**Word of Life: April 2022**

*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*

**Featured this Month…**

**April 24, 2022: Sunday of Divine Mercy**
On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the [**Sunday of Divine Mercy**](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/divine-mercy-sunday.cfm#Origin). It provides an important opportunity to share Christ’s message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in an abortion. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is “the unforgivable sin.” They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives *every* sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus’ message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.

[Prayer](http://hopeafterabortion.com/?page_id=49) | [Order](http://store.usccb.org/trust-in-gods-mercy-p/c9913.htm)

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The [**Action Guide for the Sunday of Divine Mercy**](https://www.usccb.org/resources/divine-mercy-action-guide) includes a sample timeline, simple steps, sample announcements, homily helps, and an activity to help you bring Christ’s message of mercy to your parish community.

**Priests and deacons may find** [**these considerations**](https://www.usccb.org/resources/homily-considerations-regarding-healing-after-abortion) **especially helpful** when preparing their homilies.

Visit [respectlife.org/action-guides](https://www.respectlife.org/action-guides) and [usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday](https://www.usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday) for additional resources.

 **Resources on Abortion Healing**

[Prayer Guide: Divine Mercy](https://www.usccb.org/resources/prayer-guide-healing-after-abortion)

[Bridges of Mercy for Healing After Abortion](https://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

[Divine Mercy in my Soul](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/divine-mercy-in-my-soul.cfm)

[Healing within Marriage from an Abortion](https://www.respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage)

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