

Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday Easter, 19 April 2020



What is the Divine Mercy message?

We could quote from the Diary of St Faustina:

Ask God for His Mercy - "...be willing to talk openly with your God of Mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish his graces on you" Diary #1485 and "... Do not lose heart coming for pardon, for I am always ready to forgive you. As often as you beg for it, you glorify My mercy" Diary #1488;

Be merciful to others - The Merciful shall be shown Mercy ... "three ways of exercising mercy - by deed, by word, by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy..." Diary # 742; and

Trust in Jesus completely - "... if your trust is great, then my generosity will be without limit" Diary #548 and "...Your great trust in Me forces Me to continuously grant you graces ..." Diary # 718.

Pope John Paul II's wrote his encyclical letter *Dives in Misericordia* (Rich in Mercy) 1981.

In that encyclical, the Holy Father made two very important statements about mercy.

Firstly, he wrote, "Mercy is love's second name."

Secondly, he taught that mercy is "the greatest attribute of God."