

# Divine Floodgates are Wide-open on Divine Mercy Sunday

The “wide-opened” Divine Floodgates has been one of the most difficult concepts for many to accept, and understand, about the Feast of Mercy, now called Divine Mercy Sunday. The Church, since the Jubilee Year 2000, has been celebrating this feast, but the acceptance and understanding of it, has not been quick enough.

Our dearly beloved Saint Pope John Paul II wrote his last and final statement from his death bed that he prepared to be read on (Divine Mercy Sunday), which came to be, the very day, after his passing. In it, he expressed to the world, the very great importance and the soul-saving urgency to understand and accept Our Lord’s incredible gift of Divine Mercy. He said to all the people of the world:

*"As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is love that converts hearts and gives peace.*

***How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!***

*Lord, who reveal the Father’s love by Your Death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You...*

*Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.  
Amen."*

Pope Saint John Paul II, not only died on this feast, but his final words, that he had prepared to be read on Divine Mercy Sunday, called for a greater understanding and acceptance of Divine Mercy, and, no doubt, he was calling, in particular, for a much greater acceptance and understanding, that the Divine Floodgates of Divine Mercy, are wide-open, on the exact Sunday, that our Lord Himself, had chosen; the Octave Sunday of Easter, the “grand finale”, of the very solemn, “eight” day, Easter feast.

If you were to follow the, virtuous, life of Pope Saint John Paul II, since he entered the underground seminary, you would see that the Lord was guiding him, all the way, for the task of, developing, the Feast of Divine Mercy. During the German occupation in Poland, he had been granted papers to be able to work in a limestone quarry that was very near to Saint Faustina's tomb. There, he learned, of the urgent, message of Divine Mercy, just a few years, after her death, at 33, in 1938, where many were praying for her intercession and were receiving miraculous results.

After he was shot in St. Peter's Square and recuperating in the hospital, he had the diary of St. Faustina read to him. Throughout his pontificate, he wrote of Divine Mercy and lived out that message in everything that he did. After establishing the Feast of Divine Mercy, he said that he was thankful for having contributed to the will of Christ by establishing that Feast of Mercy, that Jesus so ardently desired.

During a dinner, that I had been invited, to attend, after canonizing St. Faustina and establishing Divine Mercy Sunday for the universal Church, he remarked that it was the happiest day of his life. Just five years later, he died on that feast! In 2011, he was beatified on that feast, and in 2014, he was canonized on that feast. How much, more clearly, can the Holy Spirit shout at us, of the great importance, of this feast?

So how can we better understand, why the Lord has chosen, this specific Sunday, to open up the Divine Floodgates of Heaven? If we look back into the Old Testament in Leviticus 16:29-34 and 23: 26-28, we will see that God, Himself, demanded that Moses set a, once-a-year, day of atonement for the people to receive the forgiveness of their sins and punishment. The Day of Atonement was on the last day, of a 10 day feast, that the Jews still call the "High Holy Days" and the "10 Days of Awe".

God told Moses that this feast was to be for them the "Sabbath of Sabbaths" or another words, their greatest feast. It was for them "an annual preparation for the Judgment" and they looked forward to this feast, every year. This feast is still celebrated by the Jews, of today, as Yom Kippur. So if God chose, a very special day of grace, way back in the Old Testament, why wouldn't He do the same for us, today, especially, when the Old Testament points to the new? And isn't Easter our Sabbath of Sabbaths or our Feast of Feasts? The Church celebrates Easter for a full 8 days which culminates on the Octave Sunday of Easter, on the following Sunday.

If you count from Holy Thursday all the way to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter, you will have a full 10 days. Are not these 10 days, truly, for us, the "Highest Holy Days" or the "10 Days of Awe"? The Church expects us to celebrate the feast of Easter for a full 8 days. That is why they have made all of those 8 days, between Easter and the Octave Day of Easter, solemnities, the very highest form of celebration possible. No other feast, not even, the Feast of Christmas, can match it.

Jesus made it very clear that He would pour out a whole ocean of graces on that day and that the Divine Floodgates would be wide-opened. Jesus promised that the soul that would go to Confession and then receive Holy Communion, on that day, would receive the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. If the Lord, our God, told His people, in the Old Testament, to prepare for an outpouring of graces on the Day of Atonement or the "grand finale" of a 10 day feast, why would it be so hard, for us, to understand, and accept, why He wouldn't want to do the same thing, today?

Many parishes, celebrate the Triduum, and end the celebrations, flatly, on Easter Sunday. What a shame, when the Church has purposely, set for us, 8 straight days of solemnities that ends, with a "grand finale", on the Octave Day of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope Saint John Paul II, the Great, said that Divine Mercy was the Easter Gift. If Divine Mercy "is" this incredible Easter Gift, then why are some parishes turning their backs on Jesus, and not inviting, everybody, including the Easter only and fallen-away Catholics, to come back for the Feast of Mercy on the grand finale, of Easter, to receive the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment?

Just think; when we have carnivals and great festivals that offer a grand prize, the grand prize is always drawn out on the last day or the grand finale. They don't ever draw it out on the opening day, but on the day of the grand opening, they will surely

broadcast it, won't they, and they will continue to broadcast it throughout the entire feast. What Jesus is offering us, is nothing less than a "straight ticket to Heaven" and the Vatican has backed this up with a very special plenary indulgence. Then why aren't we broadcasting this, great gift, like the Holy See, is asking us to do? Why aren't we getting excited about this great gift and telling everyone about it?

A "straight ticket to Heaven"? What could be a more valuable gift for everybody? A multi-million dollar lottery prize could never come close. We are talking about eternal life in paradise! And get this; everybody can obtain it! Not just one winner; everybody can win it this gift of Eternal Life in Heaven! So great a prize; and some parishes don't even mention it, at all? In all actuality, the Vatican, itself, has made its proclamation, by priests, mandatory. Doubt this? Read the, very, last paragraph, of the Plenary Indulgence Decree, for Divine Mercy Sunday, and you will see it, very, plainly. It is entitled "Duty of Priests: inform parishioners, hear confessions, lead prayers". Priests must follow these instructions; it is not an option.

I firmly believe, that Pope Saint John Paul II, purposely, decreed this, very, special, plenary indulgence, because he firmly believed, with all his heart, that the Divine Floodgates of Heaven, are truly open, on that day, and he wanted everybody to take advantage, of it. What could be, a greater gift, or what could be, a greater tool, for the "new evangelization", than this, great day, where, every Catholic, can receive a "straight ticket to Heaven"? I am sure, that Jesus, is hoping, that all souls be saved.

Our Lord also promised that the worst sinners would receive the greatest amount of graces and that they would not be able to keep quiet about it. These sinners would have, what is referred to, as a "born-again" experience, on that day, and they would never forget it. Can you think, of any other day, that could easily yield such a great harvest? And this is not man's, own creation, or idea; the Lord, Jesus, Himself, has set this Feast of Mercy, for us. All we need to do is follow the Church's instruction and guidance and Jesus will do the rest. I know this to be true; I was one of those poor sinners that received those incredible graces and I just can't keep quiet about it!

It is no accident that Pope Francis is also a Divine Mercy Pope and that he, has put, on the fore-front, of his pontificate, the urgency, to reach out, to poor sinners, and to get out, of our "comforts zones", and to "go out" and evangelize. And this is "not" anything new; Canon Law 771.2 clearly calls, bishops and pastors, to reach out to everyone, that is within their territory, including non-believers, and to minister the Gospel to them, no less, than they do, for the faithful. Just think, if they provide daily Mass for the faithful, what should they really be doing for everybody else?

Divine Mercy Sunday is God's greatest tool for the New Evangelization!

Let us all help, Jesus, in the, very, best way we can!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

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