

THE PRODIGAL FATHER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PRESENTATION
THEME: EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
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Good afternoon, everyone. You can remain seated but let's just begin with a prayer.

In the name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit. Amen.
“While he was still a long way off, the father caught sight of his son and was filled with compassion. He ran to him and embraced him and kissed him.”
Father as we come before you on this wonderful Feast Day of Divine Mercy Sunday, I just asked that you anoint me, your priest, to speak the words that your people long to hear. That, through your promise to Sister Faustina, that any priest that would speak on your behalf would be blessed to allow people to know of the great mercy of our God. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen. In the name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit. Amen.

How many of you know of the Eucharistic Revival? Have you heard of this yet? OK a couple of you have. We're going to do a three-year Eucharist Revival. We've already been in the first year of it but the reason you don't know about it is because the first year was just to get all the priests, the Diocese people that are really involved, and all of that focused on a plan for their own Diocese of what they're doing. We've been meditating on that ourselves. I've given this Divine Mercy talk four years in a row and every year I pick a different theme depending on what the year is and so I chose to focus on the Eucharist since we're entering into this Eucharistic Revival.

I like to always begin just to tell people about Divine Mercy Sunday and about the special graces that we are to receive on this day. Jesus tells Sister Faustina ***to run throughout the whole world and tell them of My infinite mercy. If sinners recite this chaplet only once in their lives, they will be saved. Tell priests that hardened sinners will crumble beneath their words when they speak of My mercy.***

I'm just trusting that God's going to work through me because of this promise. ***I will give them wonderful powers and we will touch the hearts to which they will speak.*** So, Jesus will touch your hearts through this talk today.

When Jesus began to appear to Sister Faustina, she began writing in her diary. When I was in the seminary the diary was given to me a number of times. Now if you haven't had her diary, it's about this thick so it's a pretty big book and it looks kind of intimidating to read. In the seminary you have a lot of reading that you have to do, so much so that the teachers, one of them, Father Tasco, would say, “This will be your 3:00 am reading, you know three in the morning when you're still reading, this will be what you do then.”

So, you have a lot to read in the seminary and so I kept thinking I don't have time to read this now. I would get another copy, but I don't have time to read it now and you would think that I would get the hint, right? But after a while, when four different people gave me a copy of this diary that maybe I should read it? I put all of those on my shelf until I was ordained, and I still didn't read them my first year of ordination. So, some years ago there was a Year for Mercy. Do you remember that we had the Year of Mercy? That's when I read the Diary of Saint Faustina and forever changed my own understanding of God's mercy.

You know me because I have this love of the Prodigal Father. Sister Faustina helped me to see through her through Jesus 's revelation that He is a merciful Father. He just wants us to share in His love and the more that we can trust in this love the more that He will save us.

In a conversation she had with God about a despairing soul, (1486) Jesus said ***O soul steeped in darkness, do not despair.*** Maybe this is you right now. ***O, soul steeped in darkness, do not despair. All is not yet lost. Come and confide in your God, who is love and mercy. But the soul, deaf to even this appeal, wraps itself in darkness. Jesus calls out again: My child, listen to the voice of your merciful Father.***

I hope you will do that with me today, listen to the voice of the merciful Father.

He goes on to tell Sister Faustina a series of revelations and apparitions to her, ***My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy.*** He wanted her to tell the entire world about this.

I desire that the Feast of Mercy (139) be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

So, these days are a refuge for us, a shelter.

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. This is Jesus talking to Faustina. He's telling her that the soul that comes to Confession will receive complete forgiveness of sins and all its punishments.

In the church we've had a long-standing tradition of indulgences and sometimes I'm even afraid to say the word because there's some negative connotations with it. People think, "Why do we need indulgences? Why do we have them and why do we have to earn something from God?"

I think of an indulgence as God like a father. When you think of parents indulging their children, they're giving them gifts and so God is indulging us on this Feast of Divine Mercy. He's giving us a wonderful gift and it's not anything that we earn, all we have to do is approach Him.

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.

Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be scarlet red like this.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or 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.

Everything! All of this world, all of your lives, all of your family, your work, all of it is come forth from the depths of God's mercy and the gifts that He wants to give to you.

Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

We are doing today where we contemplate His love and His mercy for us, that's going to be heaven. Just experiencing God's love and tender mercy, this Prodigal Father who loves us so much.

***The Feast of this Mercy has emerged from My depths of tenderness. (139)
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.***

People say to me all the time, "Why do I have to go to Confession? I don't want to go to Confession. I don't need to go to Confession." He's giving us this wonderful opportunity for peace. I know for myself there's many times in my life where I've sinned or sin and yes, I go to God, and I ask for his forgiveness. I don't truly feel peace until I go to Confession. When I go to Confession and I hear those words of absolution and I've spoken those horrible things out loud, I and then feel His peace in the fount of his mercy.

Jesus reveals that it pains God our Father so much when we don't trust Him and experience Him is merciful.

So, it pains God when we don't trust that He's going to be merciful to us.

Why am I here today at Saint Matthias today speaking about Divine Mercy Sunday? Well for one, I'm a priest so Jesus asked the priest to preach about mercy and told them that He will give them the words to say. I'm here just very humbly because I believe that. I believe in Jesus and, I very much so believe in His Divine Mercy.

I have read the book by the way a number of times and I reread the journal frequently but especially as I prepare for talks like this. It is just so good for me as I read through it again and my heart just lifts. It's such a wonderful message that He's given to us. I've also been privileged as a priest to sit in what is called the front row seat of the theater of God's grace. I get to sit in the front row seat of God absolving sinners. I get to sit right before a penitent that comes

before me, and I watch as their face turns from pain and anguish and shame into tears and joy and love and hope.

Two tips that I like to give about Confession are don't be afraid to confess even the deepest darkest sin that you have. Hopefully you've been to Confession but if you haven't or the next time you go think about that. Is there is anything in my life that is deep and dark that I haven't fully confessed? Because when we fully confess it, we will experience God's unconditional love. The second thing is that there's no unforgivable sin. There is no sin that you can't come in there and say, "Father I did this." There's no time a priest will say to you, "I can't forgive that sin." We've been given the power to forgive sins.

The Extraordinary Year of Mercy was back in 2015, and on that solemnity when our Holy Father released Misericordiae Vultus, which is the face of mercy, he said, "Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy and in his light He's merciful like the Father." So, the model that he chose for that Jubilee Year was, "*be merciful just as your father is merciful*".

Notice that we have to be merciful too. We have to forgive anyone that's hurt us in life. We have to be gentle and tender with the people that we encounter, and we have to be merciful. Now this mercy will come out of our experience of God's love and mercy for us.

Finally, going back to the first time that I read that diary, I read it over and over again. Over and over Jesus revealing the love of the merciful Father and over and over again saying, "The more you trust me, the more you trust in my mercy the more you will be saved." Really, if we ever doubt that God could forgive our sins or even the reality of some sin that we can't let go of, when you read the diary it makes it all go away. His love is so good.

He does say, "***No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy; and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, and on that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy***". (*Diary, 570*).

We must go to Him in mercy. He says that we will either meet Him in mercy or we will meet Him in justice.

Then Jesus says to her: My daughter, 'do you think that you have written enough about My mercy?'

Remember the book is this big?

What you have written is but a drop compared to the ocean. I am Love and Mercy itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it.

So, we trust in His mercy.

Love (1068) In this retreat I'm giving you, not only Peace, but also such a disposition of soul that even if you wanted to experience uneasiness you could not do so. My love is taking possession of your soul, and I want you to be confirmed in it. Bring your ear close to My Heart, forget everything else, and meditate upon My wondrous mercy. My love will give you the strength and courage you need in these matters.

Wouldn't that be nice to experience? God doing that to us taking away every uneasiness it could be so that we could just rest in His mercy. How do we come about this?

Another time He says to her, **Act like a beggar who does not back away when he gets more alms [than he asked for], but that offers thanks even more fervently. You too, should not back away and say that you are not worthy of receiving greater graces when I give them to you. I know you are unworthy, but rejoice all the more and take as many (129) treasures from My Heart as you can carry, for then you will please Me more. And I will tell you one more thing – take these graces not only for yourself, but also for others; that is, encourage the souls with whom you come into contact to trust in My infinite mercy.**

He wants you to become missionaries of mercy.

Oh, how I love these souls who have complete confidence in Me – I will do everything for them.

Then, before I go into the Eucharist part just the final phrase I want to say from the diary (1578) **“The graces of My mercy are drawn by the means of ONE VESSEL ONLY,**

How do we get the grace of this mercy?

AND THAT IS TRUST. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.”

We all know that at the bottom of every painting of the Divine Mercy is often “Jesus I Trust In You”. We can say that to ourselves, to Jesus all day long, “Jesus I Trust In You”. No matter what's going on, “Jesus I Trust In You,” to trust in His mercy.

Let's talk about the Eucharist from the diary particularly. There are two distinctive rays that you see coming from the image. She even said, “What do these rays mean?”

The two rays are a distinctive feature of this image of Christ. The Lord Jesus, when asked about the meaning, explained: “The pale ray stands for the Water which makes the souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter.” (299).

So, we have these two rays coming from it. The whites being the water and the reds being His precious blood and just as He was struck by a spear on Good

Friday, blood and water poured forth from His side. Through this image of Divine Mercy blood and water pours forth upon us.

The Sacraments of Baptism and Penance purify the soul, so that's the white spray that the water ray and the red is **and the Eucharist most abundantly nourishes it**. We need both of these rays in our lives. We need to be purified and we need to be nourished by our Lord.

Thus, the two rays signify the Holy Sacraments and all the graces of the Holy Spirit, whose biblical symbol is water, as well as the New Covenant of God with men in the Blood of Christ. He's weaving together even the Old Testament, the old covenant, and the new covenant, the water and the blood.

Sister Faustina: Every morning during her meditation I prepare for the whole day's struggle.

You ever have days like that where you just know it's going to be a struggle? She's suffered greatly, Sister Faustina.

Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so, it is. I fear the day when I do not receive Holy Communion. This Bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry out my mission and the courage to do whatever the Lord asks of me. The courage and the strength that are in me are not of me, but Him who lives in me – it is the Eucharist.

That's why it's so important that we not only receive Sunday Eucharist that gives us the strength for the week, but we're given the opportunity to receive daily Eucharist, Our Daily Bread and that's our strength. He is our strength.

She says, O my Jesus the misunderstandings are so great; sometimes, were it not for the Eucharist, I would not have the courage to go any further along the way You have marked out for me.

That is coming from a saint. The misunderstandings I have of you are so great. If it weren't for the Eucharist, how could I keep walking this journey of faith. We rely on Our Lord of the Eucharist.

She talks about her one trusted friend in whom she can confide everything. Who is that friend? Jesus. How does she confide in Him? Two ways she says: One the Eucharist and two His representative, my confessor. To have the Eucharist and have the sacrament Confession available.

(1768) My daughter, in this meditation, consider the love of neighbor. Is your love for your neighbor guided by My love? Do you pray for your enemies? Do you wish well to those who have, or in another way, caused you sorrow or offended you?

Think about that. Is there anybody in your life right now that has caused you sorrow or offended you? Do we pray for them? Do we wish them well?

Know that whatever good (125) you do to any soul, I accept it as if you had done it to Me.

Later on, she says (1769 Application) O Jesus, my love, You know that it has only been for a short while that I have acted toward my neighbor guided solely by your love.

So, her whole life she's not been acting in this way that God wants us all to act, she says it's only been a short while since I've started acting towards my neighbor and the way that you want me to act. That gives me great comfort because it's not too late, right? If we're not loving our neighbor or family or friends or coworkers, the love of the Body of Christ here at the church. We can start today.

Sister Faustina: The Lord Jesus, when asked about the meaning, You alone know of my efforts to do this. It comes to me more easily now, but if You yourself did not kindle that love in my soul, I would not be able to persevere in this. This is due to Your Eucharistic love which daily sets me afire.

We can think of that when we come to mass. When we receive the Eucharist, can this please Jesus when I receive you set me on fire and help me to love even those that are so difficult to love.

(344) One evening as I entered my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus exposed in the monstrance under the open sky, as it seemed.

So, she's in her cell, her bedroom, where she would go (they are cloistered) and even there she was experiencing these mystical visions. She saw Jesus exposed in the Monstrance in the sky.

At the feet of Jesus, I saw my confessor, and behind him a great number of all the highest-ranking ecclesiastics, clothed in vestments the like the one of which I had never seen except in this vision; and behind them, groups of religious from various orders; and further still I saw enormous crowds of people, which extended far beyond my vision.

She is seeing all of this Communion of Saints. Jesus there and her confessor but this Communion of Saints who are interceding for her.

Then she says, **I saw the two rays coming out from the host, as in the image, closely united but not intermingled; and they passed through the hands of my confessor, and they passed through the hands of the clergy and from their hands to the people, and then they return to the host....And at that moment I saw myself once again in the cell which I had just entered.**

She's given this mystical vision of Jesus in the Host sacramentally but also her confessor, the priest, and that the rays of mercy coming forward from His hands.

I'm saying this just because she was talking about what a wonderful opportunity, we have to be able to adore Our Lord. What an opportunity we have to be able to experience Him in Confession, His love and mercy.

(370) That same day, when I was in church waiting for Confession, I saw the same rays issuing from the monstrance and spreading throughout the church. So, an actual church, **This lasted through the service. After the Benediction, [the rays shone out] to both sides and returned again to the monstrance. Their appearance was bright and transparent like crystal.**

I love this too she just asked Jesus that.

I asked Jesus that He deign to light a fire of His love and all souls that were cold. Beneath these rays a heart will grow warm even if it were like a block of ice; even if it were hard as rock, it will crumble into dust.

I invite you if you ever have somebody that's struggling and is away from God or way from the church and you're not sure even what to say to them or what to do with them with bring them up here to be with Jesus. Let them sit before Him in the Blessed Sacrament before those rays of His lights that can soften even the hardest heart.

Another time that they were celebrating the feast of Divine Mercy and toward the end of the service when the priest took the Blessed Sacrament to bless the people, she says **(420) Low Sunday; that is, the Feast of The Divine Mercy, the conclusion of the Jubilee of Redemption. When we went to take part in the celebrations, my heart leapt with joy that the two solemnities were so closely united. I asked God for mercy on the souls of sinners. Toward the end of the service, when the priest took the Blessed Sacrament to bless the people, I saw the Lord Jesus as He was represented in the image. The Lord gave His blessing, and the rays extended over the whole world.**

This happens every time that we're blessed with the Monstrance as well. The rays of Divine Mercy are coming forward.

Suddenly, I saw an impenetrable brightness in the form of a crystal dwelling place, woven together from waves of brilliance unapproachable (175) to both creatures and spirits. Three doors led to this resplendence. At that moment, Jesus, as He is represented in the image, entered this resplendence through the second door to the Unity within. It is a triple United, which is incomprehensible – which is infinity. I heard a voice, this Feast emerged from the very depths of My Mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast steps of My tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My Mercy will obtain it.

So, every soul believing and trusting in God's mercy will obtain it. I just ask you to think about that. Do you believe in it? Do you believe in Him. Yes, Lord I

do believe. Do you believe in His tender mercy? Yes, Lord I do believe. Do you believe that He is love? Yes, Lord I do believe.

On the feast of the Sacred Heart [June 19] (657) Sister Faustina: When we went to the Jesuits place for the procession of the Sacred Heart, during Vespers I saw the same rays coming forth from the Sacred Host, just as they were painted on the image. My soul was filled with great longing for God.

We are seeing over and over again Jesus is revealing Himself in a very mystical way where she would see Him in bodily form His resurrected body, but He is also revealing Himself in the Eucharist. He is also revealing himself in the priesthood and Confession especially. All of the sacraments of the church today are our experiences of primary experiences of God. We have the sacraments because just like Thomas, who wanted to touch the side of Christ to put his hand into his side, we are we are sacramental people. We need to be able to see, taste, touch, hear God's voice, and we have this opportunity in the sacraments. We can see Him, He's right there. We hear His voice in the Eucharist, we can touch Him when we give each other the Sign of Peace, at Mass, the Body of Christ, we taste Him when we receive Him. All of these He wants us to experience Him in the senses.

(441) Once, the image was being exhibited over the altar during the Corpus Christi procession [June 20, 1935]. When the priest exposed the Blessed Sacrament, and the choir began to sing, the rays from the image pierced the Sacred Host and spread all over the world. Then I heard these words: These rays of mercy will pass through you, just as they have passed through this Host, and they will go out (184) through all the world. At these words. profound Joy invaded my soul.

She realized that Divine Mercy would be now coming forth from her.

When you receive Communion at mass, you become one with Jesus and that Divine Mercy is in you and so that means that everywhere you go those rays are emanating; you may not even see them but they're emanating forth from you to every soul that you meet.

Jesus told her once, He said, ***(1572) I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoking its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was open wide for every (145) soul.***

I encourage you to really think about that when we pray the Chaplet for Divine Mercy, to really pray for and intercede some of the poor souls that come to your mind and into your heart. Who are the most hardened sinners that you know because He wants even them to obtain mercy.

In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking.

That's a great thing, isn't it? We can obtain the mercy of God for ourselves in this hour but also for anyone else that we call to mind in prayer.

It was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice.

My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it: and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a brief instant. I claim veneration for My mercy from every creature, but above all from you, since it is to you that I have given the most profound understanding of this mercy.

I think He could say the same thing to us. Whenever you're seeking His mercy for you or for someone else, try to come to the church or any church wherever you may be driving and pray before the Blessed Sacrament; be close to Him in the Eucharist. He knows there may be times that you may not be able to get up there and those times that you do, look at the Divine Mercy image or recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet or at least say, "Jesus I Trust In You, Jesus I Trust In You".

She says: To profit from those great gifts we must first fulfill the conditions of Divine Mercy devotion (trust in God's goodness and active love toward our neighbor), be in the state of sanctifying grace – having gone to Holy Confession, and worthily receive Holy Communion. Jesus explained: "No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy; and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy, and on that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy" (Diary 570). So, no soul shall be justified until it turns to My mercy.

I told you before that I think sometimes when people come to Confession they say, "Father I have no sin." You know my joke but not really a joke is like well your sin is probably pride, right, because we all have sin. But Jesus is saying we can't justify our sins. We can't take away our own sin. We can't erase it or blot it out. He is saying that we need to come to Him with mercy.

This is an interesting one too for people that are faithful, I would say probably yourselves who are here today and sometimes wondering whether or not I should receive Communion. That used to be and still is, more taught, am I in the state of grace? We should only receive Communion in the state of grace. I

would say if you're going to daily mass, if you're coming to Confession regularly, if you're praying daily, you're probably in the straight state of grace.

But she was struggling with this, and she said, (156) ***Once, I desired very much to receive Holy Communion, but I had a certain doubt, and did not go. I suffered greatly because of this. It seemed to me that my heart would burst from the pain. When I set about to work, my heart was full of bitterness, Jesus suddenly stood by me and said, My daughter, do not omit Holy Communion unless you know well that your fall was serious.***

I would say this to all of you. Do not omit Holy Communion unless you know full well that your fall was serious.

Apart from this, no doubt must stop you from uniting yourself with Me in the mystery of My love. Your minor faults will disappear in My love like a piece of straw thrown into a great furnace. Know that you grieve Me much when you fail to receive Me in Holy Communion.

I hope that might give comfort to some of us, especially if anybody scrupulous and struggles with that, to trust in His Mercy.

During Holy Mass, my love for Him reached a peak of intensity. After the renewal of my vows and Holy Communion, I suddenly saw the Lord Jesus, who said to me with great kindness, My daughter, look at My merciful Heart. As I fixed my gaze on the Most Sacred Heart, the same rays of light, as are represented in the image as blood and water, came forth from it, and I understood how great is the Lord's mercy. And again, Jesus said to me with kindness, My daughter, speak to the priests about this inconceivable mercy of Mine.

If you're not a parishioner here, speak to your priest about Divine Mercy and give them a diary and an image.

The flames of mercy are burning Me – clamoring to be spent; I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don't want to believe in My goodness.

After Communion today, Jesus told me how much He desires to come to human hearts, I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object.

Can you hear the pain of the Father in that one? *They treat Me like a dead object,*" and yet He is alive in us. After we receive Communion, He's so united with us that graces are just flowing and whatever you need or want for in life, ask Him while you receive Communion.

(1447 +) Oh, how painful it is to Me that souls so seldom unite themselves to Me in Holy Communion. I wait for souls, and they are indifferent toward Me. I love them tenderly and sincerely, and they distrust Me. I want to lavish My graces on them, and they do not want to accept them. They treat Me as a dead object, whereas (60) My Heart is full of love and mercy. In order that you may know at least some of My pain, imagine the most tender of mothers who has great love for her children, while those children spurn her love. Consider her pain. No one is in a position to console her. This is but a feeble image and likeness of My love.

Jesus is just sharing with us and, you probably have this pain as do I, or you want to just share the love we have in the Eucharist and people treat it like a dead object or treat us like a dead object.

Just a few more points here that she makes.

(1448) Write, speak of My mercy.

I've always encouraged you to journal when you pray because for Faustina, this is how she experienced God was in her journaling. She would hear His voice, He would work as her pen moved.

Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation].

The tribunal is a canonical word for court for church. So, when annulment cases go before the tribunal or other cases go before the tribunal. He's saying the Sacrament is the tribunal of His Mercy. That is the place where we go to court, and we can be given our due justice, but He gives us mercy. It's the Tribunal of Mercy.

There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. He says, right here what just happened in the Confessional, the greatest miracle that can take place on this earth happens in the Confessional. Sins are forgiven.

To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated.

Sometime people aren't sure what to say in Confession and that might be a good thing. I start saying to people, "What are you miserable about?" He says, "Bring that misery to me in Confession".

Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no [hope of] restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God.

He says when we are in a sinful state, we are like this ghost of a body.

The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late.

Jesus: My child, make the resolution never to rely on people. Entrust yourself completely to My will saying, "Not as I want, but according to Your will, O God, let it be done unto me." These words, spoken from the depths of one's heart, can raise a soul to the summit of sanctity in a short time.

If you want to be a saint, just say this to God over and over again, "Not as I want Lord, but according to Your will. Not as I want – according to Your will.

In such a soul I delight. Such a soul gives Me glory. Such a soul fills heaven with the fragrance of her virtue. But understand that the strength by which you bear sufferings comes from frequent Communions. So, approach this fountain of mercy often, to draw with the vessel of trust whatever you need.

My child, that you may answer My call worthily, receive Me daily in Holy Communion. It will give you strength.....

(1811) But I want to tell you that eternal life must begin already here on earth through Holy Communion. Each Holy Communion makes you more capable of communing with God throughout eternity.

We celebrate this Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday as we enter into this time of Eucharistic Revival that we may be so drawn and in love with receiving Our Lord Jesus and allowing His will to be done and not ours.