

**Little Flowers Girls Club**  
**September 15, 2009**

St. Faustina, Feast Day, October 5  
Virtue: Mercy

Introductions/Opening Prayer (Jennifer H.)

Lesson: **St. Faustina**—Read *Helen's Special Picture* and discuss highlighting her life as a very good example of a saint who exhibited mercy from her childhood until her death.

**Mercy** "means God loves us and forgives us our sins." We are so blessed to receive God's mercy. It heals our souls and allows us to be mirrors of God's love and forgiveness and be merciful.

Fifth Beatitude: Read from *The Beatitudes for Children*. Discuss. Who can we show mercy to? Brother? Sister? Mother? Friend? What are opportunities to show forgiveness and love (mercy)?

Jesus showed St. Faustina how to pray a special prayer on her Rosary beads. It is called the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. When we pray the Chaplet we are asking for God's mercy on our families, friends and all the people in the whole world—even those who do not believe.

Jesus (as we read in *Helen's Special Picture*) appeared to St. Faustina many times. One time he told her "My daughter, encourage souls to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (1541)

The Image of the Divine Mercy was painted because Jesus asked St. Faustina to have an image painted of Him that would show his mercy (love and forgiveness) to mankind. We are going to make a special craft with the image. You can have it blessed and then put it in your bedroom to remind you of Jesus and the Divine Mercy.

Craft

Snack

Closing Prayer (if time permits, pass out the Chaplet prayer and recite on Rosary beads).