



The Armor of Faith
Topic Summary: Divine Mercy
Part III: Spiritual Warfare



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Introduction

[Greeting:] → Welcome to “The Armor of Faith,” a show where we hope to bring our listeners closer to the Word of God and the blessings we receive through living in the fullness of the Catholic faith. My name is Doug and I will be your host as we discuss the blessings of the Church Christ built upon Peter.

I am joined today by my panel: [names]

Helen is a lay-Dominican with a love for music ministry. The Dominicans, I always mention, are also known as the Order of Preachers. Sharon is still our token cradle Catholic on the team, and, as everyone knows by now, I am simply here to ask questions because questions make us stop and think – well, at least that is what I am told – someday I will test that theory – thinking, that is – something about which I am often told I fail to do. To answer my questions, correct my pronunciation, and make sure I know which century I am talking about is why we have our panelists, so welcome to our panelists as well as to our listeners.

Let us open with a prayer:

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father, we lift up our hearts in thanks and praise for this opportunity to open and share your Holy Word this day. We pray that You are with us and all our listeners as we share with one another the blessings of faith. We pray You will grant us wisdom and understanding as we seek to learn Your Holy Truth.

Dear Lord, we also lift up the prayers in our prayer basket. You know what is written on each one and you know the hearts of those who offer their thanks and praise and their petitions for the blessings of Your great mercy.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

If you would like to add your prayers to our prayer basket, send us an email at armoroffaithradio@gmail.com. Please include the word “prayer” in the subject line so that we will give it priority and capture it for our prayer basket. Just so you know, Sharon and I lift up our prayers with those in the Armor of Faith Radio prayer basket during our daily prayers.

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Faith Event Announcements:

Seal the Door Posts: On 26 Mar 2020, The Marian Fathers at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy asked us to place an image of the Divine Mercy on our doors as a demonstration of our trust and belief. Similar to when God instructed Moses to tell the people, to mark their doors with blood from a lamb so that the angel of death shall pass over them (Exodus 12:7, 13), we may express our trust in Jesus by placing the image of His Divine Mercy on our doors, thus marking our home as welcoming to our Lord and Savior as well as our recognition of His Divine Mercy.

The Marian Fathers cite Saint Faustina’s confessor, Blessed Michael Sopocko, who recalled promises our Lord made through Saint Faustina regarding the Divine Mercy Image. Jesus said through Saint Faustina:

When chastisements for sins come upon the world and your own country will experience utter degradation, the only refuge will be trust in My mercy. I will protect the cities and homes in which The Divine Mercy Image is found; I will protect the persons who will venerate [honor] this Image. The only refuge will be trust in My Mercy. (Marian Fathers)

No, placing the image is not a talisman or lucky charm and we must not entertain any such notions, but it is an act of faith and trust in the blessings of our Lord and Savior. As Father Chris Alar of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception explains, “While this act of faith may not guarantee your family won’t be affected physically by the virus, it will guarantee that, by your trust in Jesus, you will obtain his promises of love and mercy, which will surround you and remain in you forever.” As we perform this act of faith, let us also pray Our Lord and Savior will spiritually protect us.

If you would like to learn more about the invitation to seal the door posts, you can enter the key words, “seal the doorposts,” into your favorite search engine, or visit the link in the topic summary for this show. You can obtain the topic summary by visiting <https://wcatradio.com/armoroffaithstudyguides/> and select episode 142.

Why Catholics Do What We Do:

Lent – Part X:

Happy Easter Everyone!!!

We still have a few days of the Easter season. Did you know that the Easter Season is actually an octave? Easter is celebrated for 8 days. The Easter Season begins with the Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday and continues through the Sunday after Easter which is in itself a special feast day. What a nice time to spend remembering all that Christ did for us. Right?

Well the truth be told, Easter Season is really a period of 50 days and is an entire Liturgical Season. Just like Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas and Lent; Easter has its own calendar time, colors, worship services, traditions, etc. Easter Season begins on Holy Saturday with the lighting of the fire which brings us the Light of Life. The evening continues with the blessing of the Pascal Candle, the readings of the history of our faith and the Sacraments that so many receive during this holy night.

During the coming week, many turn their attention to the devotion of “the special feast day” I referred to a moment ago. From 1931 to 1938 Jesus appeared to a young nun in Poland. Her name was Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. He taught her about the depth of His love and mercy for His children. These lessons were not solely for her edification, but for the salvation of all the souls of His creation. He requested that she paint an image of Him showing the blood and water that poured out of His heart at the time of His crucifixion, when a soldier forced a lance into His side. Once the image was complete, He told her to have a medal made of the image so that people could hold onto it and have a constant reminder of His love and mercy. And then He instructed her on how to pray a chaplet for this devotion. He certainly had plenty for her to do to make this devotion one that would capture the hearts of His children.

It was His desire that all should know this and hold fast to the mercy that He gives us. He also stated that He desired to have a special feast day set aside to honor His mercy. Getting all of this going was not easy and took a long time just to get an acceptable image painted.

In her diary it is revealed that Jesus told Sister,

"The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy." (Faustina Diary, 699)

On April 30, 2000 Pope John Paul II held a Mass which would celebrate two very important decrees for the Church. He declared that the first Sunday after Easter would be forever known

as the Feast of Mercy, or as many know it, Divine Mercy Sunday. The pope also canonized Sister Faustina making her Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.

Today, people practice this devotion by praying a novena, going to confession, and going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion. The novena, is a set of prayers that are prayed for nine consecutive days. The prayers begin on Good Friday and end on Divine Mercy Sunday. Those prayers include the praying of the chaplet that Sister Faustina was given during her lessons from Jesus. During this week, the faithful will find a priest to hear their confessions. By Sunday, the requirements for this devotion will have been completed and the devotees will participate at Mass and receive Holy Communion just as Jesus requested. This is truly a glorious devotion and never fails to fill the faithful with joy.

From Divine Mercy Sunday to Pentecost, the season is still considered to be Easter Time. We are given this time to bask in the glory of His love.

For those who are new Catholics who studied under the guidance of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA; the religious education they started a year ago, will continue. Before Easter, these folks were learning about the faith and deciding if becoming Catholic was what they really wanted. Now that they are Catholic, this is a time to learn more in-depth study about the faith and about how to continue growing in this faith. This time is called, Mystagogy. From now until Pentecost, they will be learning about the works of various ministries and classes within the church and as Neophytes, will be invited to join in. I found the following Q & A at catholicdoors.com.

Q. 1. What does the word "mystagogy" mean in the Catholic Church?

A. 1. Originating from the Greek language, "mystagogy" means "*learning about the mysteries*". It is an initiation into God's self revelation. It is a process of growing in the faith through prayer, learning and practicing with other believers.

Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Sacramentum Caritatis*, Section 64, is entitled '*Mystagogical Catechesis*'. There it says,

"The Church's great liturgical tradition teaches us that fruitful participation in the liturgy requires that one be personally conformed to the mystery being celebrated, offering one's life to God in unity with the sacrifice of Christ for the salvation of the whole world... The mature fruit of mystagogy is an awareness that one's life is being progressively transformed by the holy mysteries being celebrated. The aim of all Christian education, moreover, is to train the believer in an adult faith that can make him a "new creation", capable of bearing witness in his surroundings to the Christian hope that inspires him." (Catholicdoors)

As can be concluded by the above meaning of "mystagogy," joining the Catholic Church is truly a lifetime commitment.

Enjoy a beautiful Divine Mercy Sunday and check out what is going in your church. Use this period of Mystagogia to help you grow more. Perhaps you will find a class you might enjoy and

learn from. Perhaps you will discover a ministry that peaks your interest. This is a time to get more involved with your parish and its members. This is a holy time for you to invest yourself in your faith.

Have a blessed week All. Remember, you are loved dearly by God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and yes, by us as well.

If you would like to learn more about the Easter Season and Mystagogia, we invite you to follow the links in the reference section of the topic summary for this show. You can obtain the topic summary by visiting <https://wcatradio.com/armoroffaithstudyguides/> and look for episode 142.

Discussion:

Last time, I mentioned that when Jesus was asked which was the greatest commandment, He replied that it was to love God with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our souls. And without prompting, He said the second was like the first, to love one another as we would love ourselves. He told us that all the law and the prophets depend on these two. (Matthew 22:36-40) I also pointed out that it is all rather simple, and yet, even with all the explanation of scripture, we struggle so in our understanding.

As we reflect on the words Jesus spoke to Saint Faustina, we might observe a similar simplicity in two things: trust and mercy. The image Jesus wanted Saint Faustina to paint, with a brush, is His image, so we might see His eyes upon on us, with the rays of the blood of life and the water of righteousness coming from His heart as a font of mercy for us. The signature He wants on the image, so we shall all remember, is “Jesus, I trust in you.” He does not ask the question, He gives us the answer. If we are to receive His mercy, we must trust in Him and His love; which He proved on the cross are one in the same. It is our trust in God which provides the strength of our faith, so we might ask ourselves:

- Do we trust Jesus is the only begotten Son of God?
- Do we trust in the sacrifice Jesus made for our sins?
- Do we trust in the glory of Jesus?
- Do we trust in the power of Jesus?
- Do we trust in the love of Jesus?
- Do we trust in the forgiveness of Jesus?
- Do we trust in the mercy of Jesus?

And then, we might ask of ourselves:

- Can we look Jesus in the eye with our sins?
- Can we look Jesus in the eye with our trust?
- Can we look Jesus in the eye and accept His forgiveness?
- Can we look Jesus in the eye and accept His mercy?

If we are like the tax collector, who dared not raise his eyes to heaven (cf. Luke 18:9-14), but trust in Jesus, and approach Him with a contrite heart, we shall receive His embrace and the love He pours out for us.

If we trust in Him, we will discover the love He has for even the greatest of sinners. He, is truly the Mercy which is our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

Today, we will take a peek at what Jesus told Saint Faustina about spiritual warfare. If we look around us, we should recognize many signs of a raging spiritual battle for our souls. This battle takes many forms and is not restricted to one soul here or there, but engages the entire world towards pressing us away from what God asks of us.

For those who have had the benefit of reading Saint Faustina's Diary, it doesn't take long to note that she is a troubled soul. Of course, when we consider Jesus is talking to her, who do we think the evil one will target to confuse, obstruct, or lure her away?

As Saint Faustina did her best to follow the path to which Jesus nudged her, the evil one was also there to do whatever he could to sow doubt and push her off the path. When Saint Faustina was steered by Jesus to her spiritual director, Father Sopocko, he indicated a skepticism and even tried to ignore her in the beginning of their relationship such that she began to look for another confessor, but Jesus steered her back to Father Sopocko. The events of their relationship also brought Father Sopocko to a different understanding such that he began to work with Saint Faustina. Such work would also bring him to receive his own obstacles and persecutions as he endeavored to spread the Divine Mercy devotion. (Sopocko)

Towards the end of Father Sopocko's memoir of Saint Faustina, he relates a moment which touched me personally, because I find myself dealing with this demon more and more as I seek to learn and share. Father Sopocko relates:

As far as her morality is concerned, she was completely sincere, without the slightest exaggeration and trace of lies. She always told the truth although sometimes it hurt her. In 1934 in summer I was away for a few weeks and Sister Faustina did not tell other confessors about her experiences. On my return I came to know that she had burnt her diary – she claimed that an angel had come and ordered her to throw it to the stove saying: „You are writing nonsense and, because of you, you yourself and others can get into serious trouble. What do you have to show for the mercy? Why do you waste your time writing about some hallucinations? Burn all of that and you will be calmer and happier!” etc. There was no person that Sister Faustina could seek advice from and when she had the vision again she did what the alleged angel had told her to. Then she realized that she had done the wrong thing, she told me about everything and carried out the order to write down everything anew.

(Question 1: “You are writing nonsense,” the angel said. Have you ever had similar words come into your head? What is this demon and in what ways does it do its damage?)

- Doubt in our talents or ability
- Doubt in the soundness of our understanding
- Doubt in what we can accomplish
- Doubt in the acceptance of our efforts (hearing the voices of ridicule)
- Doubt we can do what is right and just
- Doubt we can do what God asks of us
- Doubt we can be loved
- Doubt we can be forgiven
- Doubt we have any meaning

(Question 2: Perhaps another thing we should note about this moment is that Saint Faustina related that it was an angel which chastised her and instructed her to burn the diary which Father Sopocko instructed her to keep, such that she threw it into a stove. She believed she saw an angel, but later, she realized it was not. **What does this tell us we face spiritual battle?)**

- Satan does not always come to us with a grimace on his face
- For evil to do its damage, it must reveal itself, but it may be in sheep's clothing
- Clues of evil are not always found in appearance, but in the enticement and the consequence

When we think of spiritual warfare, we can easily start with the moment in the garden.

(Genesis 3:1-6)

*1 Now **the snake was the most cunning** of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, "**Did God really say**, 'You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden'?" 2 The woman answered the snake: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that **God said**, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, or else you will die.'" 4 **But the snake said to the woman: "You certainly will not die!** 5 God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil." 6 **The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom.** So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.*

Of course, this moment was too easy for the evil one, for while Eve had knowledge, she did not trust what God had instructed her or comprehend consequence. She was deceived by "good" and "pleasing" and perceptions of "wisdom." In the desert, we observe a different story:

(Matthew 4:1-11)

*1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert **to be tempted by the devil.** 2 He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. 3 The tempter approached and said to him, "**If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.**" 4 He said in reply, "**It is written:***

*'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'*"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, 6 and said to him, "*If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:*

*'He will command his angels concerning you'
and 'with their hands they will support you,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.'*"

7 Jesus answered him,

"Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.'"

8 Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, 9 and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

10 At this, Jesus said to him, "*Get away, Satan! It is written:*

*'The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.'*"

11 Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

(Question 3: So, in the first example with Eve, we saw she was no match for the evil one. In the second example, Satan was no match for Jesus, even in Our Lord's physically weakened state. Setting aside Christ's divinity, what did Jesus use to swat away the temptations of Satan? What might this reveal about the nature of spiritual warfare?)

- The Word Made Flesh
- We have a lot to learn
- We cannot take on the battle alone
- We must have trust in the One who can lead us through it

As I was looking for something for today's show, I ran across this comment:

"It really makes me wonder what is going on here; *I am not one given to talking in terms of spiritual warfare*, but all this really makes me wonder sometimes if Satan is not out to get us ... I mean if he's got us especially targeted to stop this Divine Mercy mission from succeeding." (Stackpole)

The response was:

"Aw c'mon, Dave, get real." (Stackpole)

(Question 4: “Aw c'mon, Dave, get real.” What might we think Dave was being instructed to get real about?)

The rest of the response: OF COURSE he is out to get us - to get us discouraged, broken, and at each other's throats! It only stands to reason.

So, I pulled these comments from an editorial entitled, “Is Satan Out to Get Our Divine Mercy Apostolate?” by Robert Stackpole. As he opened his column, he wrote:

As I write this column, I am aware of a Divine Mercy apostolate that truly seems to be "under attack" lately. Its hard-working, heart-of-gold leader has been a target of what can only be called a campaign of defamation from those who want to take over the work of the group for their own purposes. These individuals have spread misinformation and half-truths about her and about the apostolate. They've e-mailed local bishops and their advisors and even the apostolate's donors and benefactors. (Stackpole)

(Question 5: Of course, I didn't need to go to a blog to find this example. We all have probably experienced a similar situation somewhere during our ministry experience, but this was a convenient example to enable our discussion. What forms might we expect spiritual warfare to manifest itself and when are we most likely to experience it?)

- Disruption
- Overwhelm/deluge
- Mediocrity
- Perfection
- Information overload/noise
- Information gaps
- Misinformation
- Disinformation
- Confusion
- Emotionalism
- Gossip
- Character assassination
- Conflict
- Defeatism
- Despair
- Etc.

When we turn to God and respond to His call to action, we can expect the evil one to attack. We are most vulnerable when our emotional energy is low and we lack knowledge of our faith.

(Question 6: It is real easy to find ourselves overwhelmed by evil and often feeling alone in the battle. As we respond to spiritual attacks, what might we do to survive the disruptions of the evil one?)

- Study and learn what God asks of us
- Pray for wisdom, understanding, courage, and strength
- Test the spirits (1 John 4:1-6)
- Examine ourselves (how might we become the vessel of attack?)
- Trust in Jesus
- Progress with humility
- Pray for all who are under attack (especially priests and leaders)

Communication is always the hardest piece in both relationships and teamwork. The first and most important step, especially as we seek the guidance of our Lord, is prayer.

Quotes:

– *Saint Faustina Kowalska – (Faustina Diary, 965)*

Jesus looked at me and said: ‘*Souls perish in spite of my bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation: that is the Feast of my Mercy. If they do not adore my mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of my mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of mine, because the awful day, the day of my justice, is near.*’

– *Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

Modern times are dominated by Satan and will be more so in the future. The conflict with hell cannot be engaged by men, even the most clever. The Immaculata alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. However, assumed into heaven, the Mother of God now requires our cooperation. She seeks souls who will consecrate themselves entirely to her, who will become in her hands effective instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spreading of God’s kingdom upon earth.

– *Saint John Paul II*

We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel.

We must be prepared to undergo great trials in the not-too-distant future; trials that will require us to be ready to give up even our lives, and a total gift of self to Christ and for Christ. Through your prayers and mine, it is possible to alleviate this tribulation, but it is no longer possible to avert it. . . .How many times has the renewal of the Church been brought about in blood! It will not be different this time.

Final Thoughts:

Of course, we barely scratched the surface of the subject of spiritual warfare today. Even if we kept our discussion strictly within the context of what Saint Faustina experienced and the instruction Jesus gave her, it truly demands its own series, and I will get it on our schedule.

In the examples we discussed, we see the difference between going it alone and turning our heart to Christ. Eve didn't fare so well in the garden, and neither do we when we do not seek the help of our Lord and Savior. Of course, He also expects us to do our part, and just as He offers Mercy, He expects us to give mercy to one another as well. (cf. The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, Matthew 18:21-35)

As a military man, I will tell you that when one prepares for battle, we want the right equipment for the environment and terrain over which the battle will be fought. Equally important to having said equipment is knowing how to use it. In spiritual warfare, this is what our faith teaches us. There is also another concept and that is situational awareness. We must know our adversaries, we must know our allies, we must know our environment, and we must also know ourselves. All of this requires education, training, and awareness. (cf Matthew 16:1-3)

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1 The Pharisees and Sadducees came and, to test him, asked him to show them a sign from heaven. 2 He said to them in reply, "[In the evening you say, 'Tomorrow will be fair, for the sky is red'; 3 and, in the morning, 'Today will be stormy, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to judge the appearance of the sky, but you cannot judge the signs of the times.]

When I was in the military, there was a saying; a reminder to both soldiers and leaders, "In time of battle, let no soul cry out, had I only the proper training." If we are to engage as God asks of us, we must learn from His spiritual battle book, which some refer to as the Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth, or Bible for short.

So, what does that mean? Well, obviously, I cannot address everything in a short closing statement, so, let me summarize it this way. When we do not know our faith, we leave ourselves vulnerable to the one who would take it from us. The more we know our faith, the more difficult we make the task for the one who would deceive us. Still, to prevail, especially as we face overwhelming and not always easily seen opposition, we must trust in our Lord. So many times He has worked through the lowly and the remnant few.

So, here is the question: Are we willing to be His soldiers? Will we train and prepare for the spiritual battle already in progress for our souls? Will we follow Jesus to extinguish the darkness through the Light of His Mercy?

Wrap Up: Well, our time has come to an end. We hope you will be able to join us next week as we turn our discussion to the Divine Mercy Devotion.

Let us conclude with a prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for this opportunity to share the blessings of our trust and faith in You. We pray that as we go our separate ways, You will

continue to walk with us and help us to see how we may put on the armor of **truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation**, and the **Word** of the gospel not only for the benefit of our lives, but also the lives of all who cross our path. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Thank you all and God bless.

Next Session: Divine Mercy – Part IV: Divine Mercy Devotion

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