



APRIL 16 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Divine Mercy

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

TODAY’S READING

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter
- Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Tuesday: Income Tax Day
- Friday: St. Anselm of Canterbury
- Saturday: Earth Day

From Saint Patrick’s Breastplate

I arise today
through God’s strength to pilot me,
God’s might to uphold me,
God’s wisdom to guide me,
God’s eye to look before me,
God’s ear to hear me,
God’s hand to guard me,
God’s way to lie before me,
God’s shield to protect me,
God’s hosts to save me from the snares of the devil.

Deacon Moss will have class on Tuesday, April 18th at 10:00 am until 11:30

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

DOUBT

There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds.

FATHER ANTHONY WILL BE OUT OF TOWN ON APRIL 19TH NO WEDNESDAY MASS .

SAVE UP

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

Confirmation: Rehearsal and Confessions on Thursday, April 20th, at 5:30
Confirmation on Saturday, April 22nd, at 4:30 Mass.

April 23rd

Lector Mark

Servers Jesus & Carlos

Counters Ann & Anita

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Remember In Prayer

Fr Robert Ponticello , Martha Jo , Kaylee Bowling , Joy Williams , James Ferebee , Michaëlle Box Michael Cox .

April 9th, 2023
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