

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 11, 2021



Appearance to the Disciples

JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you."
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."
Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.
So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."
But he said to them,
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands
and put my finger into the nailmarks
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."
Now a week later his disciples were again inside
and Thomas was with them.
Jesus came, although the doors were locked,
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,
and bring your hand and put it into my side,
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."
Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples
that are not written in this book.
But these are written that you may come to believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



EXPLORE THE GOSPEL

Either before or after a Sunday meal together, have a designated member of the family read the Gospel. Other family members should listen attentively.

Then have each family member share an insight about the Gospel.

Discuss the following questions as a family:

- What would it be like to see Jesus alive, after he died on the cross?
- Why do you think it's hard for some people today to believe in Jesus?

FAMILY FUN



Make Your Own



Divine Mercy Image

Search "Divine Mercy image" on the internet (parents should supervise) and print off a coloring page of the Divine Mercy or use an image as a template to make your own. Using paint, markers, crayons, or colored pencils, make your own personal Divine Mercy image with the white and red rays coming from Jesus' heart. Be sure to include the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom of the image. Place your completed picture on the fridge, on your prayer table, or next to your bed as a reminder to pray for an increase in God's trust.



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FAMILY PRAYER

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

St. John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter as “Divine Mercy Sunday” in 2000. That same year, the Holy Father beatified St. Faustina Kowalska, to whom Jesus revealed the famous Divine Mercy image. This day is a chance to reflect on the mercy of God in our lives. Many people pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm every day. For this week’s family prayer, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy using a rosary.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. Optional Opening Prayers:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in you!

3. Our Father

4. Hail Mary

5. The Apostle’s Creed: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

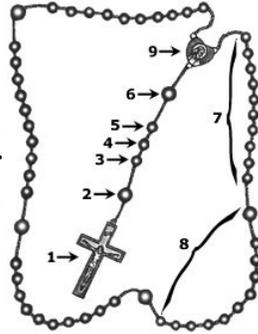
6. Eternal Father: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade: For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the Remaining Decades: Say the “Eternal Father” on the Our Father bead and then ten “For the sake of his sorrowful Passion” on the following Hail Mary beads.

9. Holy God: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Papal Cream Cake



St. John Paul II and St. Faustina Kowalska were both from Poland. Once when St. John Paul II was being interviewed, he mentioned how much he enjoyed eating Cream Cake (kremówka in Polish) as a young boy. This cake quickly became known as Papal Cream Cake (kremówka papieska in Polish). Make this dessert to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday!

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 sheets of puff pastry dough
- 2 c. milk
- 1 c. sugar
- 6 egg yolks
- 4 T. cornstarch
- 1 T. butter
- 2 c. heavy cream
- Powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS:

1. Bake the puff pastry according to the package directions.
2. In a medium saucepan, bring the milk, sugar, egg yolks and cornstarch to a boil, stirring constantly with a wire whisk. Reduce the heat slightly and continue to boil for one minute, stirring constantly.
3. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Once the cream has cooled for several minutes, stir in the butter. Let the cream cool completely.
4. Beat the heavy cream into whipped cream. Add a tablespoon of powdered sugar to make it sweeter if you would like.
5. Using a 9x13 pan, place one layer of puff pastry in the bottom of the pan and add the cream filling. Add the whipped cream on top and cover with the second puff pastry.
6. Refrigerate for at least one hour. Cut the cake into squares and dust with powdered sugar.

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