



Doug's Reflection

04-12-26 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Today, we celebrate “Divine Mercy” Sunday And it seems to me that “celebrate” is the appropriate word to use. Saint Francis de Sales writes eloquently about this in “Introduction to a Devout Life.” He makes three important points involving “Divine Mercy.” #1 - - - Remember what de Sales calls “the first and greatest commandment” found in Deuteronomy 6:5. We are called to love God. #2 - - - God desires our love. There are multiple examples of this in Sacred Scripture. #3 - - - God gives us the means to love Him. Sacred Scripture tells us plainly that God is abounding in mercy and that He wishes none to perish. This is one reason why we pray: “Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.” And so, “by being a conduit of Divine Mercy, we can uplift the poor, end suffering, and share compassion with those who are in need.”