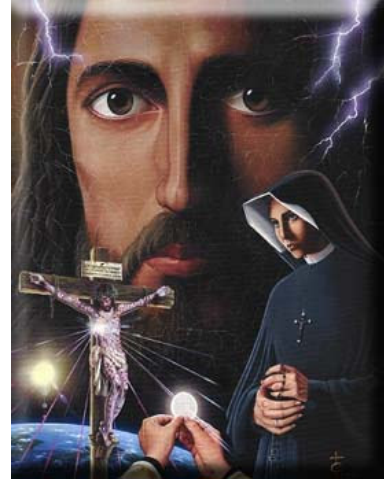


# Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Third in a series



Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated, nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Cracow, Poland during the 1930's. She had only three years of very simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent. However, she received extraordinary revelations or messages from Our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled in notebooks.

These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy. Through her the Lord Jesus communicates to the world the great message of God's mercy and reveals the pattern of Christian perfection based on trust in God and on the attitude of mercy toward one's neighbors.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Pope John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Through St. Faustina, the merciful Savior has given the aching world new channels for the outpouring of His grace. These new channels include the *Image of The Divine Mercy*, the *Feast of Mercy* (Divine Mercy Sunday), the *Chaplet*, the *Novena to The Divine Mercy*, and prayer at 3 O'clock in the afternoon, *the Hour of Great Mercy*.

## Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

In a vision to St. Faustina in 1935, the Lord revealed a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say – the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy - and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it:

**Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy...Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (Diary 687, 1731)**

Learn to pray the Chaplet, pick up a pamphlet from the pamphlet rack in the narthex.

Visit [www.marian.org](http://www.marian.org) for additional information on Divine Mercy Sunday

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+ Experience the mercy of God +

+Repent and believe the Good News + Prepare your heart for Easter +

+ Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday +