**Resources for the Jubilee of Mercy**

**Dec. 8th, 2015 to Nov. 20th, 2016**

**Pastoral Resources**

* Jubilee of Mercy, Pastoral Resources: Series of eight books promulgated by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, and the official catechetical resources for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, available for purchase.

<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en/sussidi.html>

* Guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Adults

http://www.ncregister.com/info/confession\_guide\_for\_adults/

**Wisdom from the Popes**

* Dives In Misericordia (Rich in Mercy) – St. John Paul II

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_30111980_dives-in-misericordia.html>

* Deus Caritas Est (God is Love) – Pope Benedict XVI

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20051225_deus-caritas-est.html>

* Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel) – Pope Francis

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html>

**Sacred Scripture**

* Luke 6:36

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

* Lamentations 3:22-23

The LORD’s acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; they are renewed each morning – great is your faithfulness!

* Psalms 33:5,18,22
  + The earth is full of the mercy of the LORD
  + Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, upon those who count on his mercy
  + May your mercy, LORD, be upon us; as we put our hope in you
* Psalms 130:7-8

Let Israel hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is mercy, with him is plenteous redemption, and he will redeem Israel from all its sins

* Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy

* Luke 10:25-37

The Good Samaritan

**Sacred Tradition**

* United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

Page 529: “Spiritual Works of Mercy: These are actions that help our neighbor in their spiritual needs. They include counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patently, and praying of the living and the dead.”

* The Catechism of the Catholic Church (Part Three: Life in Christ)

CCC 2447: "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.”

* Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

#414: How is human solidarity manifested?

“Solidarity, which springs from human and Christian brotherhood, is manifested in the first place by the just distribution of goods, by a fair remuneration for work and by zeal for a more just social order. The virtue of solidarity also practices the sharing of the spiritual goods of faith which is even more important than sharing material goods.”

**Daily Reflections**

* Learn more about The Divine Mercy. The Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary and the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/>

* Magnificat Year of Mercy Companion: Magnificat is a spiritual guide to help you develop your prayer life, grow in your spiritual life, find a way to a more profound love for Christ, and participate in the holy Mass with greater fervor. [www.magnificat.com](http://www.magnificat.com)
* The Word Among Us: A Catholic devotional magazine based on the daily mass readings. [www.wau.org](http://www.wau.org)
* A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis: Daily Reflections

Publisher: Our Sunday Visitor, 2014

<https://www.osv.com/Shop/Product?ProductCode=T1642>

**For Children**

* Divine Mercy Chaplet Mini-Book – Drawn2BCreative

<http://www.drawn2bcreative.com/divine-mercy-chaplet-mini-book/>

* Children’s Daily Prayer – by Margaret Burk & Vivian E. Williams

<http://www.ltp.org/p-2743-childrens-daily-prayer-2015-2016.aspx>

* Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy

**Books and Study Guides**

* The Church of Mercy by Pope Francis: A Vision for the Church

Publisher: Loyola Press, 2014

[www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

* Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Publisher: Marian Press

<http://www.amazon.com/Diary-Divine-Mercy-My-Soul/dp/1596141107>

* Mercy: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics – by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J.

Publisher: Our Sunday Visitor, 2015

<https://www.osv.com/Shop/Product?ProductCode=T1597>

* No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy – by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC

Publisher: Marian Press, 2010

<http://www.amazon.com/No-Turning-Back-Witness-Mercy/dp/1596142103>

* The Second Greatest Story Ever Told – by Fr. Michael Gaitley

Publisher: Lighthouse Media

<http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/title/the-second-greatest-story-ever-told-book?promoCode=100348>

* Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption – by Bryan Stevenson

Publisher: Spiegel & Grau, 2015

<http://www.amazon.com/Just-Mercy-Story-Justice-Redemption/dp/081298496X>

* Radical Compassion: Finding Christ in the Heart of the Poor – by Fr. Gary Smith, S.J.

Publisher: Loyola Press, 2002

<http://www.amazon.com/Radical-Compassion-Finding-Christ-Heart/dp/0829420002>

* Vatican Radio: “Putting Mercy to Work: The Corporal and Spiritual works”

This 15-episode audio series features Monsignor John Kennedy, an Official at the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and looks at the Spiritual and Corporal works of mercy and how they impact our lives today. Each episode is available online, at no cost. <http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/08/08/putting_mercy_to_work_the_corporal_and_spiritual_works/1163823>

* National Catholic Register Blog by Philip Kosloski

Catholic blogger writes series on Spiritual Works of Mercy including: *“Admonish the Sinner”: Pope Francis and the Third Spiritual Work of Mercy*

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/philip-kosloski/>

**Pilgrimages**

* St. Mary of the Woods – St. Theodore Guerin Shrine
* The Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Michael the Archangel Church

<https://www.saintmichaelindy.org/divine-mercy-chapel.html>

**Parish Programs**

* Catholic Relief Services: Lenten Faith In Action Rice Bowl Program

[www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org)

* Divine Mercy Sunday Parish Guide – by Marians of the Immaculate Conception

<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/guide/>

* PovertyUSA (USCCB): Poverty education and interactive activities for youth and adults.

[www.PovertyUSA.org](http://www.PovertyUSA.org)

* Who is My Neighbor?: The Discipleship Series

<http://www.catholicword.com/neighbor/index.php>

* Just Faith Ministries

[www.justfaith.org](http://www.justfaith.org)

**Saints of Mercy**

* Mary, Mother of Mercy
* St. John Paul II
* St. Faustina Kowalska
* St. Maria Goretti
* Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
* Litany to Jesus, the Divine Mercy
  + <https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Litanies/divine_mercy.htm>