

Fr. Martin's Reflection – April 16, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I truly hope you had a wonderful Easter, and that the time spent with family and friends created new and wonderful memories. As we continue our journey through Easter, this Sunday we celebrate 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' In the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope St. John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She wrote in her diary that Jesus said:



“My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy.”

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As St. Pope John Paul II stated, **“Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified.”**

Holy Week and Easter Tridium

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who helped make Holy Week and the Easter Tridium a wonderful, memorable, and very uplifting celebration. There were so many involved that it would take pages and pages to name everyone. Thank You!

**This is the day that the Lord has made: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day of the Lord; our Savior, Christ, is risen!
He has conquered sin and death, the power of love has overcome,
And God has given us the victory! Alleluia**

**May the light of Christ, rising in glory, scatter the darkness of your hearts and minds;
and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you,
and be with you always.**

May the Risen Christ keep you and all your loved ones forever in His loving care.

Fr. Martin