

Divine Mercy Sun: Who wants Peace!

Praise to you Father Scalia as your words affirmed today's homily.

“Place yourself with the Apostles in the upper room. Consider the emotions present in these men's hearts. They are in the very place where Jesus gave them the Eucharist and ordained them priests. The place also where each of them promised to be faithful to Him even to death. An incredible sadness and shame now fills their hearts. They had neglected His gifts and failed Him miserably. Perhaps their shame led to mutual recriminations, as it so often does.

On Easter Sunday, the Apostles have heard about the empty tomb. Peter and John had run to it, returned, and reported it empty. It's not immediately obvious that this is good news to them. If Jesus is alive, how would He come to them? With forgiveness or condemnation?”

Yet: The first words of Jesus are: Peace be with you.

**-School story / Anthony / Africa School & Isis / Sisters of Sacred Heart and boat.
(To hear these stories feel free to access Sunday's homily here:**

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-Confession leads to peace

-The amount of Peace is directly proportional to the amount of Trust we have in Jesus.

-Regardless of being huddled together in the upper room out of fear.

-No matter our trials / God can bring about a greater good. Will we place our trust:

-Jesus I Trust in You.

It is fitting that on this second Sunday of Easter, decreed in 2000 by Pope John Paul II to be Divine Mercy Sunday, and the readings give us perspective.

-Jesus desires to give us Mercy...As Jesus shared His wounds with St. Thomas: perhaps He says to us - Share with me your wounds and I will give you My Peace....Trust in me...Let me in the boat (your life)...And I will give you life.

Divine mercy is God's refusal to leave us in our fallen condition: Jesus enters the “locked doors” of our hearts, banishing fear and sin and saying, “Peace be with you.” “He showed them his hands and his side”: Jesus shows us his wounds so that we will not be afraid to show him ours.

-Seek Confession / St. Faustina loved Confession / Which brought her strength and peace.

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

More on Divine Mercy Sunday:

-In the 1930's Poland - St. Faustina received from the Lord - A message of mercy that she was told to spread throughout the world. She was asked to re-emphasize God's plan of mercy for the world.

-In obedience to her spiritual director, Fr. Sopocko. St. Faustina wrote a diary of some 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's Mercy. Concerned of her own unworthiness and terrified at the thought of trying to write anything, she nonetheless began keeping a diary in 1934.

-For 4 years she recorded Divine Revelations and Mystical Experiences, together with her thoughts, insights and prayers. In simple language the message repeats and **clarifies the Gospel story of God's love for His people, emphasizing, above all, the need to trust in His loving action in all aspects of our lives.**

Liturgically the Days of Easter have always been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday, and the message of St. Faustina therefore; point us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ —

The ABC's of Divine Mercy:

A – ask for His Mercy

B – be merciful

C – completely trust

“The greater the sinner, the greater the right they have to My Mercy.”