

SAINT PAUL PARISH

IGLESIA SAN PABLO



# 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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." - Jn 20:27

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**PUZZLE**  
Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"

**MISSION**  
Talk to God about a friend who does not believe in Jesus. Ask God to give you the right words to say about Jesus. Then ask God to help you be patient.



**GROWING**   
WITH THE *Gospel*  
CYCLE B

**COLOR**  
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

2nd Sunday of Easter • John 20:19-31

### Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Thomas had a hard time believing his friends. Jesus was alive! They saw Jesus! Well, Thomas could not believe it. He needed proof. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' scars on his hands and his side. Once Thomas did that, then he would believe. You may have doubting friends like Thomas. Be patient with them. Do not get angry with them. Love them instead, and gently tell the truth about Jesus. Ask Jesus to open their hearts, so they can believe in him, too.

### Prayer

God, help me to be patient with my doubting friends. Show them that Jesus is their savior, too.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself playing with a friend who does not believe in Jesus.

### Mission for the Week

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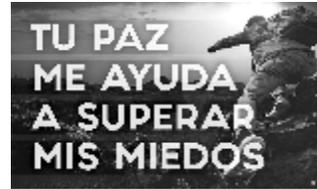
## 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of

God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all



## 2º Domingo de Pascua (La Divina Misericordia)

La Misericordia de Dios sigue manifestándose por medio de las apariciones de

Jesús. Primero a María Magdalena y luego a los otros discípulos. El primer signo de este amor misericordioso de Dios se hace presente en la paz que Jesús ofrece a sus discípulos. "¡La paz este con ustedes!" (Juan 20:21). Esa paz que nos ofrece a nosotros en la actualidad. La Paz de Cristo que vence los miedos a las complicaciones en el trabajo o en la familia. Que vence también el miedo a la pobreza material y espiritual. El miedo que teníamos o que tenemos de acercarnos a Dios en la Eucaristía por la pandemia, ese miedo que todos tenemos al contagio del virus por falta de cuidado de muchos que nos rodean.

Pidamos al Señor, en este Domingo de la Misericordia, reflexionando desde el fondo del corazón. Señor, que tu Resurrección nos libere del miedo, que estemos seguros que Tú siempre estás con nosotros. El Santo Papa San Juan Pablo II dijo sobre la misericordia de Dios lo siguiente: "Dios, Padre misericordioso, que has revelado tu amor en tu Hijo Jesucristo y lo has derramado sobre nosotros en el Espíritu Santo, Consolador, te encomendamos hoy el destino del mundo y de todo hombre". Es conveniente ahora que volvamos la mirada a este misterio: lo están sugiriendo múltiples experiencias de la Iglesia y del hombre contemporáneo; lo exigen también las invocaciones de tantos corazones humanos, con sus sufrimientos y esperanzas, sus angustias y expectativa". ¿Qué piensas tú de la Divina Misericordia? ¿Eres devoto de ella? ©LPi

### Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE  
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Eye Has Not Seen**

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS      ©LPi

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**Misas de la Semana † Masses for the Week**

**Saturday/sabado April/abril 10, 2021**

6:30 +Maricela Álvarez  
+José Carmen Peña López  
+José Arturo Sánchez  
+Leonardo Garcia  
+Salvador Tijerina Jr.  
+Reynaldo Estrada

**Sunday / domingo April/abril 11, 2021**

8:00 +Shirley Burbage  
+Angelita Salinas  
+Julia Hernandez  
+Ramona Gonzalez  
10:00 +Ryan Edward Ochoa  
+Robert Sweeten  
+Ann Mills  
12:00 +Jesús Resendiz Sr.  
+Federico Sahagún  
+Álvaro Sahagún  
2:00 Por las Animas del Purgatorio  
+Vicente Horta Rodríguez  
+Salvador Salvador  
+Antonio Cruz

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