

# MESSAGE FOR ALL CATHOLICS:

## “JESUS IS IN THE CONFSSIONAL”

Catholics around the world are returning to the practice of their faith despite attacks from evil forces to discredit the Church. The attacks are meant to turn people away from the confession of their sins, which is the key to receiving the mercy of God. In recent revelations, Our Lord Jesus indicated to St. Faustina that He would give mankind a last chance before He returns to judge the World.

This "last hope of salvation" is the recourse to His Feast of Mercy. Jesus first appeared to St. Faustina in 1931 and He told her that before He comes again, He would pour out His mercy on a special Feast of Mercy. In that vision Jesus was dressed in a white garment and had two brilliant rays of light coming from His Heart, one red as blood, the other clear as water. He told her to paint an image of Him just as she had seen Him and to sign it "Jesus, I Trust In You." She was also to work on establishing this Feast of Mercy in the Church and to have the painted image venerated throughout the world. Our Lord said that this feast is to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. On May 5th, 2000 the Vatican issued a decree and fulfilled the will of Christ by establishing this feast, now called "Divine Mercy Sunday".

Jesus told St. Faustina, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (Diary, 699) For example, a person, who had been a terrible sinner all their life could return to the Church and be totally pardoned by first going to Confession and then receiving Holy Communion on that Feast of Mercy.

Jesus said, "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy..... Tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice is near." (Diary, 965) It doesn't take a genius to see the times that we are living in. We only need to look at what is happening in our world today. Repent of your sins and ask for the Lord's Mercy.

How many today receive Holy Communion with souls stained with mortal sins? When a person receives the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus in Holy Communion without first going to Confession to cleanse their souls, that soul is going even deeper into sin. Many have not confessed their sins in a long time so this special promise of a complete pardon of sin and punishment is an immense incentive to come to Jesus, with trust, before He returns again to judge the world.

Don't ever be afraid to go to Confession. Jesus said, "When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Come with faith to the feet of My representative...and make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy." (1725, 1602, 723)

On the evening of His resurrection Jesus appeared to His Apostles and the first thing that He did was to give them the power to forgive sins (John 20:19-31). This is done through the power of the Holy Spirit. For sure it wasn't the Lord's intention for just the Apostles to forgive sins but rather for that power to be passed down through the Holy Spirit to the priests of today. That is why Confession is so much of an uplifting experience; we are actually receiving heavenly graces and the forgiveness of sins from the Lord Jesus Himself!

Most people haven't spent much time thinking about the future. Some might think that they are brilliant and successful in this life, but what is that as compared to eternity? The father of lies has everyone focused on this life while not thinking about what happens in the eternal life. If you really want to be wise, think about where you are going to spend eternity. We will be there for quite a long time. Many do not believe in the fires of hell. Unfortunately, those are the ones that usually will end up there. Be wise and think about it very seriously!

Many feel that their sins are unforgivable but, Jesus said, "Were a soul like a decaying corpse, so that from a human standpoint, there would be no hope of restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. In the Tribunal of Mercy (the sacrament of Confession) ...the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated." (1448) "Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy." (1602) Every sin imaginable could be forgiven by Him!

One should attempt to go to Confession before Divine Mercy Sunday. We must also remember the precepts of the Catholic Church which include attending Mass on every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, to confess sins at least once a year, and to provide for the material needs of the Church.

It would be a mistake for someone who has been away from the Church to think that they could return just for that one feastday. Our Lord knows our intentions and part of making a good Confession is intending never to sin again. Missing Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation are serious sins. We should be serious about our faith and do the best we can to help to support our Church and to help it to save as many souls as possible.

Remember these words of Jesus, " I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity...tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near." (965)

Contact your local Catholic Church and arrange to go to Confession as soon as you can, so that you may be ready always to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, especially on Divine Mercy Sunday, when you can receive the total forgiveness of your sins and punishment! It is like receiving a brand new start in life!

To find out about Confession and Mass times for this feast, call your local Catholic Church. For a printable Guide to Confession and for more information about this wonderful Feast of Mercy, go to: [www.MercySunday.com](http://www.MercySunday.com) or call 772-873-4581