

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina over the last seven years of her life, and [her diary](#), which you can (and should) read, relates these messages as Jesus asked her to bring this message to the world. Mercy obviously nothing new, but not as deeply understood or lived as Christ desires.

The monastery where St. Faustina lived for a number of years is now a major shrine. Given the size of the chapel, though, and the number of pilgrims, a new large basilica was also built. It has stained glass windows lining the sides, with various shades of blue separated by wavy lines. Toward the top are some oranges and yellows. At the entrance of the Church is the sun itself - shining upon the waves of the ocean of God's mercy, the Light of the Son of God.

“I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.” (699)

The tabernacle in the basilica is a 3' large gold globe, with engravings of the continents - a reminder that Christ has made his home in the world and continues to this very day. And in us as well! Mary appeared to St. Faustina once at the beginning of Advent: “You are a pleasant dwelling for the living God, in which He continually abides with love and contentment.” (785)

Jesus, I trust in you.

