

Young Apprentices

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CATECHUMENATE SESSION: BAPTISM

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) • Year C • April 27, 2025

Lord,
Thomas had a hard time believing
in what he could not see.

Help me believe—
even when I cannot see—
that you are with me,
you love me,
and you will care for me always.

Amen.



Sunday Word

Acts 5:12-16

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

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

John 20:19-31

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

To Help You Remember



1. The Apostles performed many signs and wonders, and the number of believers grew. Even Peter's shadow passing by brought healing to the sick and those possessed by unclean spirits.
2. By his suffering and Death, Jesus became the source of Salvation for all who obey him.
3. Thomas, often referred to as "doubting Thomas," refused to believe what the disciples told him until he himself could see Jesus. Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Water of Life



Make a list of all the ways you use water or see water being used this week. Be prepared to share your list next week.

I Believe ...



Keep thinking about what you have learned this year and continue to write I Believe sentences. Be prepared to share your statements next week.

With My Family



We Listen

The Second Reading (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19) is a style of writing called *apocalyptic*. It is a symbolic type of writing that often talks about what will happen in the future. Today's reading refers to Jesus, Son of Man, who once was dead but now lives forever. What "gold" symbols can you find in this reading?

We Believe

In Baptism we celebrate our faith in God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. During Baptism and during Mass on Sundays, we make a statement that tells the world we believe in God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, and the Church. This statement is called our Profession of Faith. We also call our statement of beliefs the Creed.

We Live As Disciples

At the end of every Mass, the priest or deacon says, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." This part of Mass is called the Dismissal. We are dismissed to carry on the mission of Christ at home, at school, in the workplace, and in the world. That mission is to love and serve God and others. How will you carry on the mission of Christ in the coming week? How will you serve God and others by what you say and by what you do?

We Pray

Pray together the first part of the Nicene Creed. Try to memorize the words *I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*