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Divine Mercy Sunday

Every year on the week after Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. During the 20th century (in the mid 1930s) when the need for God began to diminish along with the dignity of human life, a Polish nun, Sister Faustina, received private revelations concerning Divine Mercy from Jesus. In May of 2000, five days after Sister Faustina was canonized a saint, the Vatican decreed that the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



The chaplet was also given to St. Faustina as was recorded in her diary. Jesus desired that His mercy be known throughout the whole world and encouraged St. Faustina to spread this prayer with the 9 intentions He gave to her.

Familiar to us is the Rosary which is possible to use in order to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Here is an overview of how it is done with the Rosary:

Holding the rosary in your hands, **make the sign of the cross**. Using the first three beads say the Creed, the Our Father and a Hail Mary.

Then on the next bead where we say the Our Father, instead say:

“Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.”

On all the beads where we normally say the Hail Mary, we say the following:

“For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

(We repeat this pattern throughout the five decades of the rosary.)

At the conclusion, we pray this prayer three times:

“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

Have a blessed, safe, and healthy week! ~*Michele Hall*