



## **RELIGIOUS ED**

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH IN-PERSON CLASSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH VIRTUAL CLASSES

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE!-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



Vilnius Image of The Divine Mercy Original painting by Eugene Kazimirowski, 1934

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Today we end the Octave of Easter with the wonderful celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II established the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday in accordance with the request Jesus Christ had made for a special celebration the Sunday after Easter in His revelations to Sr. Faustina in the 1930s.

When Jesus Christ first appeared to Sr. Faustina, He was wearing a brilliant white robe with His right hand raised in blessing and His left hand near His heart. Two rays of light, one red and the other a pale white, radiated from His heart. Our Lord told Sr. Faustina, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature, Jesus, I trust in You." Christ promised Sr. Faustina that, "Anyone who venerates this image will someday join me in Heaven." Our Lord also taught Sr. Faustina the Divine Mercy Chaplet and told her, "Whoever recites this prayer and marks the hour of My death in even the smallest way will receive more graces than his soul could ever need." Sr. Faustina was canonized by St. John Paul II on April 30, 2000.

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us us the infinite love Jesus Christ has for all of us and His desire for us to be with Him in Heaven. It is also a wonderful opportunity for us to take advantage of Our Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In her diary, Sr. Faustina records these words of Christ, "Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul." St. Elizabeth of the Trinity offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm. Invite a friend, bring the family, and experience Christ's mercy in this beautiful sacrament.