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For God and Souls

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Wash away your sins on Divine Mercy Sunday

When Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska as the first Saint of the New Millennium, he also declared that the Feast of Divine Mercy would be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, the week following Easter Sunday. This year it falls on April 28, 2019.

Jesus promised Saint Faustina that all who come to Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, receive the Eucharist, go to Reconciliation (within 20 days before or after), and venerate the Divine Mercy Image, will be granted full pardon for their sins.

He also promised that all who celebrate the Three O'clock Hour of Great Mercy would be granted whatever they requested. St. Matthew Catholic Church's Holy Hour will be led by Father Pat Hoare, assisted by Deacon Jack Staub. The Holy Hour will conclude with the singing of The Divine Mercy Chaplet and blessing with the 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina.

The Cenacles of Divine Mercy will then host refreshments in the Sr. JeanMarie Kienast Banquet Room where complimentary materials will also be available for those who desire a deeper knowledge and understanding of Divine Mercy.

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour of Great Mercy has virtually filled Saint Matthew's Sanctuary for the last 3 years in a row. It is indicative



of the many blessings received when souls come to seek His Mercy. Jesus told Faustina "how it saddens Him when souls do not approach Him for His Mercy when He is so anxious to grant it." We can give Him joy just by asking for mercy.



My daughter, I have inclined My heart to your requests. Your assignment and duty here on earth is to beg for mercy for the whole world. No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy, and that is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy. I am making you the administrator of My mercy.. The Image is to be on view in the church. By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it. (Diary 570)



The 2019 Cenacle Divine Mercy Holy Hour Intentions are dedicated to the Beatitudes and Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Each Holy Hour seeks to pray for and honor those ministries that perform acts of mercy through Prayer, Deeds and Word for the benefit of those whom they serve.

Each Holy Hour includes a prayer service, a brief ministry witness talk and cenacle member readings from St. Faustina's Diary, Scripture and Litany's of Mercy. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is sung while those present are individually blessed with the 1st Class Relic of Saint Faustina.

Holy Hours are offered on the first Thursday of the month in the Daily Mass Chapel, except for May and October due to closeness to Divine Mercy Sunday and the *10th Annual Divine Mercy Day of Healing* on October 12th. Its theme is The Joy of Mercy. Help us bring the blessings of Divine Mercy to all of St. Matthew's more than 100 ministries. Jesus, I Trust in You.

