

# Why is the Sunday after Easter 'Divine Mercy Sunday'?

Pope John Paul II, both in his teaching and personal life, strove to live and teach the message of Divine Mercy; he wrote an encyclical on Divine Mercy, and stated: "The Message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me... and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate." In his



writings and homilies, he has described Divine Mercy as the answer to the world's problems and the message of the third millennium. On the day he canonized St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, April 30, 2000, he established Divine Mercy Sunday -the Second Sunday of the Easter season - as a feast day for the entire Church.

Repeatedly he wrote and spoke about the need for us to turn to the mercy of God as the answer to the specific problems of our times, placing a strong and significant focus on the Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout his pontificate. You can read more about Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet, the Image and St. Faustina on <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>