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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE AND GIVE

MONTHLY THEME: RISE IN HOPE

ONE IN HEART AND MIND

“The whole community of believers were one in heart and mind (Acts 4:32).” A thought-provoking statement indeed. It makes us reflect on our own community. Are you and I one in heart and mind? One could say that it is easier said than done, but it does not mean that we do not try.



SCRIPTURE QUOTE TO MEMORISE:

Jesus said:
“You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

(Jn 20: 29)

Luke highlighted the virtues of the first community in Jerusalem. The people of the Way were living among the apostles after the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and it was a time of grace. They broke bread and prayed together. They shared what they had or sold and no one was in want. They lived in the spirit of detachment to material things and own comforts and saw to each other's needs. Their way of life surpasses the social responsibility that we tout today.

In his letter, John tells us that we are children of God because we believe in Jesus. As God's children, we are in the total Truth and we walk in authentic Love for we are in communion with God Himself. The community is God's family. Just as we love God our Father, we also love our brothers and sisters in Christ. Challenging, indeed, for how do we show that love as children of God? We keep His commandments. His commandments are not a burden to all those born of God. We too can be living in a time of grace if we allow ourselves. Believe!

Jesus exhorts us to believe and doubt no more. Just as God had infused life into Adam in the beginning, the resurrected Jesus has breathed new life into us, creating a new world, a new spiritual body, even sharing his glory and victory with us. We are the New People of the Church. And with that, by His divine mercy and love for us, God bestow the greatest gift to the Church – the power to forgive sins, allowing her to free and purify her people from the burden of bearing the human sufferings of a sinful life and proffering us a more fulfilling spiritual life so that we may live in communion with God and neighbour. ✚

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 4: 32-35;

Ps. 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24;

1 Jn. 5: 1-6;

Jn. 20: 19-31.