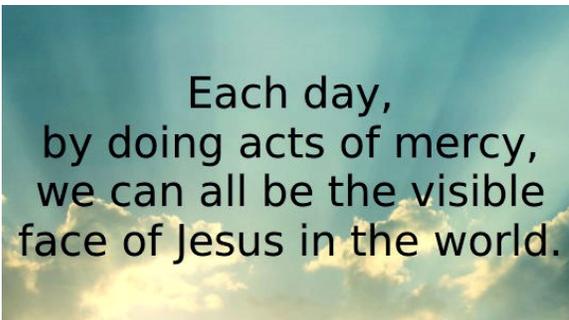




## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY & THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

This weekend you have been given a copy of the book "Beautiful Mercy" written by several authors who witness to the power of God's mercy. It is a beautiful companion to our celebrations for the Holy Year of Mercy and appropriate for today as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.



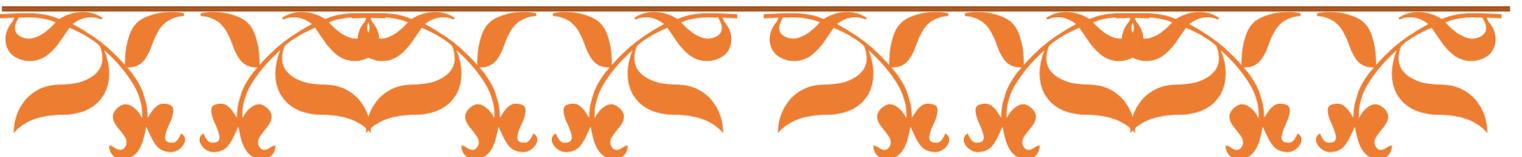
**Divine Mercy Sunday is an Observance in the Roman Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to all.** It is based on visions recorded from St. Faustina Kowalski. On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday."

On this Sunday, we listen to the story of Doubting Thomas. Thomas, also a saint in the Roman Catholic Church, was one of Jesus' apostles. When Jesus arose from the dead, he didn't believe it. Jesus directed him to touch his crucifixion wounds to help him believe. Jesus doesn't chastise Thomas for his disbelief, which is considered an act of mercy.

The motto of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy declared by Pope Francis is "Merciful Like the Father". This Holy Year of Mercy began December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and will close November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King.

Sometimes, when we think of the word *mercy*, we picture someone throwing themselves on their knees before a cruel villain, pleading to be spared some punishment. This is not our understanding of God's mercy. We do not ask for God's mercy because we are afraid of incurring his wrath as punishment for our sins. Rather, when we call on God to have mercy, we are calling on God in the only way we know him—as one who responds with compassion to those in need. **When we show mercy to others, we are responding as God responds, with compassion.**

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, we the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way our hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for us personally and for the sake of the world.



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# GARAGE SALE



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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May from 4:00 to 7:00 PM**