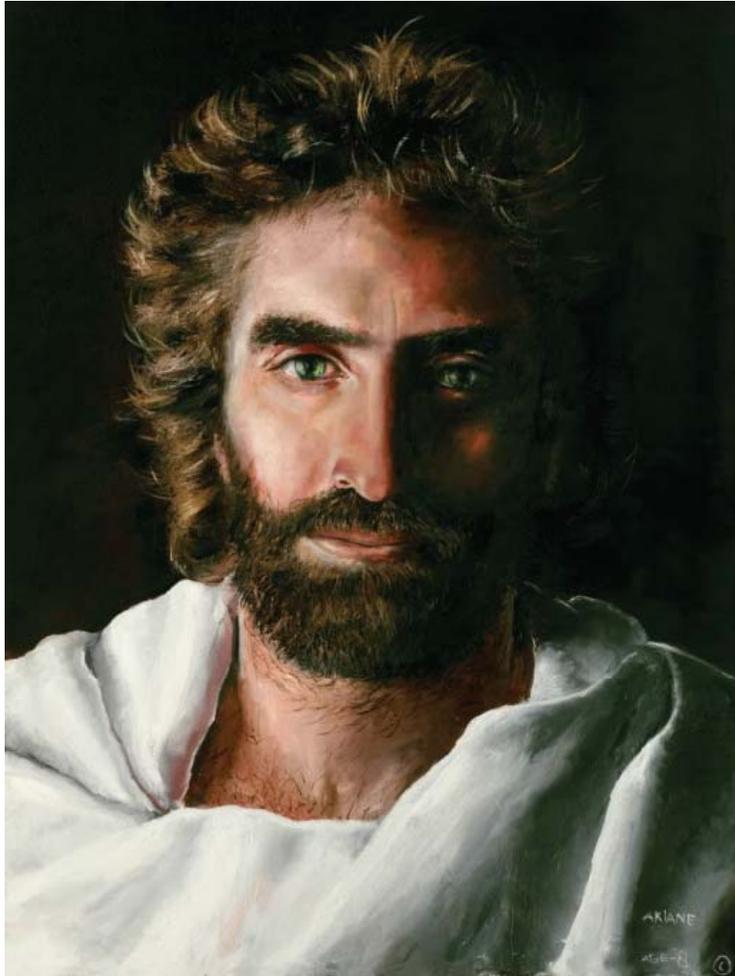


Adolf Hyla Image, 1943

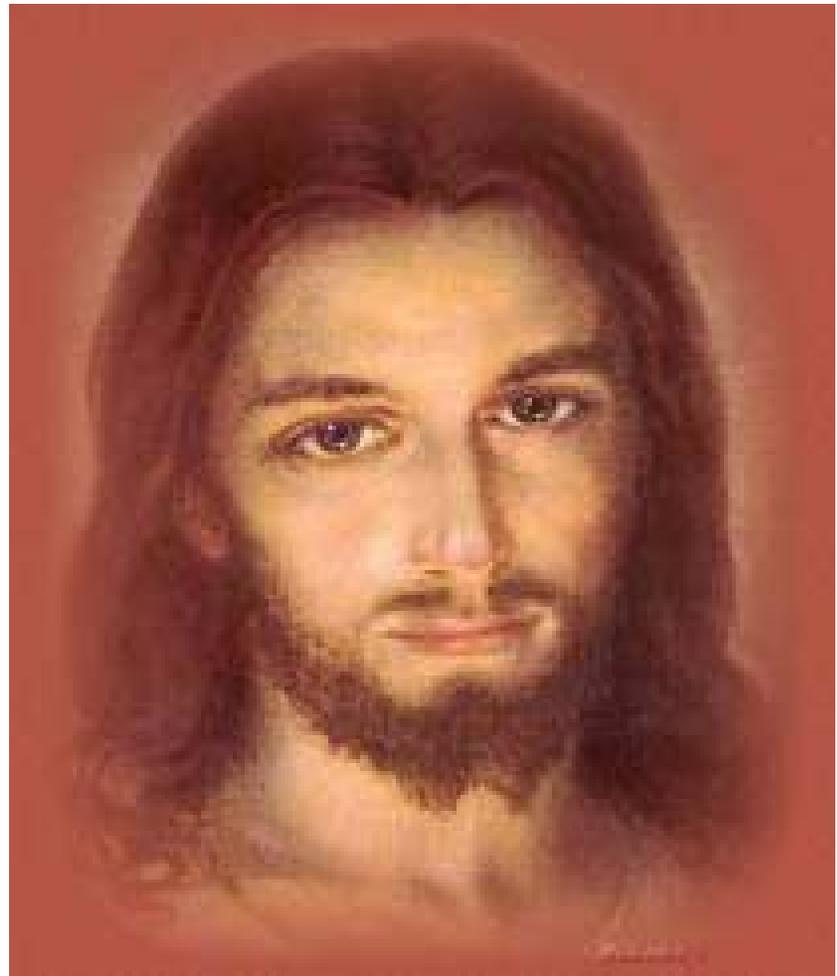


Robert Skemp, 1982

Images of Jesus



Painting by Akiane Kramarik



Divine Mercy Image

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Of another vision on Sept. 13, 1935, she writes: "I saw an Angel, the executor of God's wrath... about to strike the earth...I began to beg God earnestly for the world with words which I heard interiorly. As I prayed in this way, I saw the Angel's helplessness, and he could not carry out the just punishment...."

The following day an inner voice taught her to say this prayer on ordinary rosary beads:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).
4. Conclude with *(three times)*:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Jesus said later to Sister Faustina:

“Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy....”

“...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior”

Chaplet's prayers for mercy are threefold:

1. to obtain mercy
2. to trust in Christ's mercy
3. to show mercy to others

3PM Prayer



- *At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of me in virtue of My Passion" (Diary, 1320).*

3PM Prayers

- You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. (Diary, 1319).
- O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (Diary, 84).

SNEAK PREVIEW

A Tsunami of Mercy gushing from the
Heart of Jesus

