

Divine Mercy Talk for April 28, 2019

Collect for Divine Mercy Sunday

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
**kindle the faith of the people you have made your
own,**
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Mercy in Scripture:

Exodus 33:19: ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD';^[a] and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

Psalm 23.6: Surely goodness and **mercy** shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Lamentations 3:22-24:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, ^[b]
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

Matthew 5.7: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Matthew 9:13: Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

Luke 1:50: His **mercy** is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Luke 1:54: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his **mercy**,

Luke 1:58: Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great **mercy** to her, and they rejoiced with her.

Luke 1:72: Thus he has shown the **mercy** promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

Luke 1:78: By the tender **mercy** of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

Ephesians 2:4: But God, who is rich in **mercy**, out of the great love with which he loved us

Mercy in the Mass:

1. **Absolution:** *May almighty God have mercy on us,*

2. **Kyrie:** *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.*

3. **Gloria:** *You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us*

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

4. **Gospel:** Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away.

5. 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 and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

6. Agnus Dei: *Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us x2*

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

7. Priest's Private Prayer: *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.*

John Paul II: *Dives in Misericordia: Mercy is love's second name. It is the specific manner in which love is revealed and effected in the face of the reality of evil that is in the world , affecting and besieging man.*

Catechism and Mercy:

The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners. The angel announced to Joseph: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."¹¹⁴ The same is true of the Eucharist, the sacrament of redemption: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins (1846)

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. Love, like the Body of Christ, is indivisible; we cannot love the God we cannot see if we do not love the brother or sister we do see. In refusing to forgive our brothers and sisters, our hearts are closed and their hardness makes them impervious to the Father's merciful love; but in confessing our sins, our hearts are opened to his grace. (2840)

Story of Poland: God used Poland to save the world.

Siege of Vienna 1683: Huge Turkish Army wanted to take over Europe: September "Snow" and King Jan Sobieski – high point of Islamic Rule

(September 12, day of Victory..... September 11 to undo the shame of this battle).

Victory on the Vistula 1920: Soviet million strong army marches into Poland and met by Marshal Pilsudski. Attacked army and split in half. If army had not been stopped, likely all of Europe would have become Communist.

Solidarity in Poland 1980 and the domino effect.

St Faustina: Message of Mercy 1931: Mercy is a particular form of love when it encounters weakness and suffering. Our time is one of unprecedented evil: “but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more (Romans 5.20). Eve of WW2: Hope and Greater Grace.

St Faustina dies 1938: Message became popular, spread like wild fire and would take comfort in the image and prayer: “Jesus I trust in you”.

Vatican would not authorize the message and banned it because the diary was poorly translated. Bishop in Poland in Krakow. Time would come when “God would act with power and bring a new spring of mercy in the Church:

1978: April ban is lifted and in October this Bishop from Krakow becomes John Paul II.

November 22, 1981: Shrine of Merciful Love in Covalenza Italy: *“Right from the beginning of my ministry in St. Peter’s See in Rome, I considered this message of Divine Mercy my special task.*

Providence has assigned it to me in the present situation of man, the Church and the world. It could be said that precisely this modern situation assigned that message to me as my task before God”.

April 30, 2000: Canonization of St. Faustina: *By this act I intend to pass this message onto Divine Mercy onto the New Millennium” (Diary 1044)*
Jesus wanted this day proclaimed through the Universal Church.

“John Paul II said to Dr Fuster: *“Today is the happiest day of my life”.*

Dedication of Poland’s Mercy Shrine 2002: Last pilgrimage to his beloved home land:

Today I repeat these simple and straightforward words of Saint Faustina, in order to join her and all of you in adoring the inconceivable and

unfathomable mystery of God's mercy. Like Saint Faustina, we wish to proclaim that apart from the mercy of God there is no other source of hope for mankind. We desire to repeat with faith: *Jesus, I trust in you!*

With the eyes of our soul, we long to look into the eyes of the merciful Jesus, in order to find deep within his gaze the reflection of his inner life, as well as the light of grace which we have already received so often, and which God holds out to us anew each day and on the last day.

I pray that this church will always be a place where the message of God's merciful love is proclaimed; a place of conversion and repentance; a place for the celebration of the Eucharist; a fountain of mercy; a place of prayer and of constant appeals for mercy for ourselves and for the whole world. I pray in the words of Solomon: "Have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, hearkening to the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prays before you this day; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house... Hearken to the supplication of your servant and of

your people Israel, when they pray in this place. Hear in heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive" (1 Kg 8:28-30).

How greatly today's world needs God's mercy! In every continent, from the depth of human suffering, a cry for mercy seems to rise up. Where hatred and the thirst for revenge dominate, where war brings suffering and death to the innocent, there the grace of mercy is needed in order to settle human minds and hearts and to bring about peace. Wherever respect for life and human dignity are lacking, there is need of God's merciful love, in whose light we see the inexpressible value of every human being. Mercy is needed in order to ensure that every injustice in the world will come to an end in the splendour of truth.

Today, therefore, in this Shrine, I wish *solemnly to entrust the world to Divine Mercy*. I do so with the burning desire that the message of God's merciful love, proclaimed here through Saint Faustina, *may be made known to all the peoples of the earth* and fill their hearts with hope. May this message radiate from this place to our beloved homeland and

throughout the world. May the binding promise of the Lord Jesus be fulfilled: from here there must go forth "the spark which will prepare the world for his final coming" (cf. *Diary*, 1732).

This spark needs to be lighted by the grace of God. This fire of mercy needs to be passed on to the world. *In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!*

As I was praying for Poland, I heard the words: I bear a special love for Poland, and if she will be obedient to My will, I will exalt her in might and holiness. From her will come forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming (*Diary*, 1732).

This is the way we prepare for the final coming is trust in his Divine Mercy.

“This is John Paul’s Polish kick”.

Divine Providence Spoke:

April 2nd 2005: Day before Divine Mercy Sunday; Pope General Secretary Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwysz felt imperative to offer mass right now. He

obeyed. Set up for Mass and ministered Precious Blood to John Paul II.

Largest grassroots message in the History of the Church. “Grace of Mercy Sunday is like a 2nd Baptism”.