

the guilty when this is necessary. Mary, however, is different. Though she is Queen, she is not a Queen of justice. That is to say, she is not concerned with punishing. She is a Queen of mercy, committed to pity and pardon.

There is no doubt that Mary is a Queen. But let everyone know, for his own consolation, that she is a most sweet, a most merciful Queen, completely dedicated to the well-being of sinners. That is why the Church wants us to greet her in this prayer (Hail Holy Queen) as the *Queen of mercy*.

*The Glories of Mary* by St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

### Immersed in the Fount of Mercy

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.

*Diary # 1075 by St. Maria "Faustina" Kowalska*

### A Spark That Fell Into The Sea

A man once let a spark fall into the sea. Immediately it was extinguished in the great ocean, and forever disappeared.

The sins which we commit, when compared to the infinite mercy and goodness of God, are even less than a spark when compared to the ocean; for the ocean, although so great, has limits, but the mercy of God and His goodness are infinite.

This, then, should give hope to the greatest sinner. And has not God Himself said to those who return to Him with their whole hearts: "If your sins be as scarlet, they shall be made as white as snow; and if they be red as crimson, they shall be white as wool?" (Is. i. 18).

*Catechism in Examples* by Rev. D. Chisholm

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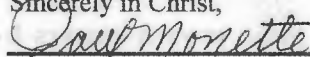
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Communion Thanksgiving: Jesus sits in our soul as on a throne of grace. St. Alphonsus di Liguori

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... in His Presence

### "Take Me and Redeem Thyself"

**Hope In The Death of Christ:** The glorious **St. Bernard** one day, in sickness, saw himself before the judgment-seat of God, where the devil was accusing him of his sins, and telling him that he did not deserve paradise: "It is true that I deserve not paradise," the saint replied; "but Jesus has a twofold title to this kingdom, – in the first place, as being by nature Son of God; in the next place, as having purchased it by His death. He contents Himself with the first of these, and the second He makes over to me; and therefore it is that I ask and hope for paradise."

**... and Our Only Hope:** We, too, can say the same; for **St. Paul** tells us that the will of Jesus Christ to die, consumed by sufferings, had for its end the obtaining of paradise for all sinners that are penitent, and resolved to amend: *And, being perfected. He was made the cause of eternal salvation to all that obey Him.* (Heb. v. 9) And hence the Apostle adds: *Let us run to the fight proposed unto us, looking on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of faith, who, having joy proposed unto Him. underwent the*

*Please take and keep this letter and reflect on its contents during the month in your visits to the Blessed Sacrament and see that your heart and mind will open to His grace into knowledge and love of God, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*cross, despising the shame.* (Heb. xii. 1) Let us go forth with courage to fight against our enemies, **fixing our eyes on Jesus Christ**, who, together **with the merits of His Passion**, offers us the victory and the crown.

**Jesus' Desire:** He has told us that He is gone to heaven to prepare a place for us: *Let not your heart be troubled . . . ; for I go to prepare a place for you.* (John, xiv. 1-2) He has told, and is continually telling, His Father that, since He has consigned us to Him, He wishes us to be with Him in paradise: *Father, those whom Thou hast given Me, I will that where I am they also may be with Me.* (John, xvii. 24)

**God Offers His Son for My Sake!** St. Anselm says, "What greater mercy could we have hoped for from the Lord than for the Eternal Father to have said to a sinner, already for crimes condemned to hell, and with no means of delivering himself from its punishments, 'Take thou my Son, and offer Him in thy stead.' And for the same Son to have said, 'Take me, and deliver thyself from hell.' "

**Jesus Gives Himself for Me – What Folly!** What greater mercy can we imagine than that to one who, being a sinner, cannot redeem himself, God the Father should say, "Accept of My only-begotten Son, and deliver Him over to be punished in thy stead." and that the Son should say. "Take me and redeem thyself." (Thank you, Lord and God)

**Affections:** (Gratitude to My Father and to My Savior) Ah, my loving Father, I thank Thee for having given me this Thy Son for my Savior: I offer to Thee His death; and, for the sake of His merits, I pray Thee for mercy.

(At what Cost we are Redeemed!) And ever do I return thanks to Thee, O my Redeemer, for having given Thy blood and Thy life to deliver me from eternal death. "We pray Thee, therefore, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood."

Help, then, Thy rebellious servants, since Thou hast redeemed us at so great a cost.

(Jesus My only Hope. Please Heal me?) O Jesus, my one and only hope! Thou dost love me. Thou hast power to do all things: make me a saint. If I am weak, do Thou give me strength; if I am sick, in consequence of the sins I have committed, do Thou apply to my soul one drop of Thy blood, and heal me.

(Basic needs for Eternal Life. Please give these to me?) Give me the **love of Thee**, and **final perseverance**, making me die in **Thy grace**. **Give me paradise**; through **Thy merits** do I ask it of Thee, and hope to obtain it.

(Total Surrender) I love Thee, O my most lovely God, with all my soul; and I hope to love Thee always. Oh, help a miserable sinner, who is wishing to love Thee.

*Reflections and Affections* by St. Alphonsus di Liguori

## Mercy and Goodness of God

### Jesus Draws All:

By His demeanor during His earthly life Jesus Christ indicated the **abundance of His mercy toward sinners**. We see how everyone sought His society, and He not only not repulsed them, or at least kept them at a distance, but on the contrary, He took every possible opportunity of being among them, so as to win them for the Father.

### So Great Kindness of Jesus:

He seeks them by giving them **remorse of conscience**, leads them by means of **His grace**, and conquers them by His kindness. His kindness toward them is so great that He even becomes their advocate before the doctors and Pharisees, who condemned them, and who would not suffer them to approach Jesus Christ.

### Return to the Sheepfold

He justifies His behavior toward sinners by a parable which gives evidence of **His great and beautiful love for sinners**, when He says: "A good shepherd, who has a hundred sheep and loses

one of them, leaves all the others behind and seeks the stray one, and when he has found it he takes it upon his shoulders to spare it the difficulties of the way, and when he has brought it back to his sheepfold he invites all his friends, that they may rejoice with him over the finding of the sheep which was thought to be lost."

### Return of the Sinner

Again, the parable of the woman who had ten pennies, and having lost one, lighted a lamp so as to look for it in all the corners of the house, and after she had found it invited all her friends, that they might take part in her joy. "Even so," He adds, "does the whole court of heaven rejoice at the return of a sinner who is converted and does penance. I am not come to save the just, but sinners, those who are well need not the physician, but those who are sick." As you see, Jesus Christ applies both of these parables to Himself as illustrations of His **compassion for the sinner**.

## Infinite Mercy

O what a happiness it is for us to know that God's mercy is infinite! Our heart should compel us to throw ourselves at the feet of God, Who will be so glad to receive us. If we go to perdition we shall have no excuse, for Jesus Christ Himself told us that His mercy was ever ready to forgive us, no matter how deeply we had fallen.

*Sermons of the Cure of Ars* – St John Marie Vianney

## Mary, Queen of Mercy

The Blessed Virgin Mary was chosen to be the Mother of the King of kings.

Accordingly holy Church honors her, and wants everyone to honor her, with the glorious title of Queen. . . . Kings should first and foremost spend themselves in acts of mercy. At the same time, of course, they must not neglect to exercise justice towards