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# **Cathedral Bible Study**

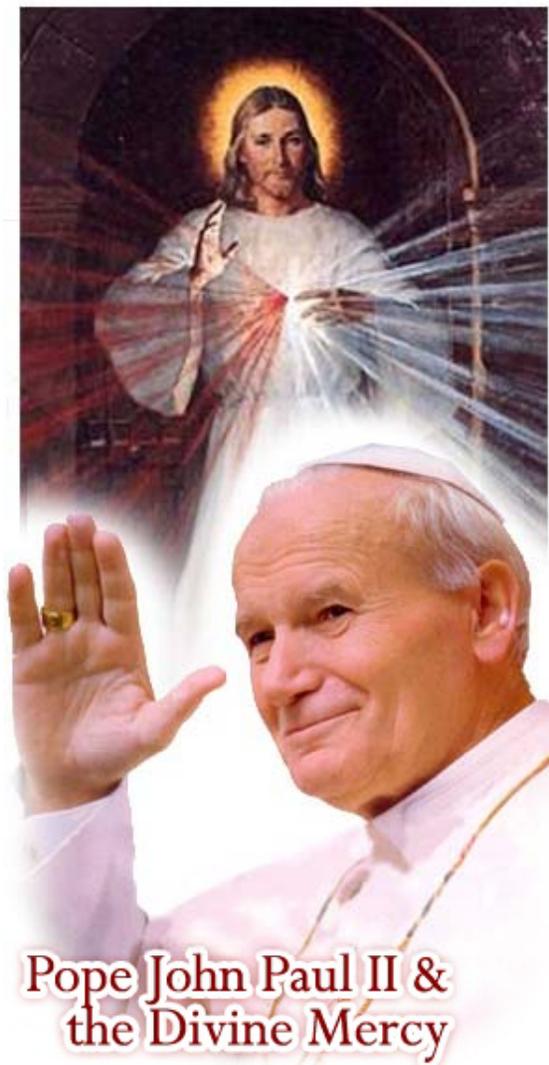
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# BIBLE STUDY OBJECTIVES

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



# Divine Mercy

- In Sacred Scripture
- In the Mass (10 times @Daily Mass!)
- Definitions (Catechism, Webster, etc)
- St. Faustina (Timeline of Apparitions)
- Images of Divine Mercy “Jesus I Trust In You”
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3 PM Prayer

**Pope John Paul II**

**The limit imposed upon evil “is ultimately Divine Mercy”**

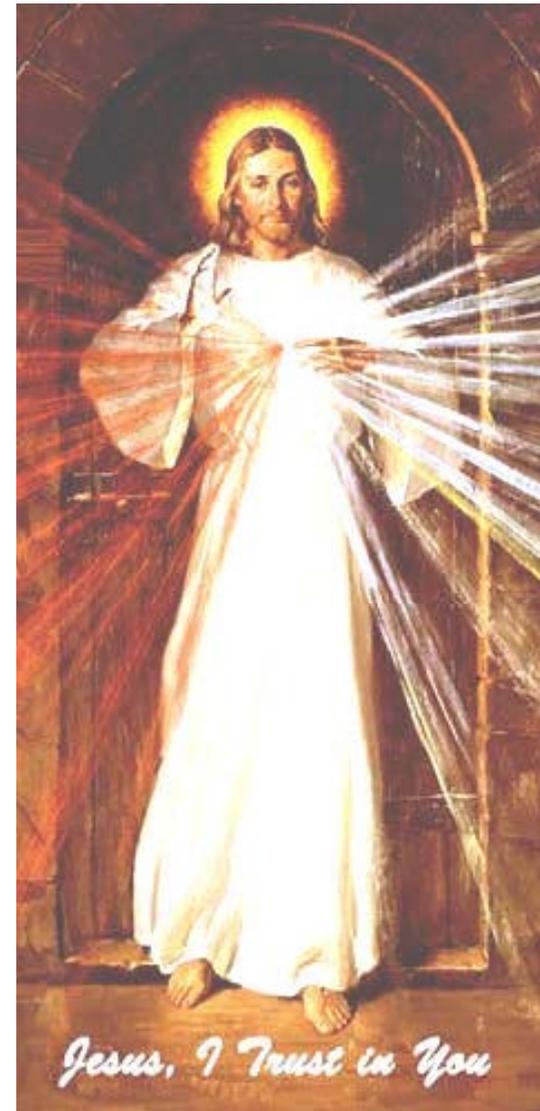
# The Image of Divine Mercy



Eugene Kazimierowski, Vilnius, 1934



Adolf Hyla Image, 1943



Robert Skemp, 1982

# PONDERING DIVINE MERCY

- A Tsunami of Mercy gushing from the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Sorrowful Mysteries
- 7 Deadly Sins / with Antidotes
- Interceding for Divine Mercy



St. Augustine is saying that when the praise is of God, then ***something happens to the song*** of the praiser/love that makes it more than just any kind of song.

Something happens so that the song itself becomes Love in its manifestation of love of the one who truly is Love itself.

# Divine Mercy Sunday

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.

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.

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

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. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

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.

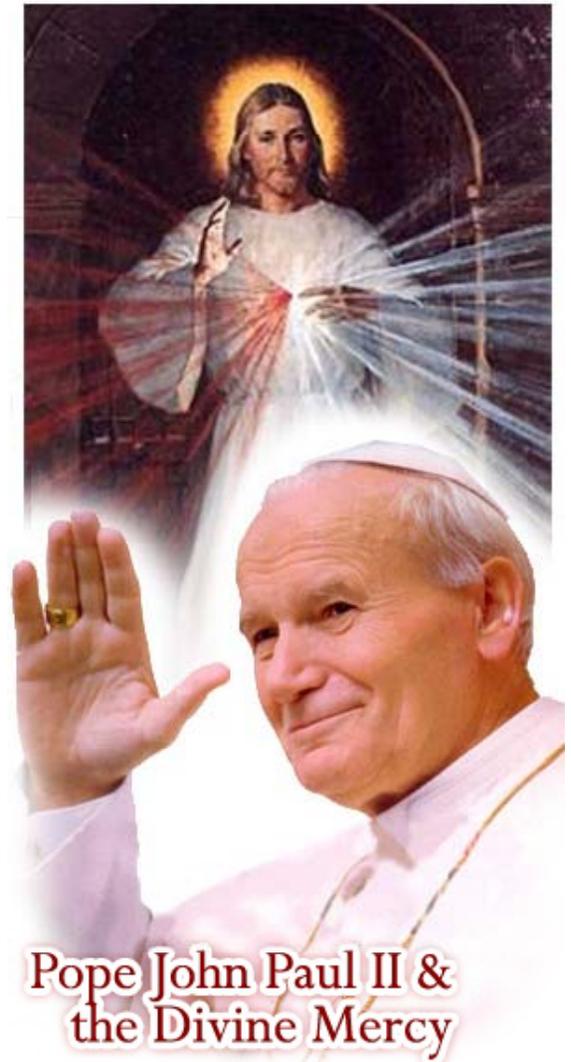
*(Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, # 699)*

# Divine Mercy Sunday

- 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Easter
- Summation of Love
- Day of Atonement
- Covenant of Mercy

Easter Sunday is the boundary between death and life (a creation). But its eighth day, the Octave, is **the fulfillment of what Easter is all about** - perfect life in eternity (a second creation, more admirable and more sublime than the first).

On the Sunday after Easter, April 30, 2000 (Mercy Sunday), Sister Faustina was canonized in Rome by Pope John Paul II. The Pope also established Mercy Sunday worldwide.



# Preparing For Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**.

[DAY 1 \(Good Friday\)](#) - All mankind, especially sinners

[DAY 2 \(Holy Saturday\)](#) - The souls of priests and religious

[DAY 3 \(Easter Sunday\)](#) - All devout and faithful souls

[DAY 4 \(Easter Monday\)](#) - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him

[DAY 5 \(Easter Tuesday\)](#) - The souls of separated brethren

[DAY 6 \(Easter Wednesday\)](#) - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

[DAY 7 \(Easter Thursday\)](#) - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

[DAY 8 \(Easter Friday\)](#) - The souls who are detained in purgatory;

[DAY 9 \(Easter Saturday\)](#) - The souls who have become lukewarm

He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said: "These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

# Divine Mercy & Confession

“The flames of Mercy burn me, I wish to spill them on the souls, and the souls do not want to believe in my kindness. Oh, what pain gives me when they do not want to accept them (...) Tell the sorrowful mankind to embrace my merciful Heart and I will fill it with peace ". "Mankind will not find peace until it does not go with confidence to my Mercy".  
(*Diary*, 177, 1190)

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

# Mother of Mercy



- "I am not only the Queen of Heaven, but also the Mother of Mercy, and your Mother" (*Diary of St. Faustina, 330*).
- Beneath the mantle of your mercy we take refuge, O Virgin, Mother of God.
- Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy

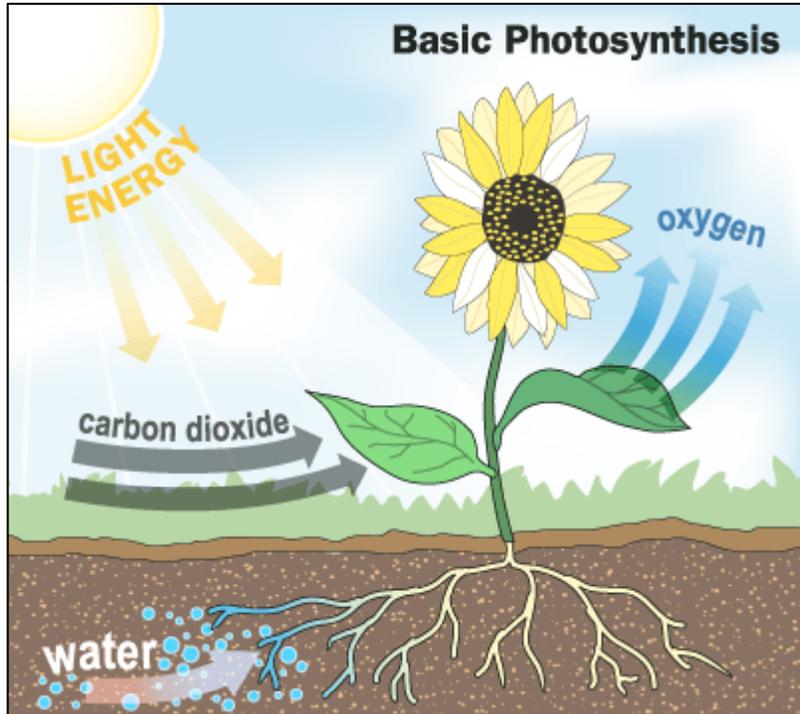
# Our Lady of Mercy



# Devotion to Divine Mercy

- Read the Diary
- Pray the Chaplet
- Pray the Novena
- Venerate the Image
- Recite the 3PM prayer
- Frequent Confession  
(bring a friend)
- Contribute \$\$\$ to the Billboards fund
- Distribute Holy cards
- Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine
- Make a Divine Mercy Retreat @Waverly  
(April 13-15, 2012)

# Participating in the Mission of Mercy



**Rooted**  
growing in God's love

# Sneak Preview:

Month of May & Marian Dogmas

