

**Christ the King Roman Catholic Church  
624 N Rossmore Avenue  
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**Divine Mercy Sunday  
Beatification of John Paul II  
May 01, 2011**



As Pastor of Christ the King Parish in Hollywood, I warmly invite you to celebrate The Divine Mercy Sunday on May 01, 2011.

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **“all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened”** (*Diary 699*). Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of His Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

In Christ the King Church there is a special chapel with the Icon of Merciful Jesus blessed by John Paul II, whom from today we call Blessed John Paul II. This is why, for us, at Christ the King, this Divine Mercy Sunday is very special Feast.

**To observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:**

1. **Celebrate** the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely **Repent** of all our sins;
3. Place our complete **Trust in Jesus**;
4. Go to **Confession**, preferably before the Divine Mercy Sunday;
5. Receive **Holy Communion** on the day of the Feast;
6. **Venerate the Image** of The Merciful Jesus
7. **Be merciful to others**, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

Your participation in this Feast, your presence in our Sanctuary of Divine Mercy expresses your devotion to Jesus the King of Mercy and your willingness to bring souls to the fountain of His Mercy.

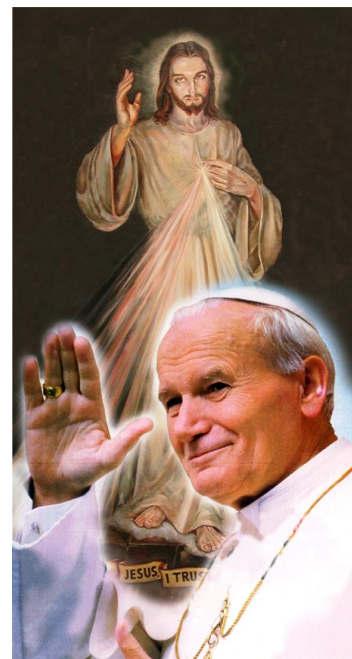
Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Msgr. Paul Montoya'.

Rev. Msgr. Paul Montoya

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**Jesus said: "I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy" (Diary 49). I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. (Diary 1109)**

Among all of the forms of devotion to The Divine Mercy requested by our Lord through Saint Faustina, the Feast of Mercy holds first place. **There were 14 revelations concerning the desired feast.**

**All the elements of the message and devotion to The Divine Mercy focus on the Feast of Mercy**

Our Lord is asking for a Feast of His mercy to bring attention to the outpouring of the ocean of graces, and to His promise of the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment, to the souls that will go to **Confession** and receive **Holy Communion**.

**Priests are to proclaim the mercy of God.** The Image of Jesus, the Merciful Savior, is to be blessed and venerated as a reminder to trust in Jesus and do works of mercy. And we are to **renew, ratify and seal the covenant of mercy by receiving Holy Communion.**

In preparing for the Feast of Mercy we are to make a novena of Chaplets to the Divine Mercy (beginning on Good Friday), and to **be purified by the sacrament of Reconciliation.**



**At Christ the King in preparation  
for the DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
we will start the Divine Mercy Novena  
on April 22 and end it on April 30, 2011.**

### Novena Schedule at Christ the King Church:

Good Friday	4/22	11:30 AM	before the Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	4/23	6:00 PM	before 6:30 PM Evening Mass
Easter Sunday	4/24	10:15 AM	before 10:30 AM Mass
Easter Monday	4/25	7:10 AM	before 7:30 AM Daily Mass
Easter Tuesday	4/26	7:10 AM	before 7:30 AM Daily Mass
Easter Wednesday	4/27	7:10 AM	before 7:30 AM Daily Mass
Easter Thursday	4/28	7:10 AM	before 7:30 AM Daily Mass
Easter Friday	4/29	7:10 AM	before 7:30 AM Daily Mass
Easter Saturday	4/30	5:10 PM	before 5:30 PM Vigil Mass

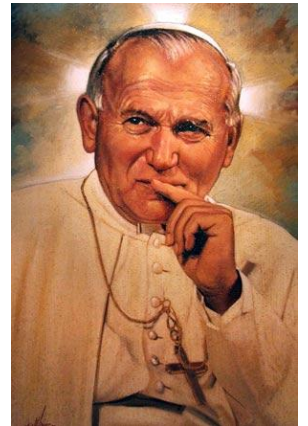


## Divine Mercy Sunday Christ the King Church Sanctuary of Divine Mercy May 01, 2011

10:30 AM - Solemn Mass  
2:30 PM - Gather to celebrate Divine Mercy Feast  
3:00 PM - The Great Hour of Mercy

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Reflection: *"Divine Mercy in My Soul"*
- Stations of the Cross with Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
- Veneration of the Relics of St. Faustina and Blessed Michael Sopoćko

Let us thank the Lord for his love, which is stronger than death and sin. It is revealed and put into practice as mercy in our daily lives, and prompts every person in turn to have "mercy" towards the Crucified One. Is not loving God and loving one's neighbor and even one's "enemies", after Jesus' example, the program of life of every baptized person and of the whole Church? (*John Paul II*)

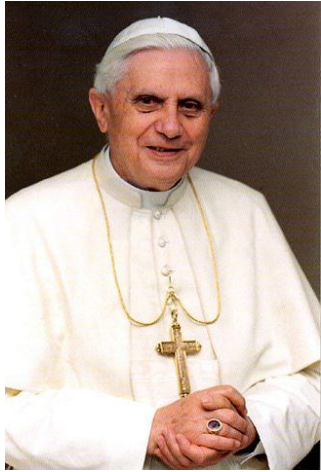


**The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**

*On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. [...]*

*The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy (*Diary 699*).*

- **This is a day of total forgiveness of sins for those who approach the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**
- **It is an annual celebration like the Day of Atonement. All sins and punishment would be washed away in His infinite mercy.**
- **Our Lord spoke to Sister Faustina about the special purpose of the feast as a "refuge and shelter for all souls" and described how His mercy was especially available to all who call upon it on that day.**
- **Jesus has attributed the power to remit sins and punishment to Holy Communion received on the Feast of Mercy, thereby elevating it to the rank of "Second Baptism".**



## “We are happy!” affirmed Benedict XVI

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, as you know, next May 1<sup>st</sup> I shall have the joy of beatifying my beloved Predecessor, Venerable Pope John Paul II. The date chosen is deeply meaningful: it will in fact be the Second Sunday of Easter, which he himself entitled Divine Mercy Sunday, on the eve which his life on earth ended. Those who knew him, those who esteemed and loved him, cannot but rejoice with the Church in this event. We are glad!”



“Brothers and sisters do not be afraid to welcome Christ  
and accept his power.

Do not be afraid.

Open wide the doors for Christ.

To his saving power open the boundaries of States,  
economic and political systems, the vast fields of  
culture, civilization and development.

Do not be afraid.

Christ knows "what is in man". He alone knows it".

*Joannes Paulus PP II*

## Divine Mercy Image in Christ the King Church



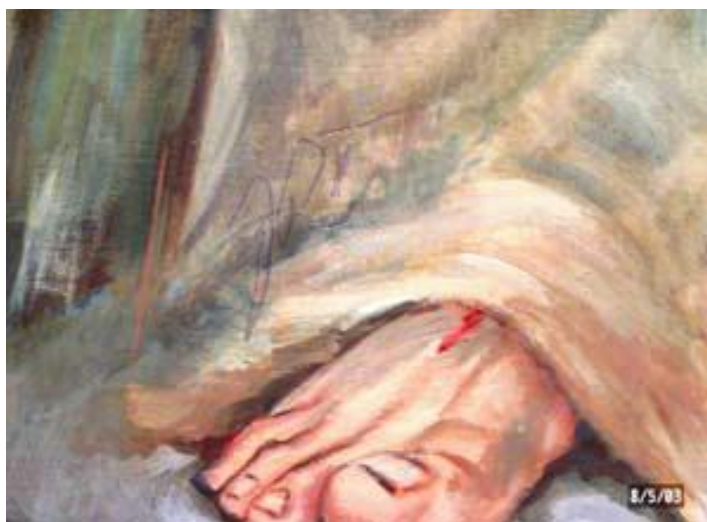
The parish of Christ the King in Los Angeles owns its Sanctuary of Divine Mercy since 2003. The image of the Merciful Christ is venerated in a separate Chapel. The image traveled a long way from Poland, Saint Faustina's country, through the Vatican to find its place here in Hollywood, on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

The image in the Church of Christ the King, one of the contemporary copies of the countenance known through Saint Faustina's revelations, deserves special attention. The Image was blessed in Rome by the Holy Father on April 30,

2003 during special audience in the Vatican. John Paul II – The Great Pope of Mercy placed his signature on It, upon the request of Msgr. Zenon Jarzabek and Fr. George J. Bobowski. On September 14, 2003 the Image was placed in a separate Chapel which also includes the Painting of Saint Faustina and Blessed Father Michael Sopocko. All paintings were done by the Polish Artist Mr. Dymitr Grozdev. Also, in the Church there

is a plaque dedicated to John Paul II.

**Today, the Image of Merciful Jesus is the only one Icon in the United States signed by God's Servant John Paul II. This Makes this Icon a Relic**



This very new center of devotion to the Divine Mercy has made a considerable contribution to the spreading of this devotion to the Divine Mercy — the Highest Attribute of God. The devotion to the Divine Mercy occupies an important place in the ministry of the Priests serving at Christ the King Parish. Divine Mercy is a way of Life for the parishioners.

*The teachings about God's Mercy are one of the foundations of John Paul II's Petrine Ministry. In his book "Memory and Identity" there is a separate chapter titled "The Mystery of Mercy"; He wrote: "I recall here Sister Faustina and the devotion to the Merciful Christ initiated by her, I do it also because she belongs to our age [...]. Words written in Saint Faustina's Diary appear to be an special Gospel of God's Mercy written from the 20th Century's perspective. The people of this century understood this message. They have comprehended it though this dramatic compiling of the evil, which has been brought by the Second World War and later, by cruelties of totalitarian systems. It is just like Christ wanted to show that the measure of evil, in which the casualty was the man, is finally the Mercy of God".*

