

**Beautiful Mercy, Experiencing God's Unconditional Love So We Can Share It With Others**



April 21, 2016 Study questions

1. The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy is already over 1/3 over. Do you feel any different so far because of it? Have you seen any changes around you at the Parish, Diocese or Church level?
  
2. How are you doing with our St. Aloysius "Moments of Mercy"?
  - January – to share Mercy with the homeless so we collected socks, scarves, hats and gloves for the homeless and poor.
  - February – to experience the Mercy of God in prayer, so we committed ourselves to make a Eucharistic Holy Hour.
  - March – to experience the Mercy of God in our own lives, so we committed ourselves to go to Confession during our Lenten Journey.
  - April - to share the Mercy of our Heavenly Father with someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one.
  
3. In the Prelude Matthew Kelly gives us the examples of:
  - a) Adam (injured veteran)
  - b) David (breadline volunteer)
  - c) Catherine and Howard (take in daughter's friend)
  - d) Mary Anne and Danielle (daughter caring for aging mother)Did any of these examples remind you of anything you have experienced in your life?
  
4. On Page 5 Matthew Kelly states "He (God) does incredible things with the people who make themselves available to him."
  - a. What are some of the ways we can make ourselves "available" to God?
  - b. What are the things that hold us back from doing so?

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5. On Page 11 Pope Francis states "The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness."
  - a. What are some of your favorite examples of this from the Gospels? Why? How does this example speak to you?
  
6. On Page 12 Pope Francis relates why he chose the phrase "miserando atque eligendo" (to be shown mercy and chosen) from St. Bede the Venerable's discussion on the choosing of Matthew as his motto.
  - a. Have you ever felt the call of God "choosing" you for something? What was the call and what was the outcome?
  
7. On Page 13 Pope Francis states "Love ... indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living."
  - a. What are some examples of intentions, attitudes and behaviors that you strive for?
  - b. What are the things that get in the way of living with love?
  
8. On Page 14 Pope Francis states "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy."
  - a. What are some ways we can better manifest this as a Parish Community for the remainder of the Year of Mercy?