

# Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy!

Calling all Catholics to the Feast of Mercy on the Sunday after Easter, April 23<sup>rd</sup>!  
Did you know that the Lord said that this feast would one day be the “last hope of salvation”?  
Have you considered what would happen to you if you suddenly died in the state of mortal sin?



Did you know, that in the 1930's, Our Lord Jesus, Himself, requested through St. Faustina, that a very, special Feast of Divine Mercy be established, in His Church, and solemnly celebrated, on the First Sunday, after Easter, every year?

In the Jubilee Year 2000, after many years of study, Saint Pope John Paul II fulfilled the will of Christ by establishing this special Feast of Divine Mercy, in the Catholic Church, and gave it the name **“Divine Mercy Sunday”**! By God's Providence, Saint John Paul II died, on this feast, in 2005.

**What is so special about this new Feast of Divine Mercy** you might be asking yourself? It is the promise of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment for any soul that would go to Confession and then receive Jesus in Holy Communion on that very special Feast of Divine Mercy!

Why would Jesus offer us something so great at this time? Jesus told St. Faustina that she was to prepare the world for His Second Coming and that He would be pouring out His Mercy, in very great abundance, before He comes again as the Just Judge and as the **very last hope of salvation**.

If you have been away from the practice of your Catholic faith, and if you would like to come back into the, one, true Catholic Church, then this is the most perfect opportunity, for you, if you are ready to repent and turn away from sin.

Many former fallen-away Catholics have taken advantage of this great Feast of Mercy to get a brand new start in life and to be totally prepared to stand before the Lord. Don't miss out on this incredible gift of mercy that is available, in every Catholic Church, on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year!

## If you have been away

from the Catholic faith and if you have any questions about coming back home, then please go and talk to a priest at any Catholic Church. The beauty of the Catholic Church is that its teachings and practices are the same at all of its parishes.

You may have concerns, such as: marriage outside of the Church; un-confessed abortions; or other issues that could be preventing you from receiving Holy Communion or you may have questions about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't remain in doubt. Call your local parish office to find out the necessary steps to come back to the Catholic faith.

Don't consider yourself, as without hope. Our Lord Jesus wants to pardon completely even the worst sinners possible. Remember, Jesus has come for sinners, not the righteous. Jesus said that even if our sins were as numerous as the grains of sand, they would be lost in His Ocean of Mercy.

If you are truly repentant of your sins and are well prepared to confess your sins in the Sacrament of Confession, you'll experience a tremendous peace. You'll experience a great weight lifted from you and get a brand new start in life!

Once you have confessed your sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, then you must continue to practice your faith as a good Catholic. This involves attending Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, supporting your local parish, and confessing your serious sins, at least, once a year. In Confession, you must be truly sorry for your sins and you must intend to continue to practice your faith.

## Jesus is in the Confessional

One of the most reassuring things Our Lord Jesus revealed to us through Saint Faustina includes the several times when He indicated to her that He is really there in the Confessional when we are making our individual Confessions, to the priests. Jesus said that every time we enter the Confessional, that He Himself is there waiting for us, and that He is only hidden by the priest. Jesus said never to analyze what sort of a priest that He is making use of, but for us to reveal our souls to Him and that He will fill us with His peace and light.

Some have wondered why Jesus would want us to confess our sins to a priest, but the answer is in the very first instruction that Jesus gave to His Apostles directly after His Resurrection from the dead. On the evening of the Resurrection, Jesus walked through the door of the Upper Room where the Apostles were hiding and said to them “Receive the Holy Spirit, what sins you forgive are forgiven them, what sins you retain are retained”. This was the start of Confessions. For sure, that command was not only for the Apostles to be able to forgive sins, and then to be forgotten, but for that power to be passed on, to all the ordained priests of today, in the Catholic Church.

Jesus said that the greater the sinner, the greater the right they have to His mercy! Don't continue to carry your sins, Jesus forgives!

## To properly celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy

and to receive the forgiveness of all sins and punishment, you must go to Confession to a Catholic priest within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Or if you are in the state of very serious or mortal sin, you must always confess them before receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, or you will also commit a sacrilege, which is also a very serious sin. If you haven't been going to Sunday Mass without any good reason, you may be in a state of serious sin and you must confess before receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

For more information about the Feast of Divine Mercy and a Confession Guide, go to: [www.DivineMercySunday.com](http://www.DivineMercySunday.com) or call 772-873-4581