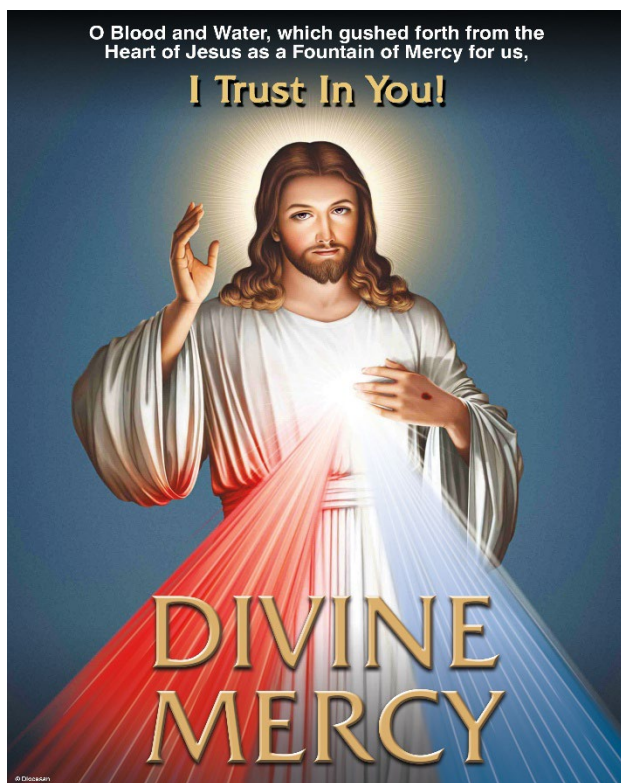


# Divine Mercy Sunday



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a day that reminds us that God's love is not limited by our sins, failures, or weaknesses. His mercy is always greater.

In the Gospel we see the risen Jesus appearing to His disciples. They were afraid, hiding behind closed doors. They had failed Him...especially Peter who denied Him. Yet Jesus does not come with anger. He comes with peace, saying: "**Peace be with you.**"

He shows His wounds...not to accuse them, but to heal them. This is Divine Mercy: God does not come to punish, but to restore. We all know the story of the prodigal son. After wasting everything, he returns home ashamed, expecting rejection. But what happens?

The father runs to him, embraces him, and restores his dignity. That father represents God.

My dear friends, many of us feel like that son: "I have sinned too much"; "God will not forgive me"; "I am not worthy". But Divine Mercy Sunday tells us. God is always waiting... not with judgment, but with open arms.

A child once asked his teacher, "Why do you always give me a pencil with an eraser?" The teacher replied, "Because mistakes are part of learning. The eraser reminds you that you can always correct them". In our life, God is like that eraser. We make mistakes...yes. But through His mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Confession, He wipes away our sins and gives us a fresh start.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and told her: "**Let the greatest sinners place their trust in my Mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of mercy**".

One day, she doubted whether God could forgive certain sinners. Jesus gently reminded her: "My mercy is greater than your sins and the sins of the whole world." This is the message of today: No sin is greater than God's mercy.

Thomas doubted. He wanted proof. Many times, we are like Thomas. We doubt God's love, we doubt forgiveness, we doubt hope. But Jesus does not reject Thomas. Instead, He

invites him: “**Put your finger here... see my hands**”. And Thomas responds: “My Lord and my God!”

My dear brothers and sisters, Jesus invites us today: “Trust me. Come to me. Do not be afraid.” On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us do three things: 1. Trust in God’s Mercy Repeat often: “Jesus, I trust in You”. 2. Receive God’s Mercy: Go for Confession. Open your heart. 3. Show Mercy to Others: Forgive those who hurt you. Help those in need. Be compassionate. Because Jesus said: “**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy**”.

A water bearer carried two pots. One was perfect, the other cracked. The cracked pot felt ashamed because it leaked water. One day, the owner said: “Look at the path. Because of your cracks, flowers have grown along the way”. My dear friends, our brokenness is not useless. In God’s mercy, even our weaknesses can become blessings.

So today, let us not hide like the disciples. Let us not doubt like Thomas. Instead, let us come to Jesus with faith and say: **Jesus, I trust in You. amen**