

## What Is Divine Mercy Sunday and Why Do We Celebrate It?

On April 30, 2000, during the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II announced that the **Second Sunday of Easter will be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.**



In her diary, St. Faustina recorded these words that she received from Our Lord, **“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy.”**

He continues, **“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy... Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment.**

**On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy.”**

**Jesus asked an image be painted with the words, “Jesus I trust in You” and that it be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday. In the image, Jesus points to His heart from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. Jesus explained that the two rays represent ‘blood and water.’ He said, “These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when my agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.”**

## How to Receive the Graces of Divine Mercy Sunday

- Go to Confession (during Lent or during the 8 days of Easter through Divine Mercy Sunday)
- Receive Holy Communion
- Venerate the Divine Mercy Image (especially during 3:00 – 4:00 pm, the Hour of Great Mercy)
- Be merciful to others in our thoughts, words, actions and prayers on their behalf

**St. Joseph Church - Charlton, MA**  
***DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION***  
***APRIL 28, 2019 6:30 AM—5:00 PM***

Confession Schedule April 27th - 28th  
Saturday April 27, 3:00 – 4:15 pm  
Sunday April 28, 11:15 am and 2:00 – 4:30pm

**MASS TIMES: Saturday 4:30pm      Sunday 8AM    10AM    5PM**

**6:30 am April 28 Celebration Begins in the Main Church**

- ❖ Adoration
- ❖ Short meditation from St. Faustina's Diary
- ❖ Divine Mercy Chaplet (in song)

**7:30 am Procession of The Blessed Sacrament to "Adoration Chapel"**

- ❖ Silent Adoration

**9:00 am in "Adoration Chapel"**

- ❖ Short mediation from St. Faustina's Diary
- ❖ Divine Mercy Chaplet (recited)
- ❖ Silent Adoration

**11:00 am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament (Main Church)**

- ❖ Divine Mercy Chaplet (in song)
- ❖ Short meditation from St. Faustina's Diary
- ❖ Guided Meditation – Jesus speaks to St. Faustina
- ❖ Silent Adoration

**1:00 pm in Main Church**

- ❖ Stations of the Cross (St. Faustina's Way of the Cross)
- ❖ Silent Adoration

**2:00 pm in Main Church**

- ❖ Rosary
- ❖ Silent Adoration (acoustic music)

**3:00- 4:00pm in Main Church (Bell Rings 3 times)**

- ❖ Hour of Mercy explanation and reflection from St. Faustina's Diary
- ❖ Consecration to Divine Mercy/Offering to Merciful Love
- ❖ Divine Mercy Chaplet (Lifeteen Band)
- ❖ Benediction / Repose of Blessed Sacrament
- ❖ Worship (Lifeteen Band)

**4:00 pm Benediction and repose of the Blessed Sacrament**

**5:00 pm Celebration of the Holy Mass**