

# Our Lady of Mercy Lenten Day of Reflection

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Christ Pardons the Good Thief







# Holy Week Art

What is happening in the picture?

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What do you think the artist is trying to tell us?

“El amor al prójimo  
es el amor de Dios.”

Piet van Breeman,  
SJ,  
*Lo que cuenta es el  
amor: Ejercicios  
espirituales en la  
vida*, pg. 120

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Fr. Sieger Koder -  
Washing of the Feet



“Friendship is the face of  
Christ.”

Hermano John de Taizé,  
*Una multitud de amigos:  
La Iglesia en la hora de  
la mundialización*, pg.  
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St. John of the Cross -  
Christ





Saint Dismas - The Good Thief



Diego Velázquez - La cena de Emaús

Jewish Saying:  
Do not hold yourself in  
low esteem, because God  
does not hold you in low  
esteem.

“Ciertamente el amor se pone a prueba en la fidelidad, pero se completa en el perdón.”

· Werner Bergengruen

El perdón es la culminación de la esencia de Dios.

Piet van Breeman, SJ, *Lo que cuenta es el amor: Ejercicios espirituales en la vida*, pg. 70

In Hebrew, there are 13 properties of God,  
12 describe his mercy,  
and one his justice.  
This is our God.

- Piet van Breemen, SJ, *Lo que cuenta es el amor: Ejercicios espirituales en la vida*, pg. 20 (2000)

# Why does God not tire of forgiving us?

“Because he is God, because he is mercy, and because mercy is the first attribute of God. The name of God is mercy.”

- Pope Francis, *The Name of God is Mercy*, pg.  
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“Jesus invites every one of us, through Thomas, to touch not only his wounds, but also the wounds of others and our own wounds, especially those that can make us hate others and ourselves and that can be a sign of separation and division. These wounds will be transformed into a sign of forgiveness through the love of Jesus and will gather people in love. These wounds reveal that we need one another. These wounds are the place of mutual compassion, of mutual sharing, and of thanksgiving.”

· Jean Vanier, *Acceder al Ministerio de Jesús a través del Evangelio de Juan*, pg. 353 (2005)

