



December 24, 2024 -
December 28, 2025

Building Faith@HOME

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading - Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jubilee Year - Faith Facts

What makes the Easter Season Liturgy of the Word different from the rest of the liturgical year?

"The Liturgy of the Word on Sundays includes two readings and the Gospel. The First Reading is typically from the Old Testament, while the Second Reading comes from the New Testament, reflecting the teachings and divinity of Jesus as shared by the Apostles of the Early Church. The Gospel presents the Good News of Jesus Christ during His ministry on earth. The Old Testament readings serve to connect and illustrate the fulfillment of the Gospel message.

During the Easter Season, however, both the First Reading and the Second Reading are from the New Testament. With the glory of the Resurrection during these next 50 days leading up to Pentecost, we are focused on the transformative power of the Resurrection, the experiences of the early Church, and the challenge to live out our faith in light of this incredible event."

Divine Mercy Sunday readings focus on God's mercy and love, inviting us to trust in Him and share His forgiveness. The readings show how Jesus brings peace and healing to His followers. When He appears to the disciples, He gives them the gift of peace, calming their fears. This reminds us that we can always turn to Jesus for comfort and strength.

The Gospel highlights Thomas's doubts and his declaration of faith when he finally encounters Jesus. This teaches us to believe in Jesus even when we cannot see Him. It also encourages us to deepen our trust in Him, especially when faced with uncertainty.

The day also emphasizes forgiveness. Jesus gives His apostles the authority to forgive sins, showing that mercy is central to His message. We are invited to seek forgiveness through the sacrament of confession and extend mercy to others. Sharing kindness and compassion helps us live out the message of this special day.

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us of the importance of being part of a faith community. The disciples gathered together, and in their shared experience, they found strength and hope. We, too, are called to support one another in faith and share God's mercy with the world. Retrieved from <young-catholics

Family Table Talk

- How can I strengthen my faith like Thomas?
- How can we relate to Thomas' experience of doubt in our own faith journeys? How do I respond to moments of doubt in my faith?
- What does this story teach us about the nature of faith and belief?

Sr. Faustina and the Divine Mercy



Faustina felt God was calling her to become a nun. Jesus appeared to her as the Divine Mercy and she painted what she saw. Jesus wearing a white garment with his right hand raised in a sign of blessing and the other hand touching the white garment with red and blue rays coming out from the garments. St Faustina encouraged people to pray the Divine Chaplet. She also prayed a lot for the Priests.

Retrieved from: <<https://bekids.mt/st-faustina-kowalska/>>

Second Sunday of Easter



Peace be
to you!



<https://bit.ly/Catholic-Kids-Media-Easter2025>

I Believe!

This week, practice reciting and reflecting on the words of the Apostle's Creed.

<https://bit.ly/Apostles-Creed-I-Believe>



More Faith Builders!

Divine Mercy Heart



Make this simple reminder of Jesus' mercy with this simple craft.

Materials:

- Two sheets of paper
- Red Crayon
- Blue Crayon
- Black marker or pencil, or pen.

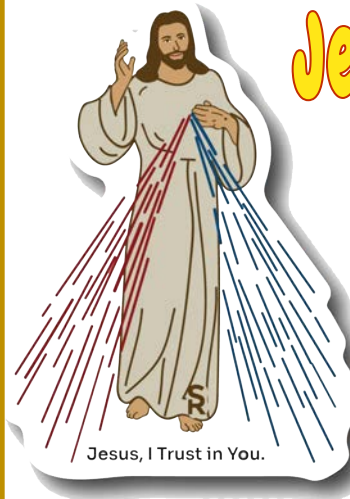
With the first sheet of paper, cut out a heart. Color the heart half blue and half red. Write the message, "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." Or simply use the Divine Mercy prayer, "Jesus, I trust you."

On the second sheet of paper, color the paper half red, and half blue. Use an accordion fold, then pinch one side to create a fan. Tape the fanned "rays" to the bottom of the heart.

Display this in your prayer space at home.

Word Search

R E M D C Q C Q A Z H W Z Y T F P L U O
T Y K U P M X I X S Q O J O M G C Y Q T
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Jesus, I trust you.

Today's Gospel reading reminds us of the importance of faith in our lives as Catholics. Like Thomas, we may have doubts and uncertainties in our faith journey. But Jesus is always with us, ready to strengthen our faith when we ask Him. We should trust in God's promises, even when we can't see them clearly.

Jesus' heart is open to us – and from it flows **mercy**, **forgiveness**, and **life**!



The Blue Rays...

represent the **Water** – the water that **cleans our souls**.



It reminds us of Baptism and Confession, where Jesus washes away our sins.



The Red Rays...

represents **Blood** – the blood that gives us **life**.



It reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross that gives us **everlasting life**.

"The red and pale rays coming from Jesus' heart show us how much He loves us.

The pale ray is like water that washes us clean, and the red ray is like the blood He gave to save us. Jesus gives us His love and mercy to help us every day!"

Challenge: End all of your prayers with "Jesus, I trust you." Amen

WORD BOX FOR THE WORD SEARCH

LOVE	MERCY	SRFAUSTINA	TRUST
DIVINE	JESUS	SUNDAY	BLUE
RED	HEART	LOVE	WORLD
CROSS	HOLY	PASSION	