



Celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday was declared by Pope John Paul II following the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska in the Jubilee year 2000.

A very special day of prayer and celebration, Divine Mercy Sunday offers us the opportunity for extra-ordinary and unlimited graces.

To receive the special graces of mercy that day, the following are required:

- Place complete trust in God's mercy;
- Repent of all your sins and go to Confession sometime during Lent;
- Celebrate God's mercy by attending Mass on the Sunday after Easter;
- Go to Communion (as always, while in the state of grace);
- Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy;
- Be merciful to others by actions, words or prayers.

Those Catholics who celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday will be able to receive a plenary indulgence, as granted by Pope John Paul II.

Divine Mercy Sunday

May 1, 2011

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette will host a special celebration of "Divine Mercy Sunday" on **Sunday, May 1, 2011**, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 2319 Johnston Street, Lafayette.

**2:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Chaplet of Mercy

Divine Mercy Prayers

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00 p.m. Holy Mass

**Blessing with Relic of St. Faustina
immediately following Mass**

Please join us for this special celebration of "Divine Mercy Sunday". All are welcome, and no pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact Mary Bergeron (337-654-8682) or visit www.centralregiononline.org.

PLEASE NOTE: You may receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Divine Mercy Sunday. Every effort will be made to accommodate all those seeking to receive this Sacrament; however, Confessions will end promptly at 2:50 p.m.

Parking is available at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. For your convenience and safety, additional parking will be available at Blackham Coliseum, with a uniformed police escort to assist in crossing Johnston Street to the Church.