



Divine Mercy

April 12

What is Divine Mercy?

Divine Mercy is a key aspect of Christian theology, particularly within the Catholic Church, emphasizing God's boundless, compassionate love and mercy toward humanity. The concept is rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament, where believers are encouraged to trust in God's mercy and seek forgiveness for their sins. The modern understanding of Divine Mercy gained prominence through the revelations received by Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, in the early 20th century.

Saint Faustina reported a series of visions and messages from Jesus, who appeared to her as the Divine Mercy. The messages stressed the importance of trusting in God's mercy, seeking repentance and spreading the message of Divine Mercy to others. The revelations were compiled in a diary titled "Divine Mercy in My Soul," which became a significant source for the development of the Divine Mercy devotion.

The Divine Mercy devotion includes specific prayers, such as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Novena, along with veneration of the Divine Mercy image, which depicts Jesus with rays of red and white light symbolizing His blood and water. The devotion underscores the idea that God's mercy is greater than any sin and encourages us to turn to God with repentant hearts.

The importance of Divine Mercy lies in its emphasis on God's unconditional love and forgiveness, providing believers with hope and reassurance in the face of their shortcomings. It serves as a reminder that, no matter how grave the sins, God's mercy is always available to those who sincerely seek it. The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, observed on the second Sunday of Easter, further highlights this devotion. On this day, Catholics partake in special prayers and devotions, and the sacrament of Reconciliation is often encouraged.

Catholics believe that the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday grants special graces and blessings. Pope John Paul II, who had a deep devotion to Divine Mercy, canonized Saint Faustina and officially established Divine Mercy Sunday in the Catholic liturgical calendar in the year 2000. The Pope recognized the significance of this devotion in fostering a deeper spiritual connection and understanding of God's mercy within the Christian community.

In summary, Divine Mercy is a belief within Christian theology, particularly emphasized by the Catholic Church, that underscores God's limitless compassion and forgiveness. Rooted in the revelations to Saint Faustina, devotion has become a significant aspect of the Catholic faith, providing us with a source of hope, repentance and trust in God's mercy. The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is a special occasion to deepen our devotion and seek God's mercy in our lives.

[Divine Mercy CES Website](#)

[St. David's Roman Catholic Church Website](#)



Quotes

*"The greater the sinner,
the greater the right he
has to My mercy."*

- Saint Faustina Kowalska

*"Divine Mercy is the sweetest attribute
of God. It is His goodness that conquers
all; it overcomes all of our weaknesses."*

- Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.

*"Divine Mercy is the key to
understanding the mystery of God
and, at the same time, the innermost
expression of God's love."*

- Pope John Paul II

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Merciful Lord,

I trust in Your boundless love and mercy. I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

As I meditate on the Divine Mercy image, may Your compassion cleanse us from our sins. Help us trust in You, no matter our weaknesses. Grant forgiveness and mercy in this Hour of Mercy. Holy God, have mercy on us and the whole world.

May Your Divine Mercy be our solace and strength. Through the cross, symbol of Your love, may we find redemption and grace. We place our trust in You, O Merciful Lord, seeking Your mercy with repentant hearts.

Amen.





York Catholic District School Board



**FEAST DAY:
April 12**

**SCHOOL LOCATION:
Vaughan, ON**

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