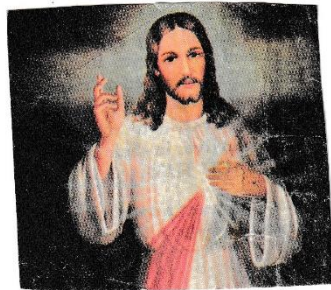

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.

11TH APRIL 2021.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.

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Fill in the missing line

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead.

Jesus came and stood among them, He said to them. 'Peace be with you.' And showed them His hands and side.

How do you think the Apostles felt when they saw Jesus?

‘ As the Father send me, so I send you.’

What do you think Jesus meant by those words?

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After saying this He breathed on them and said,

‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive others their sins, they are forgiven, but if you don’t forgive their sins they are not forgiven.’

Jesus has just given us the sacrament of Reconciliation-now a priest could become God’s instrument to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.

Who does the priest represent in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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We also heard that one of the Apostles named Thomas was not with them when Jesus came.

When the Apostles told Thomas that they saw Jesus and that He was alive, Thomas said to them, ‘ I don’t believe it, until I see it with my own eyes.

Eight days later Jesus came again to the Apostles and Thomas was with them. Thomas saw Jesus, and he believed.

How did Thomas feel when he saw Jesus?

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Jesus said to Thomas. ‘ Because you have seen me you believe, happy are the people who have not seen me but believe’.

REFLECTION: The Holy Spirit replaces fear.

The Apostles had been filled with fear because of the bad and scary things that had happened to their teacher and leader Jesus. But because Jesus breathed, the Holy Spirit into them, that their fear was replaced with something much better.

The same thing is true for us today. Even when bad or scary , things happen to us, we don’t need to be filled with fear of these events.

Instead we can remember today’s story.

We can remember that the breath we breath is filled with the Holy Spirit and with every breath we take, we are inviting Jesus into our lives and bodies., and when we are inviting Jesus into our lives we are pushing out the fear and worry that can sometimes fill us up.

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank you for the gift of Jesus, who reminds us and teach us how to breath in your Holy Spirit ,that then replaces our worry and fear. Amen

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.



FOR KIDS.

On the Sunday after Easter we celebrate a very special Feast day, the Feast of Divine Mercy. In 1931 Jesus appeared to a nun that lived in Poland called Sister Faustina. Jesus was wearing a long white tunic, red and white colours shone out of His heart. The white rays represents the Baptismal water, which cleanses our soul and the red rays represents the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of our souls. Jesus said to sister Faustina ' To have the image she saw painted and sign it, 'Jesus I Trust In You.' He wanted people to venerate the

image and know that God is love and forgiving. Jesus gave a special prayer to Sister Faustina so that it can be spread all over the world. It's called 'The Chaplet Of Divine Mercy'. In 2000, Saint John Paul II canonised Sister Faustina [that means he made her a saint] and he proclaimed the Second Sunday Of Easter as 'Divine Mercy Sunday'.

What does Mercy mean?: Mercy is when we show forgiveness to people who have hurt us or annoyed us. Mercy is also when we love and help people who are suffering or in need. It is not always easy for us to be merciful. Jesus understands that we aren't perfect. He is merciful all the time. He is patient and forgiving.

Where do we go to experience the mercy of Jesus?

We go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus is always waiting to welcome us and forgive us. He wants us to ask for Mercy, so that He can give it generously to us. He wants to be close to us and show us His love and care. God sent His son Jesus, to save us and heal us by His life, death and Resurrection. That is the BEST example of mercy the world has!

Let's stop and ask Jesus for more mercy in ourselves and our world.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Use a rosary Bead.

1. Make the sign of the Cross.
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.

3. On the Our Father Bead say:

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

4. On the Hail Mary beads say:

For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and the whole world.

- 5: Repeat for five decades.

- 6: Finish by repeating this prayer 3 times.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have Mercy on us and the whole.

Jesus I trust in you 3 times.

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