



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday | John 20:19-31)



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Today, we celebrate the **Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday**. We read from **John 20:19-31**.

In this Gospel reading, the disciples were locked away in fear of the Jews. Jesus came to them, stood among them and said, **"Peace be with you."** He showed them his hands and side. They must have felt great shock, but also tremendous rejoicing, for they had seen Jesus crucified. Thomas – one of the disciples – was not present when Jesus came to them. When the others told him what had happened, he refused to believe them. A week later, Jesus again appeared, saying to Thomas those same words: **"Peace be with you."** He offered his hands and

side to Thomas, encouraging him to touch and to believe. Thomas – seeing Jesus with his own eyes – believed and rejoiced saying, **"My Lord and my God!"** Jesus then said to Thomas, **"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."**

We are called to believe the truth of the Gospel – the fact that Jesus died, was buried, rose again, and ascended to Heaven, and that He will come again. We may not be able to touch his hands or side, but we know in our hearts that he is God, truly risen. We feel his love and want to share it with others. We are blessed!

★ FOR MORE FUN ★

★ This week on Sunday we recall the life of Saint Faustina and we are asked to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Particularly during this pandemic, the Rosary and the Chaplet are powerful tools of intercession for ourselves, our families and the entire world! Make time this week during quarantine to pray them. The Chaplet is simple and uses the Rosary. Visit <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet> to learn how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

★ Color in the picture on the following page and hang it up! Learn to say this often during the day - especially if you are worried or anxious. **Jesus, I Trust in You!**



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