

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHUCH  
Renton, WA



## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

O Salutaris Hostia  
Quæ cæli pandis ostium;  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria,  
Qui vitam sine termino  
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Please kneel.

### **PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY**

**ALL:**

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your Mercy -- to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: Anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your Mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming -- that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart as through an open gate we pass through to heaven. Amen

(#1570 – St. Faustina's Diary)

### **ACT OF CONTRITION**

**ALL:**

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

## **ST. FAUSTINA'S PRAISES OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

### **LEADER:**

Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father,  
Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God,  
Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery,  
Divine Mercy, fount gushing forth from the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity  
Divine Mercy, unfathomable by any intellect human or angelic,  
Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness,  
Divine Mercy, better than the heavens,  
Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders,  
Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe,  
Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate Word,  
Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus,  
Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us and especially for sinners,  
Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host,  
Divine Mercy, in the founding of the Holy Church,  
Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,  
Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ,  
Divine Mercy, accompanying us through our whole life,  
Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death,  
Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life,  
Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life,  
Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell,  
Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners,  
Divine Mercy, astonishment for Angels, incomprehensible to Saints,  
Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God,  
Divine Mercy, lifting us out of every misery,  
Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy,  
Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence,  
Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands,  
Divine Mercy, crown of all God's handy work,  
Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed,

### **ALL:**

**I Trust in You.**  
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Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts,	<b>I Trust in You.</b>
Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls,	<b>I Trust in You.</b>
Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear,	<b>I Trust in You.</b>
Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls,	<b>I Trust in You.</b>
Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope,	<b>I Trust in You.</b>

**ALL:** Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

(#950 - St. Faustina's Diary)

### **CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

**LEADER:** 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, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(#1319 - St. Faustina's Diary)

**O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You!** (Repeat 3 times)

(#84 - St. Faustina's Diary)

**LEADER:**

Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy Will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.

**ALL:**

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

**LEADER:**

Hail Mary full of Grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed are thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

**ALL:**

Holy Mary Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death  
Amen.

**LEADER:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**ALL:**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

On the large beads:

**LEADER:** Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ,

**ALL:** In atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the small beads:

**LEADER:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

**ALL:** Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Said 3 times at the end:

**ALL:** Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(#476 – St. Faustina’s Diary)

**Jesus, I Trust in You** (repeat 3 times)

**FOR FIDELITY TO GOD’S WILL**

**ALL:** O Jesus, stretched out upon the cross, I implore You, give me the grace of doing faithfully the most holy will of Your Father, in all things always and everywhere. And when this will of God will seem to me very harsh and difficult to fulfill, it is then I beg You, Jesus, may power and strength flow upon me from Your wounds, and may my lips keep repeating, “Your will be done, O Lord.” O Savior of the world, Lover of man’s salvation, who in such terrible torment and pain did forget Yourself to think only of the salvation of souls. O most compassionate Jesus, grant me the grace to forget myself that I may live totally for souls, helping You in the work of salvation, according to the most holy will of Your Father.

Amen

(#1265 – St. Faustina’s Diary)

**PRAYER FOR A MERCIFUL HEART**

**ALL:** Oh Jesus, I understand Your mercy is beyond all imagining, and therefore I ask You to make my heart so big that there will be room in it for the needs of all the souls living on the face of the earth... and the souls suffering in Purgatory... Make my heart sensitive to all the sufferings of my neighbor, whether of body or of soul. Make my heart like unto Your merciful Heart. Transform it into Your own Heart that I may sense the needs of other hearts, especially those who are sad and suffering. May the rays of mercy rest in my heart. Jesus help me to go through life doing good to everyone. Amen

(#514, #692 – St. Faustina’s Diary)

## **FOR THE GRACE TO BE MERCIFUL TO OTHERS**

**LEADER:** O, most Holy Trinity! As many times as I breathe, as many times as my heart beats, as many times as my blood pulsates through my body, so many thousand times do I want to glorify Your mercy.

**ALL:** I want to be completely transformed into Your mercy and to be Your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbor.

**LEADER:** Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue.

**ALL:** Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moaning's.

**LEADER:** Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

**ALL:** Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbor and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

**Leader:** Help me, that my feet may be merciful so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor.

**ALL:** Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who I know, will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

**LEADER:** You, Yourself, command me to exercise the three degrees of mercy. The first: **the act of mercy**, of whatever kind. The second: **the word of mercy** — if I cannot carry out a work of mercy, I will assist by my words. The third: **prayer** — if I cannot show mercy by deeds or words, I can always do so by prayer. My prayer reaches out even there where I cannot reach out physically.

**ALL:** O my Jesus, transform me into Yourself, for You can do all things. Amen.

(#163 - St. Faustina's Diary)

## **TO OBTAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF GOD**

**ALL:** Jesus, give me an intellect, a great intellect, for this only, that I may understand You better; because the better I get to know You, the more ardently will I love You. Jesus, I ask you for a powerful intellect, that I may understand divine and lofty matters. Jesus, give me a keen intellect with which I will get to know Your Divine Essence and Your indwelling, Triune life. Amen.

(#1474 - St. Faustina's Diary)

## IN THANKSGIVING

**ALL:** O Jesus, eternal God, I thank you for Your countless graces and blessings. Let every beat of my heart be a new hymn of thanksgiving to You, O God. Let every drop of my blood circulate for You, Lord. My soul is one hymn in adoration of Your mercy. I Love You, God, for Yourself alone. Amen.

(#1794 - St. Faustina's Diary)

## BENEDICTION



Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui,  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui;  
Præstet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque  
Laus et iubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio;  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

**PRIEST:** You have given them Bread from heaven (Easter: alleluia)

**ALL:** Having within it all Sweetness (Easter: alleluia)

**PRIEST:** Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**ALL:** Amen.

(BLESSING: The priest goes up to the Altar to bless the people with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance then goes back to lead the Divine Praises.)



## **THE DIVINE PRAISES**

**Blessed be God.**

**Blessed be His Holy Name.**

**Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.**

**Blessed be the Name of Jesus.**

**Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.**

**Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.**

**Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.**

**Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.**

**Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.**

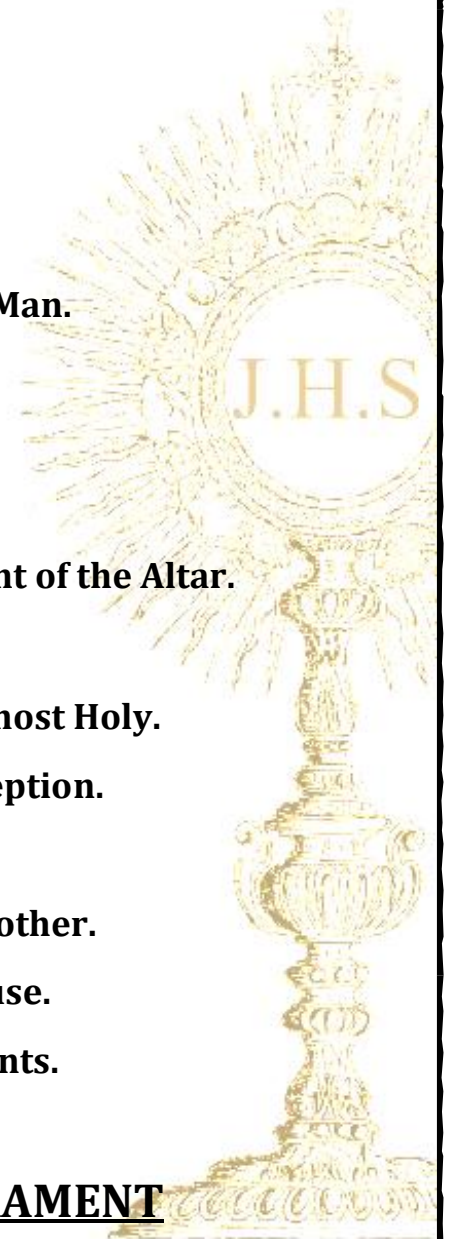
**Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.**

**Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.**

**Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.**

**Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.**

**Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.**



## **REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

### **CLOSING SONG**

#### **HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME**

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;  
All on earth Thy scepter claim;  
All in heaven above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign!  
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign!

## **THE FEAST OF MERCY AND THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**

Sister Mary Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament was canonized on April 30, 2000. Pope John Paul II said in the encyclical on the Divine Mercy (Dives in Misericordia) of Sister Faustina: "This simple woman religious particularly brought the Easter message of the Merciful Christ closer to Poland and the whole world."

St. Faustina was born on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1905, in Poland. She joined the convent in 1924 and became a nun with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland. She dies on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1938, at the age of 33 from complications with TB. This humble, uneducated nun performed ordinary convent chores such as cook, gardener and gatekeeper. She also underwent extensive mystical experiences and became Jesus' special Apostle of Divine Mercy. Beginning in 1934, obeying her spiritual director, superiors, and Jesus Himself, St. Faustina began to record her experiences. Her diary reveals the depth of her love and devotion to Jesus and His desire to have a "Feast of Divine Mercy" celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, following a special 9-day novena.

This special image of Jesus, shown on the front cover, came about when St. Faustina was, in the evening of Feb 22, 1931, when she "was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in the gesture of a blessing, the other touching the garment at the breast, from which were emanating two large rays, one red, and the other pale. Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription, 'Jesus, I Trust in You.' I desire that the image be venerated first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. 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 desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of Mine toward souls of sinners. Let the sinner be not afraid to approach Me. I want to pour out my mercy upon these souls. Before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the Kind of Mercy. Before the Day of Justice, I am sending the Day of Mercy. Those who will proclaim My Great Mercy, I shall protect them Myself at the hour of death, as My own glory. And even if the sins of souls will be dark as night, when the sinner turns to My mercy, he gives me the greatest praise and is the glory of My Passion. I cannot love a soul which is stained with sin, but when it repents there is not a limit to my generosity toward it. My Mercy embraces and justifies it."

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy."



ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA  
1905 - 1938

## **THE WORKS OF MERCY**

### **CORPORAL**

FEED THE HUNGRY  
GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY  
CLOTHE THE NAKED  
VISIT THE IMPRISONED  
SHELTER THE HOMELESS  
VISIT THE SICK  
BURY THE DEAD

### **SPIRITUAL**

INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT  
COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL  
ADMONISH THE SINNERS  
COMFORT THE SORROWFUL  
BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY  
FORGIVE ALL INJURIES  
PRAY FOR THE LIVING & THE DEAD