



Living Divine Mercy

Catholic Faith Formation – St. Ignatius Church, Tokyo

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*History of the original
Divine Mercy image*

John Paul II: Saint of justice and mercy



- Pope Francis celebrated Mass at the tomb of St. John Paul II on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth May 18, (2020)



What Is Mercy?

- Jesus tells us that as his followers, we must show mercy to others just as our heavenly Father shows mercy to us. But how can we do that if we don't understand what mercy is? In this first video in The Essentials of Divine Mercy series, Father Chris Alar gives an introduction to Divine Mercy, explaining how mercy is even greater than forgiveness, and why Divine Mercy is mankind's greatest hope for salvation.

A 3D display of several stone tablets, likely representing the Ten Commandments or similar biblical laws. The tablets are arranged in a cluster, with some standing upright and others lying flat. They are made of a dark, textured material, possibly stone or a heavy cardboard substitute, and are set against a warm, orange-toned background. The text on the tablets is in a bold, sans-serif font, with some in white and some in a lighter brown color. The lighting creates soft shadows, giving the display a sense of depth and realism.

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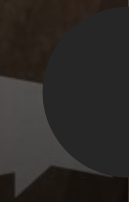
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Justice •
Understand the Bible's View
in 6 Minutes

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Divine Mercy Sunday: Explained

– Fr. Chris Alar MIC

- Father Chris Alar, MIC, explains the importance of Divine Mercy Sunday and the graces we can receive on this very special holy day.

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“I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation; that is, recourse to My mercy.”

(Diary, 998)



This is why Jesus said: “I have eternity for punishing, so I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of sinners. But woe to them if they do not recognize this time of My visitation.”

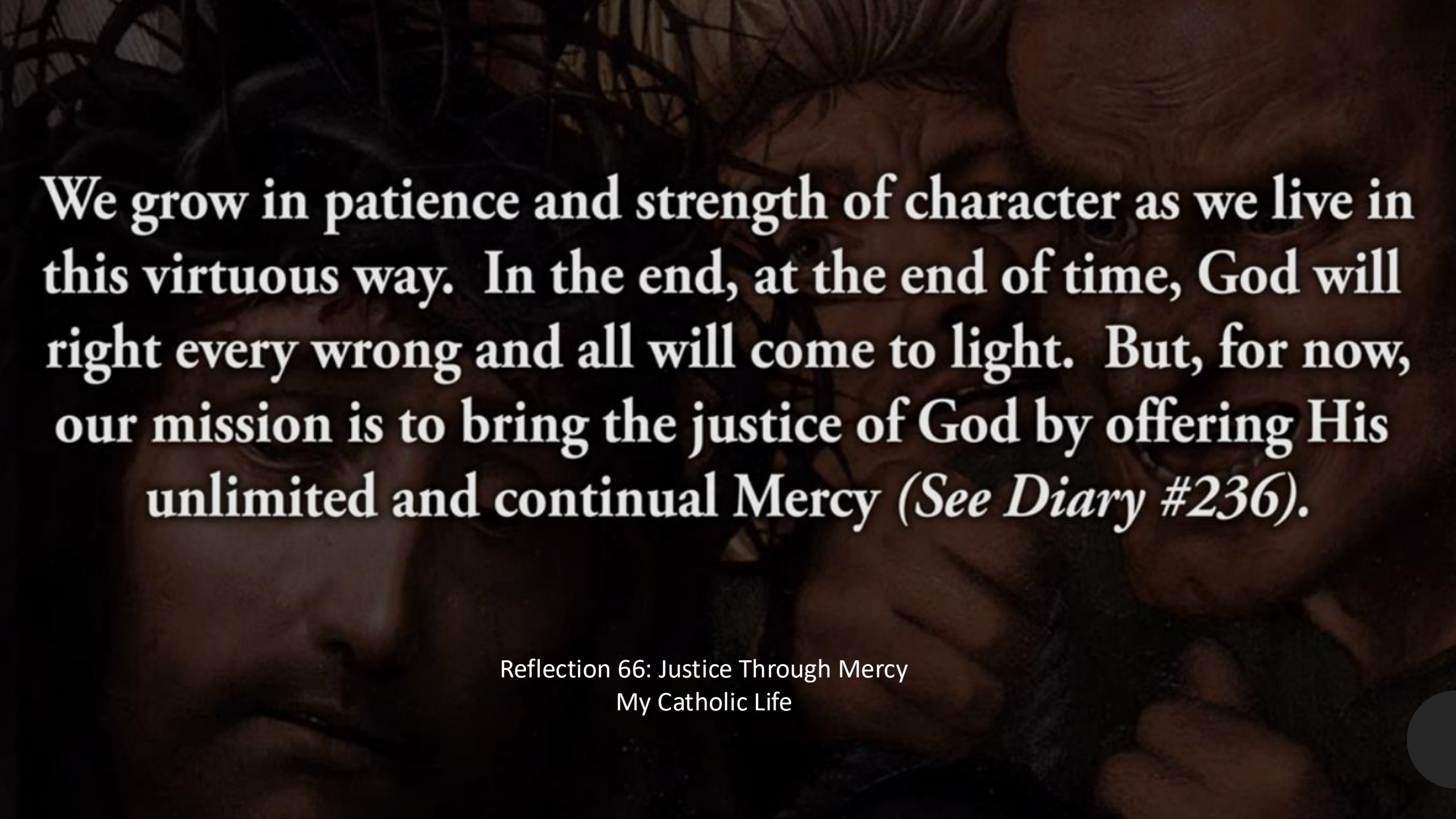
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“I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy.”

(Diary, 1146)





We grow in patience and strength of character as we live in this virtuous way. In the end, at the end of time, God will right every wrong and all will come to light. But, for now, our mission is to bring the justice of God by offering His unlimited and continual Mercy (*See Diary #236*).

Reflection 66: Justice Through Mercy
My Catholic Life

The background is a religious painting, likely a reproduction of a work by Pieter Paul Rubens. It depicts a dramatic scene with several figures. In the upper right, a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a red robe, is shown in a state of distress or death, his head tilted back. Below him, a woman in a blue robe is seated, her hands clasped in prayer. To the left, another figure is visible, partially obscured. The overall color palette is dominated by reds, blues, and browns, with strong contrasts and dramatic lighting. The text 'The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song' is overlaid in the center-left, in a white, italicized serif font, with a thin white horizontal line underneath it.

*The Chaplet of
Divine Mercy in Song*

*Divine Mercy Sunday
Reflection 2020*
