

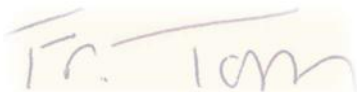
Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that *“from now on throughout the Church, this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.”* Certainly, the readings for the Second Sunday of Easter lend themselves beautifully to the theme of mercy as the texts highlight the forgiveness of sins. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Church celebrates God’s mercy throughout the year.

I hope that you will join our community at prayer this Sunday afternoon, April 24th at 3:00 p.m. as we pray together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and meditate on the beautiful image of divine mercy and its inscription, *“Jesus, I trust in you”*. Julie Carrick will bring her incredible gift of music to enhance our Divine Mercy celebration. Please plan to join Julie Carrick and your fellow parishioners at our Two-Day Parish Mission: *“Savior and Sustenance . . . Living in the Eucharistic Embrace”* on Monday and Tuesday April 25th and 26th at 9:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. All are invited. Bring a friend!

Trusting in God’s mercy is essential for receiving all the graces God wants to share with us especially in this Easter season. May our Divine Mercy prayers and reflections encourage each of us to respond to this invitation with greater confidence.

Easter joy+

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**Fr. Tom**  
*Pastor*