

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Mercy and charity



This second Sunday of Easter is for the whole Church of divine mercy. This celebration was established by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, on the canonization of Sister Faustina. And in accordance with the Lord's requests, it is celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Easter. This theme of mercy is very present in each of today's Bible readings.

The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the first Christians lived “with one heart” and “with one soul”. In this community, everything is shared. The apostles became true witnesses of the resurrection. Everything has become wonderful. If things are this way, it is not because of their merits, but because initially the Lord showed them mercy. This is a very important message for us. When everything is going well and we are proud of our success, we must not forget that nothing would be possible without the mercy of the

Lord. Moreover, the rest of the book of Acts of the Apostles tells us that this wonderful time did not last. There will be relapses. **Christians will always need this Mercy of Christ.**

On this Sunday, we pray to you, Lord: make us more available to the strength of faith. Be with us so that we may be more courageous in our testimony. Keep us more generous in the practice of fraternal charity.

HAPPY FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

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