

2025 Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion
Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Holy Hour of Mercy
April 27 at 3:00 PM
Deacon Sean Smith, Presider

Join us as the entire Catholic Church throughout the world gathers to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on the Octave day of Easter. It is a day chosen by Jesus as a day of extraordinary grace promised by him. He said they would "obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary of St. Faustina, 699). Turn to God's mercy with trust, receive His mercy with thanksgiving, and be merciful towards others. Prayer instruction cards may be found in the Narthex. For any questions, please call Mary Ruth Kelly 865-242-2623.

The Holy Hour will take place in the Church and will include ...

- Introduction
- Liturgy of the Word
- Homily titled "Divine Mercy and St. Faustina"
- Rite of Exposition
 - O Saving Victim (a cappella)
 - Litany of Divine Mercy
 - Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Reposition
 - Divine Praises

Divine Mercy Sunday was officially decreed by the Vatican and designated both a Universal Feast Day and a

means to obtain a Plenary Indulgence by St. John Paul II on April 30, 2000, during the Canonization of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. St. John Paul II remarked, “It was the happiest day of my life.” St. Faustina received visions conveying that His Merciful Love is so immense that no sinner, no matter how wretched, should fear to approach His Mercy. (Diary of St. Faustina, 723)

Plenary Indulgence

Leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, we are invited to participate in the Plenary Indulgence of Divine Mercy, which offers forgiveness of sins and punishment for those who receive Holy Communion on that Sunday, go to Confession within 10 days of Divine Mercy Sunday, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. More information on Indulgences can be found in the links below.

Explore the links below for more information about the Divine Mercy Sunday devotion.

- [History of Divine Mercy Sunday](#)
- [ABC's of Mercy](#)
- [Where to get more info on Divine Mercy](#)
- [Divine Mercy and the Dying](#)
- [Extraordinary Graces](#)