



# Catechesis Corner

*"Catechesis is the echo of the Word of God."*

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## Statement of Faith

**God reveals Himself as Father, "first origin of everything that is made and transcendent authority."**

*Related Scripture and Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Scripture	CCC
1 John 3:1; 5:2-3	151
Hebrews 1:2, 2:13; 10:17	270, 272, 283, 291-292
John 14:9-10; 17:6-26	300, 302-314
Matthew 6:9-10; 25-34; 7:21	561
2 Corinthians 6:18	1077-1083
John 1:1-3	1821
Ephesians 1:3-5, 9-11; 4:6	2196
	2779-2788
	2816-2827

## What Is Mercy?

**"Mercy is having pains in your heart for the pains of another and taking pains to do something about their pain."** - Fr. George Kosicki, CSB.

The Hebrew word **"hesed"** appears 130 times in the Psalter (the Book of Psalms). This word is often translated as **"mercy"** or **"steadfast love"**. An example is Psalm 136:1, "O Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever." It is also a covenantal term. ([Bergsma/Pitre](#)) Pray Psalm 89 - God's Covenant with David - to see how often the two key words hesed (mercy/steadfast love) and emet (faithfulness) are repeated.

Vinny Flynn quotes a speaker in his book, 7 Secrets to Divine Mercy, who said, "The Sacred Heart Image shows us the source of mercy; the Divine Mercy Image shows us the distribution of mercy." Both show us the merciful love of God, but each has its own primary focus." There are many ways at looking at God's Mercy: sometimes the clearest way to understanding is to see where you have received it in your own life.

## Understanding the Symbols



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## Videos to Explore

[Spirit of Adoption](#)  
[Our Father: A Short Course](#)

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[Day 356: We Dare to Say](#)

Father Mike Schmitz

[Understanding Divine Mercy](#)

Father Chris Alar

[The Lord's Prayer](#)

Matt Maher

[Divine Mercy Chaplet](#)

Steve Angrisano & Sarah Hart

[Psalm 118](#)

Robbie Seay Band

## April's Devotion

[Holy Eucharist](#)



## The Tabernacle: Part 2

We remember (Ex. 25, 37) that within the **Tabernacle**, in the **Holy of Holies**, is where the **Ark of the Covenant** was kept throughout the desert wanderings and beyond, and then in the Temple period until the time of the prophet Jeremiah (see 2 Maccabees 2:4-8). **"The most significant aspect of the Ark, however, was that it was associated with the holy presence of God,** which was visibly manifested in the cloud of glory that overshadowed the Ark." ([Sri](#)) God's Presence appeared on the mercy seat between the two cherubim.

Mary is the new Ark of the Covenant. In the ark was the **law of God** inscribed in stone; in Mary's womb was the **Word of God** in flesh. In the ark was the urn of **manna**, the bread from heaven that kept God's people alive in the wilderness; in Mary's womb is the **Bread of Life** come down from heaven that brings eternal life. In the ark was the **rod of Aaron**, the proof of true priesthood; in Mary's womb is **the true priest**. ([Catholic Answers](#)) Especially, in this month of the Holy Eucharist, let us set aside time to adore Jesus in the Eucharist: truly present in the Tabernacle, and exposed in the monstrance.

***Ite missa est - Go! You have been sent.***