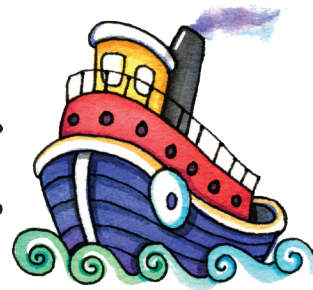


# The Catholic Tugboat

A Children's Guide to God



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## **Stars of Our Faith: Infinite Mercy**

Divine Mercy Sunday is a day dedicated to remembering the Infinite and Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ. The observance of this day is largely due to the efforts of a young nun who lived just 33 years. Helena

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Kawolska was born in 1905 and became a nun at 20. She was soon receiving messages from Jesus and Mary, telling

her to "Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God." (*Diary, #301*)

She was given prayers (see below) and an image to



pass on to her bishop to be published. The image of Divine Mercy that Jesus showed St. Faustina portrayed Him with one arm extended outward in blessing, and the other arm bent, hand touching His heart. Rays of light, red and white, shine outward from His heart, symbolizing the Blood and Water that came from

His side when it was pierced.

It is this mercy that "makes all things new" (Revelation 21:5), and it is this mercy that we recall and share with each other today.



## **Catholic I.D.**

When Jesus rose from the dead, He "had not simply returned to earthly life as had been the case with Lazarus." (CCC 640) Instead, He gave us a peek at what the glorified body is, and so, what we would one day have. As Jesus showed, us, this new body had certain characteristics:

1. it will not be able to feel pain,
2. it will have a brilliance, a light, to it,
3. it will be able to move at the speed of one's will, and,
4. it will be in tune with, or obey the soul. (CCC 659)

Are we able to believe what awaits us without first seeing it?

## **From Your Lips to God's Ear**

The following are the prayers that St. Faustina was told to pass on to all Christians:

*"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement*

*for our sins and those of the whole world,"* and,

*"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

Also, the following is called the Three O'Clock prayer since it is to be said at three o'clock to mark the time of Jesus' death:

*"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You."* Make these prayers your own!



# Our Salvation History: Joseph's Destiny

Sold by his brothers, Joseph found himself in Egypt, living in the house of the Pharaoh's right-hand man, Potifar. Joseph did his job so well that he was put in charge of Potifar's entire household. Potiphar's wife admired him, too, but she asked Joseph to do things that were wrong. When Joseph refused, she lied about him and got him thrown into jail.

There in jail, Joseph helped prisoners understand their dreams. When they were released, though, they forgot all about Joseph and his talents. Finally, two years later, Pharaoh himself had a dream he did not understand. Someone remembered Joseph's ability to interpret dreams and called him from jail to interpret Pharaoh's.



Pharaoh described his dream: seven fat cows coming up from the Nile were followed by seven

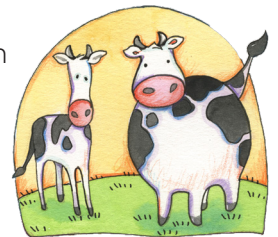
scrawny cows that ate up the seven fat cows. But the seven scrawny cows remained scrawny. Joseph told Pharaoh what it meant: there would be seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. At the end of this famine there would be nothing left.

Joseph then told Pharaoh to hire someone to store food during the years of plenty so that there would be enough to get through the years of famine. The Pharaoh, amazed at Joseph's ability and knowledge, put Joseph in charge of this very job. Joseph was so successful that, when the famine hit, they had enough to open their stores and feed all who came. By this time, Joseph was married and had two boys, Manasseh and Ephraim. Joseph, in high office now, was held in high regard throughout the land. But his eleven brothers knew nothing about this... yet.

## Tugboat Challenge

Put the letter of the correct answer in the empty line in front of the number.

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| _____ 1. The greatest quality of God.                        | <b>A.</b> the Three O'Clock Prayer                                    |
| _____ 2. The nun who heralded God's Divine Mercy.            | <b>B.</b> red and white   |
| _____ 3. The Prayer said to mark Jesus' death.               | <b>C.</b> is not able to feel pain                                    |
| _____ 4. A characteristic of the glorified body              | <b>D.</b> St. Faustina  |
| _____ 5. She asked Joseph to do things that were wrong       | <b>E.</b> His Mercy   |
| _____ 6. One of Joseph's talents                             | <b>F.</b> Joseph  |
| _____ 7. Colors of the rays in the Divine Mercy Image        | <b>G.</b> he could interpret dreams                                   |
| _____ 8. A second characteristic of the glorified body       | <b>H.</b> Potifar's wife  |
| _____ 9. Pharaoh's dream                                     | <b>I.</b> is able to move at the speed of the will                    |
| _____ 10. He was put in charge of distributing Egypt's grain | <b>J.</b> seven scrawny cows ate seven fat cows, but remained scrawny |



Answers: 1.E 2.D 3.A 4.C 5.H 6.G 7.B 8.C 9.I 10.F

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