



# Year of Mercy

## *Learn, Experience, Share*

March 27-28, 2016

### **Divine Mercy Sunday April 4**

The Feast of Mercy is celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter, April 4, and is called Divine Mercy Sunday.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A - Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B - Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C - Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

### **St. Faustina: An Apostle of Mercy**

The Lord revealed Himself to Sister Faustina, a simple and holy Polish nun, during the 1930s. He spoke to her of His mercy and the way He wants us to respond to it. He also gave her an image of the Divine Mercy, a Chaplet, a feast, novena and other prayers. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for reemphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world.

The message of mercy that Sister Faustina received is now being spread throughout the world. Her diary, "Divine Mercy in My Soul," has become the handbook for devotion to the Divine Mercy. She was canonized by St. Pope John Paul II. Her Feast Day is October 5.

### **Divine Mercy Cenacle at Ss. Peter and Paul**

"When we pray together, there is so much power," says Mary Helen Kossina, head of the Divine Mercy Cenacle at Ss. Peter and Paul. "The message of mercy has been with us since Jesus walked among us and I have seen its positive effects on people."

**Mary Helen says that the experience of studying and praying on the subject of Jesus' mercy can change you. "I have found that you are more open, understanding and compassionate which means you are less judgmental and that the experience gives people a true feeling of peace."**

**The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 1 p.m. in Morris Hall. All are welcome to come to a meeting to see for yourself if you are being called to this ministry. For more information contact Mary Helen at 345-9730.**

### **Did You Know?**

**We have volunteers who:**

- **Make Baptismal gowns**
- **Keep wine mixed and ready for all Masses**
- **Water all the plants in Church**