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Dear Faithful Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul,

He is Risen, Alleluia! Happy and blessed Easter season to all of you. We have just celebrated the Octave of Easter proclaiming the Resurrection of Jesus. Today on the Second Sunday of Easter we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It was St. John Paul the II who declared this Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday. Once again we are reminded of the depth of God's Divine Mercy for all of us. St. Faustina received private revelations from Jesus invoking His great Mercy on the whole world. When Jesus spoke to her she wrote His words in her diary. The following quotes are from her diary:

"I perform works of mercy in every soul. The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy. My mercy is confirmed in every work of My hands. He who trusts in My mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine, and his enemies will be shattered at the base of My footstool" (723)

"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it." (1273)

I pray that these words are comforting to you and your family during this pandemic. Jesus is always with us in our trails and struggles of life. Remember His great Mercy endures forever!

## **Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration:**

Confession 1:00 -2:00pm (Church Parking Lot) Eucharistic Adoration: 2:30-3:30pm (Live Stream) Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed at 3:00pm

**Pastor Challenge**: Falling in Love with the Most Holy Eucharist

Watch the 6 Episodes of <u>The Eucharist in Scripture</u> by Scott Hahn from St. Paul Center Website: <a href="https://stpaulcenter.com/free-stream/">https://stpaulcenter.com/free-stream/</a>

Please take this challenge and share it with other family members and friends. This is one way we can evangelize our community and world. This challenge will help us desire our Lord more in the Most Holy Eucharist and will remind us of the gift and importance of the Eucharist in our daily life.

I would like to express how very grateful I am for the generosity of our parishioners. Your prayers and financial contributions are so very appreciated. May God bless you abundantly for your goodness!

On behalf of Fr. Taylor, Deacon Bob, our parish staff and myself, we wish you a blessed Easter Season. Know that you are all in our prayers and miss all of you. May we be living vessels of the Risen Lord.

In Christ, Fr. Steve