

The Second Coming of Christ

It's Near Say Jesus and Mary

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What did Mary and Jesus tell St. Faustina about the Second Coming of our Lord? What did they tell her about our Lord's Divine Mercy being followed by His justice?

St. M. Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who received hundreds of messages and visions, from our Divine Lord and our Blessed Mother in the 1930s. Her diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, is now available throughout the world. For years after her death in 1938, the diary was not allowed to be promulgated.

Pope John Paul II, while he was still archbishop of Cracow, played the pivotal role in resurrecting the messages which finally were recognized by the Church. He had petitioned Rome to review the diary in its entirety. This eventually led to lifting the censures and reservations imposed earlier. The Catholic Church declared that all the nun reported she saw and heard was worthy of human belief.

Pope John Paul II believed wholeheartedly in our Lord's messages of Divine Mercy, given through this beautiful, humble nun who died at the age of 33 from tuberculosis. The Holy Father beatified Sister Faustina on Mercy Sunday, 1993. This was after one miracle was confirmed of a woman cured after praying at Sister Faustina's tomb for her intercession. A second confirmed miracle, the cure of a priest's heart, led to her canonization as a saint on April 30, 2000. Since 2001, Divine Mercy Sunday has been observed in the Catholic Church throughout the world, observed on the Sunday after Easter Sunday.

Millions pray daily the Chaplet of Divine Mercy requested by Jesus, as dictated to His secretary, St. Faustina.

What did Mary and Jesus tell Sis-

ter Faustina about His Divine Mercy in connection with His Second Coming? Yes, His return to earth, as promised in the Scriptures.

The direct quotes below are from *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, followed by the specific number of the passage in the diary. This will enable the reader to look them up and read surrounding passages as well.

In the evening when Sister Faustina was praying, the Mother of God told her: **"Your lives must be like mine: quiet and hidden, in unceasing union with God, pleading for humanity and preparing the world for the second coming of God."** (625)

During meditation on the morning of March 25, the feast of the Annunciation, God's presence enveloped her in a special way. She then saw the Mother of God who said to her: **"Oh how pleasing to God is the soul that follows faithfully the inspirations of His grace! I gave the Savior to the world; as for you, you have to speak to the world about His great mercy and prepare the world for the Second Coming of Him Who will come, not as a merciful Savior, but as a just Judge. Oh, how terrible is that day! Determined is the day of justice, the day of divine wrath. The angels tremble before it. Speak to souls about this great mercy while it is still the time for mercy."** (635)

Jesus said to Sister Faustina, **"Write this: Before I come as the just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort: All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross**

will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day." (83)

"Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet. Write down these words, My daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them" (848)

The chaplet is easy to say and takes about five minutes.

Jesus said, **"This prayer will serve to appease My wrath. You will recite it for nine days, on the beads of the rosary, in the following manner: First of all, you will say one Our Father and Hail Mary and the I Believe in God. Then on the Our Father beads you will say the following words: "Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On the Hail Mary beads you will say the following words: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world." In conclusion, three times you will recite these words: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." (476)**

Jesus looked at her and said, **"Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine,**

because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near.” (965)

Jesus said, “(Let) the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice.” (1146)

“I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour (3 p.m.) immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world—mercy triumphed over justice.” (1572)

“In the Old Covenant, I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. I use punishment when they themselves force Me to do so; My hand is reluctant to take hold of the sword of justice. Before the Day of Justice, I am sending the Day of Mercy.” (1588)

The Lord said to Sister Faustina, “Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mer-

cy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.” (1602)

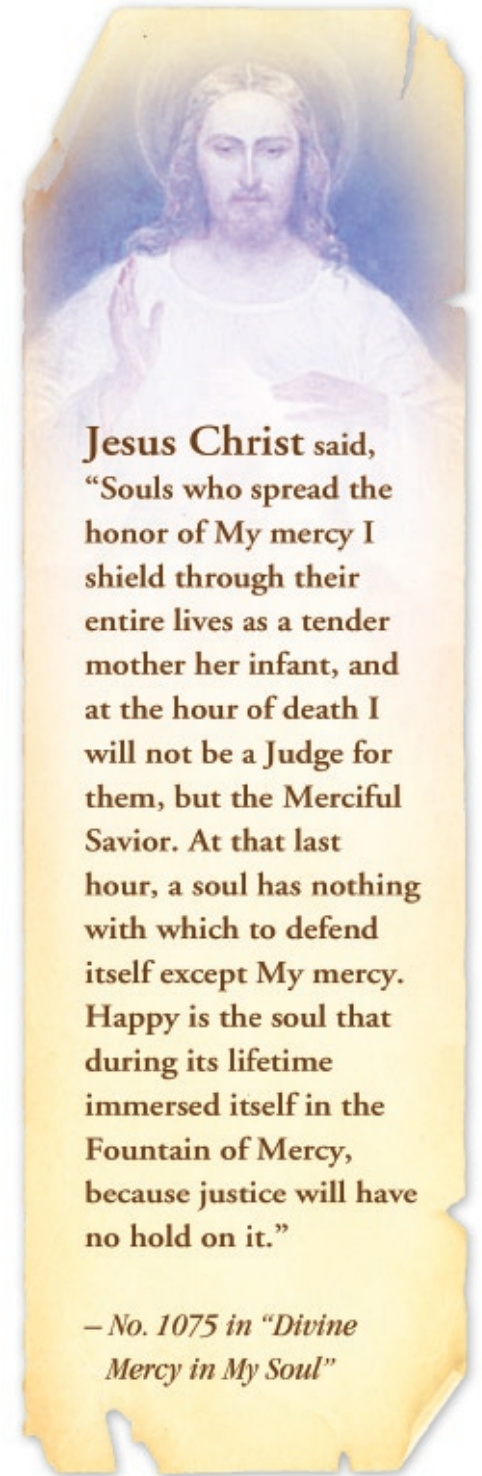
On the feast of the Ascension, May 26, 1938, a few months before her death (October 5), Sister Faustina was instructed by the Blessed Virgin Mary concerning her interior life. The Mother of God, because she is the Mother of Jesus, said, “The soul’s true greatness is in loving God and in humbling oneself in His presence, completely forgetting oneself and believing oneself to be nothing; because the Lord is great, but He is well-pleased only with the humble; He always opposes the proud.” (1711)

Jesus said, “These words are for you. Do all you possibly can for this work of My mercy. I desire that My mercy be worshipped, and I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation; that is, recourse to My mercy. My Heart rejoices in this feast.” (998)

Jesus asked that the Feast of Mercy be observed on the first Sunday after Easter. All who go to confession and receive Holy Communion on this day are promised total remission of all sin, including temporal punishment due to sin, which (otherwise) could lead to purgatory at death, except for this great grace. Some compare the promise to a “second baptism”. St. Faustina herself went to confession on the Saturday before the Feast of Mercy.

It is certain; we are now living in

the time of Jesus’ Divine Mercy, which will be followed, when He determines, by His Divine Justice. Now is the time for all to beseech Christ for His mercy, love and forgiveness. We will not then fear Jesus’ Second Coming. Instead, we will welcome it. We help to usher it in by spreading His words, and His Mother’s words, in this time of His Divine Mercy. And that time for Divine Mercy for the entire world is now!



Jesus Christ said,
“Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior. At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it.”

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