In this Second Sunday of Easter we also celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II, himself a devotee of the Divine Mercy, proclaimed this commemoration on April 30, 2000 during the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who experienced apparitions of Jesus and His call to Trust in His Divine Mercy. Saint Faustina was named an “apothe of the Divine Mercy” and the faithful were encouraged to pray her exclamation to the Divine Mercy, “Jesus, I trust in You.”


In today’s Gospel, the Divine Mercy is on full display. The Risen Lord appears to the disciples. He did not accuse them of their betrayal. He showed them His wounds, not to put them on a guilt trip but to shower them with mercy, to assure them it was for them and for all of us that He bore those wounds. To top it all, He even commissioned them to be bearers of the same mercy by being agents of forgiveness of sins.

Jesus, I trust in You! Simple words but powerful to all those who believe in Him. With all that is happening now in the world, all we can do is to trust in our God.

Jesus calls us to trust in Him and His mercy, not to presume it. Trust is the attitude of a lover. Presumption is the attitude of a user. When we presume something, we become complacent. We become abusive. To trust in God also means to do our part.
A husband who presumes the love of his wife willingly commits infidelity, thinking, “After all, she will take me back”. A child who presumes his parents’ dedication to his welfare squanders his allowance, thinking, “After all, they can’t bear to see me suffer”. A Christian who presumes God’s mercy willingly sins, thinking “After all, I can always go to confession.

Be a lover, not a user.