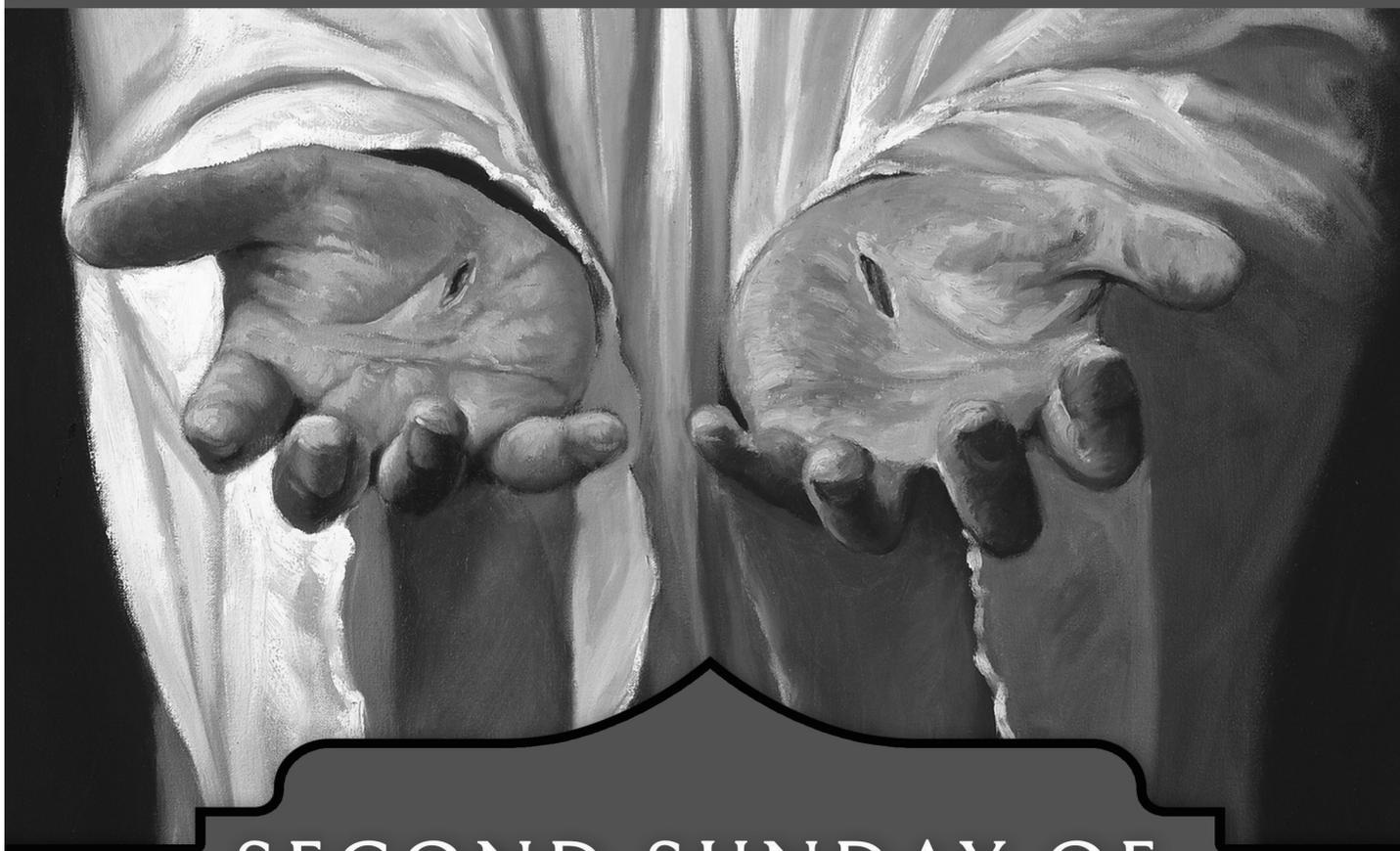




SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS



SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy

“Receive the Holy Spirit.

***Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained.” Jn. 20:23***

In the Great Jubilee Year 2000, on the Second Sunday of Easter, Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be called Divine Mercy Sunday. On the same day he canonized the great messenger of divine mercy, Sister Faustina Kowalska. In her Diary, St. Faustina records that Jesus said to her one day: “Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to divine mercy”. Divine mercy is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity. That is why the Second Sunday of Easter is designated Divine Mercy Sunday.

St. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy is accounted as being proper to God for therein His omnipotence is declared to be chiefly manifested. The Opening Prayer (Collect) of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time expresses this belief. The Church prays, *O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.*

In his encyclical on divine mercy, St. John Paul II wrote that the present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact, tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy. For this reason, St. John Paul II pushed for a more urgent proclamation and witness to mercy in today’s world. “The Church lives an authentic life when she professes and proclaims mercy, the most stupendous attribute of the Creator and Redeemer- and when she brings people close to the source of the Savior’s mercy, of which she is the trustee and dispenser,” *Rich in Mercy, 13.*

Let us remember that five years ago Pope Francis proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. The motto for the Holy Year was *Merciful Like the Father*, taken from Jesus’ Sermon in the Plain, which is recounted in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 6, verse 36. “Be merciful as the Father is merciful.” The sum of the Christian religion consists in mercy, as regards external works. Jesus called blessed those who show mercy for they would be shown mercy, Mt. 5:7.

The Discalced Carmelites received from St. Teresa of Jesus, their founder, a special appreciation for God’s mercy. Every Teresian Carmelite can tell you that on her death bed, St. Teresa repeated the first verse of Psalm 89, *Forever I will sing the mercies of the Lord.* St. Teresa calls us to loving contemplation and trusting abandonment to God’s mercy. She says, *I consider it better for us to place ourselves in the presence of the Lord and look at His mercy and grandeur and at our own lowliness and let Him give us what He wants.* Teresa teaches us how to respond to God’s mercy- with admiration, blessing, love, and trust.

Exactly five years after the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has given the Church this *Year of St. Joseph*. Surely St. Joseph received the gift of mercy with tremendous admiration, blessing, love and trust. Let us do the same.

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.



“Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A quienes les perdonen sus pecados, les serán perdonados; a quienes no se los perdonen, no les serán perdonados”. Jn. 20:23

En el Gran Jubileo 2000, el Segundo Domingo de Pascua, el Papa San Juan Pablo II proclamó que el Segundo Domingo de Pascua en adelante se llamaría Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. El mismo día canonizó a la gran mensajera de la divina misericordia, Sor Faustina Kowalska. En su Diario, Santa Faustina escribió que Jesús le dijo un día: “La humanidad nunca encontrará la paz hasta que se vuelva con confianza a la misericordia divina”. La misericordia divina es el don pascual que la Iglesia recibe de Cristo resucitado y ofrece a la humanidad. Es por eso que el Segundo Domingo de Pascua se designa como Domingo de la Divina Misericordia.

~ *Padre Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.*

Divine Mercy. “He was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity...by His wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5. Hear Fr. Bala’s teaching on Divine Mercy, learn the story of Sr. Faustina and the revelations given to her, and participate in the singing of the chaplet. Join us in our “Alive in Christ” evening at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 16, 2021. Use Zoom meeting ID **845 4734 4406** (pass code **699925**). For help, send a text to 520-981-8800. Send prayer requests, or see Zoom instructions at <https://TucsonCCR.org>. Hosted by the Diocese of Tucson Renewal Committee.

Confessions Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm (English/Español)

Confession in Church Courtyard. You must wear a mask.
Confesión en el patio de la iglesia. Debes usar una máscara.

Weekday Masses Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. inside church

Saturdays

5:00 p.m. Mass (English) in the school field

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass inside church

Sundays

6:30 a.m. Mass inside church

10:00 a.m. Mass inside church

12:00 p.m. Live-stream Mass only

5:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish) in the school field

6:00 p.m. Mass inside church

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New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ **Masses ~ Note these are suspended during COVID-19**

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

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