



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have come to Divine Mercy Sunday again. It is always good to remember how God is an infinite ocean of mercy, and He revealed this to us in a special way through St. Faustina. What's so special about this Feast Day?

Jesus says to St. Faustina:

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. 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. *The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.* On that day all the divine floodgates

through which graces flow are opened. 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 angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.... The Feast of Mercy emerges from My very depths of tenderness.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary 699, emphasis added*)

Jesus is pouring out such unprecedented graces because too often we're afraid to go to God. He wants us to know that there is no need for fear: only trust! He will forgive us *with no punishment whatsoever* if we but enter the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. This includes going to Confession and Communion. Both of these sacraments are about relationship: Confession is about healing a wounded or broken relationship with God; Communion is about entering into an intimate union with God. God is longing for us to be in a close, intimate, deep relationship with Him (remember: God wants to marry us!), and He is saying, "Do not be afraid to come to me! I am breaking down all barriers! Do not be afraid of punishment, for I only want you to come to me, to be Mine." Even if our sins are as scarlet, He does not want us to be afraid of growing closer to Him.

The question is not about God's willingness to forgive, but whether we really trust Him. Pope Francis said that God never tires of forgiving us, it is we who tire of asking forgiveness. Do we trust? Jesus says:

The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is – trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. (*Diary 1578*)

The more we trust, the more we will receive. God so wants us to love Him and to allow Him to love us.

On this holy day, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, may we allow God's mercy to pour upon us, may we turn to the Fount of Mercy and receive the peace that only Jesus can give.