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MYSTAGOGY: A NEW CREATION

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) • Year A • April 12, 2026

**Holy God,
Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us and on
the whole world.
Amen.**

Concluding Prayer, *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*



Sunday Word

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. This Sunday is also called the Sunday of Divine Mercy.
2. Today's Responsorial Psalm reminds us that God's mercy endures forever.
3. The Second Reading speaks of God's great mercy in giving us "a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."
4. In today's Gospel, Thomas comes to believe because he sees the hands and the side of Jesus. Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



With My Family

Deepen

From the moment you began the initiation process until now, you have encountered the Good News of Jesus Christ within the household of the faithful. In the very first gatherings of this group, you met believers who were willing to share with you the message of Salvation.

Recall how you were never alone. You had the help, guidance, and encouragement of others, especially your catechists, sponsors, and godparents.

With your family, think of ways to thank those who have helped you on your faith journey thus far.



Meditate

Thomas was absent when the Risen Lord appeared to the others. This is part of the reason he didn't believe what the others were telling him. He did not see it for himself.

When the Risen Lord appeared again, Thomas did see for himself and he did come to believe. He was with others who saw and believed, too. Other believers surround us, and often give us strength and courage to believe. Their prayers, support, and encouragement help us to know and to see God present in our lives.

With your family, think about those who could use your prayers, your support, and your encouragement. Decide together on one or two things you will do in the coming week to help those persons.

Share

The First Reading describes the early Christian community and how they gathered to worship “with exultation and sincerity of heart” (Acts 2:46).

With your family, talk about worship at your parish. What do you experience there? What do you most enjoy and appreciate?



Do

Believers tell others the Good News. Share with your family the story of Saint Faustina and describe the Good News that she shared with others. (You may enjoy sharing her story as told at SaintsResource.com.)

With your family, think of the Good News you have to share. Perhaps it is the story of your journey with the OCIA, or the story of your celebration of the Easter Vigil. Maybe your family can share the Good News by singing songs of faith or by doing works of service and love. Decide on the Good News message you will share in the coming week, and with whom you will share it.



Pray

With your family, continue this week to pray the prayer on the front of the participants' page. Begin your prayer with the Sign of the Cross, and conclude by singing an Easter Alleluia or a favorite Easter refrain or hymn.