

“Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

– John 20:29



When Thomas the disciple said, *“unless I see... I refuse to believe”* he was saying, “ I want to meet him myself.” He sought Jesus and was rewarded. This seeking opens ones life to real faith. The joy and peace of our lives shared, help others meet Jesus.

The early Church grew every day because of the acts of love and mercy showed by their caring and sharing with the needy, by their being in prayer and fellowship. In the active participation of the “Breaking of the Bread” – the Eucharist, they became single-minded and merciful. They learned this from seeing the apostles practice this.

Today, we celebrate the feast of God’s Divine Mercy. All of our Sacraments celebrate God’s Divine Mercy. We seek forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation because of Jesus in his words, *“For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.* (John 20:23). We are to share this with one another. Parents set an example in your family life, by making your regular Confession. Let your children see that you seek forgiveness from Jesus for your faith . This is a beautiful witness.

As an Easter People, we carry Divine Mercy in our lives. Let us radiate God's mercy to others by doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy for ALL The Legion of Mary Apostolate is one spiritual tool to grow and live Divine Mercy. Look out for them in your parish. Ask to join and observe them in their weekly gathering and ask the Lord, if he is calling you to himself after the example and life of Mary our Mother. ✕

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Divine Mercy Sunday

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
COMMUNION (INCLUSIVE), PARTICIPATION (CREATIVE) & MISSION (BRIDGE BUILDING)

MONTHLY FOCUS: **FAMILY AND NEWNESS OF LIFE**

FOCUS EVENT: **LENTEN & EASTER SEASON**



Bearers of God's Divine Mercy

The resurrection of Jesus was a new experience for the disciples. They were moved from fear to joy, seclusion to mission, absence to presence, disbelief to faith, mere existence to new life!