



Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Open on
8 December 2015,
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception

Close on
20 November 2016,
Solemnity of
Christ the King



See **Luke 6:36**:
Be merciful, just as [also]
your Father is merciful
[NAB].



Lectionary for Mass,
Year C – the year
for reading the
Gospel of Luke

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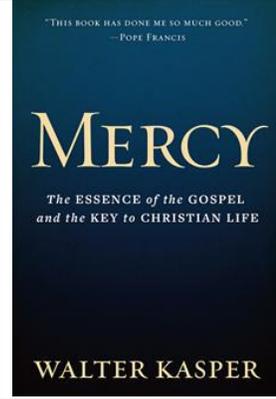
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◆ THEOLOGICAL UNDERPINNINGS ◆

	Walter Kasper. <i>Mercy: The Essence of the Gospel and the Key to Christian Life.</i> New York: Paulist Press, 2013.	Individual Use					
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Link: <http://www.paulistpress.com/Products/0609-7/mercy.aspx>

Reader's Guide, with summaries and discussion questions 56 pp.:

http://www.paulistpress.com/Promotions/pdfs/Mercy_Reader_Guide.pdf

From the publisher website:

Pain and suffering have been universal human experiences since our beginning. All religions ask, in one way or another, where suffering comes from, why it exists, and what it means. They ask where we can find the strength to endure. They ask for deliverance from it.

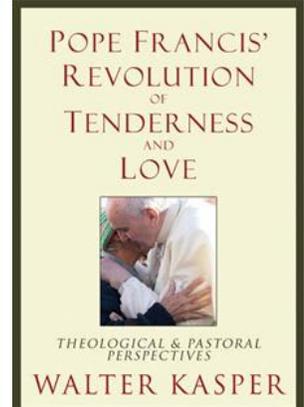
This is no less true today. The twentieth century saw brutal totalitarian regimes; two world wars; as well as the genocide, concentration camps, and gulags all resulting in the death of tens of millions of people. In the twenty-first century we have the threat of ruthless terrorism, outrageous injustice, abused and starving children, millions of people in flight, increasing persecution of Christians, and devastating natural catastrophes. With this in mind, it is difficult for many people to speak of an all-powerful and simultaneously just and merciful God. Why does God permit all of this?

In *Mercy*, the important new book praised by Pope Francis, Cardinal Walter Kasper examines God's mercy while holding these devastating facts and questions in hand. He looks at empathy and compassion as a starting point for theological reflection on the topic. He continues by reflecting upon the following: What does it mean to believe in a merciful God? How are divine mercy and divine justice related? How can we speak of a sympathetic—that is, a compassionate—God? Can undeserved woe and divine mercy be brought into harmony with one another? He likewise seeks to address the ethical questions that similarly arise: How can we measure up to the standard of divine mercy in our own actions? What does the message of mercy mean for the practice of the church and how can we cause the central message of God's mercy to shine in the life of Christians and the church? What does this message mean for a new culture of mercy in our society?

These considerations of mercy lead to the fundamental questions of theology. In this work, Kasper combines theological reflection with spiritual, pastoral, and social considerations on this essential topic at a crucial time.

Office for Worship and the Catechumenate Recommendation:

- This book is the place to start before preparing to launch mercy activity in the home, parish, and world. In the Foreword, Cardinal Kasper writes: "...the present text attempts to connect theological reflection with spiritual, pastoral, and also social considerations concerning a culture of mercy."
- The starting point theologically and scripturally is not sin but is compassion, God's mercy is God's justice, *hesed*, steadfast love, faithfulness, fidelity, graciousness....
- An important theological treatise, but very readable.
- Helpful guide to preaching and catechesis as well as living the Christian life.

	Walter Kasper. <i>Pope Francis' Revolution of Tenderness and Love: Theological & Pastoral Perspectives.</i> New York: Paulist Press, 2015.	Individual Use
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From the publisher website:

In *Pope Francis' Revolution of Tenderness and Love: Theological and Pastoral Perspectives*, Cardinal Walter Kasper clarifies how Pope Francis "brought fresh air into the church, the wind, the confidence, joy and freedom." This fresh air is not simply the result of a charismatic figure, but rests in the deep rooted theological and pastoral experience of Jorge Mario Bergoglio. This book outlines the significant influences that have led Kasper to call Francis a pope leading a radical revolution of tenderness and love-radical because it is rooted in the Gospel. The central theological vision of Pope Francis is the understanding of God as mercy itself. If God is mercy, then what are its ramifications for believers? Francis says: "Look, read the Beatitudes that will do you good. If you then want to know what you have to do specifically, read Matthew chapter 25. This is the pattern in which we will be judged. With these two things, you have the plan of action: the Beatitudes and Matthew 25. You don't need to read anything else. And I ask you with all my heart." The church is for Francis far more than an organic and hierarchical institution; it is above all God's people on the way to God, the pilgrim and evangelizing the people that always, if necessary, also exceeds institutional expression. The Church must have the mercy of God as its central theme and activity."

Kasper describes Francis as a charismatic, confident leader completely convinced of the message of the Gospel. He "combines continuity with the great tradition of the Church with renewal and ever new surprises. This also includes a poor church for the poor. This is not a liberal program; it is a radical program. Radical because it touches on the root and is a revolution of tenderness and love....What the pope is proposing is the humble way devout people move continents and can move mountains (Mt 17,19; 21,21). A little mercy-he says-can change the world. This is the Christian revolution....It is revolution in the true sense of the word-originally, the return to the origin of the Gospel as a way forward, a revolution of mercy."

Office for Worship and the Catechumenate Recommendation:

- Start with his earlier 2013 book, *Mercy: The Essence of the Gospel and the Key to Christian Life* for a theological and scriptural foundation to mercy.
- Then this small book can provide an appreciation of the Pope Francis' formation, thought, and immersion in mercy.
- A valuable way to put the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in context.

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Logo, Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

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Prayer, Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

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- Busy with “the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy: a Holy Year which I entrusted to you so as to bring [the] gift of mercy more clearly into view as the message that the Church is called to pass on in her work of evangelization in this time of great changes.”
- “[T]his is new evangelization: to become conscious of the merciful love of the Father in order that we may become pure instruments of salvation for our brothers.”
- “This consciousness, which has been planted in the heart of every Christian since the day of Baptism, calls for growth, together in the life of grace, so as to bear much fruit. Included herein is the great theme of the catechesis as the space where Christian life matures, by enabling one to experience the mercy of God.”