

My dear parishioners of St. James, Our Lady of the Valley, St. Benedict & St. Theresa, Sacred Heart Lumby and visitors:

"Jesus – I trust in You" (Divine Mercy prayer)

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (Jn. 20 : 29)

Our Easter Sunday Outdoor Mass on April 4th at 10.00a.m. at Our Lady of the Valley was truly a solemn and joyful celebration of our love for our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, for His Church and for one another. I was happy to see at least 50 of you, my dear parishioners, being in front of the church, more in your own cars and many more from your own home together we joyfully and gratefully celebrate our 2021 Easter Sunday “the Feast of all Feasts”. It was a windy day, but a happy day for all of us. Thank you so much for your faith, hope and love.

St. John Paul II officially proclaimed the 2nd Sunday of Easter to be The Divine Mercy Sunday on April 30th 2000. It is important for all of us on this Divine Mercy Sunday to remember one of most beautiful messages of St. Faustina also “the Divine Mercy Acronym ABC”: A – Ask for Jesus’ mercy. B – Be merciful. C – Completely trust in Jesus. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Jesus to Sr. Faustina: On one occasion, I heard these words:
"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. 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. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. 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" (Excerpted from *Diary of Sr. M. Faustina Kowalska*).

Have a blessed weekend and a good week.

Fr. Peter Hoan Nguyen.