

“Women know how to embody the tender face of God, his mercy...”

Pope Francis



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Acts 4: 32-35

Psalms 117: 2-4, 16-18, 22-24

1John 5: 1-6

John 20: 19-31

The way they speak about the resurrection event is not from a set of doctrines. It is eye witnesses handing down the faith with fervour.

Just what makes them tick? What is their DNA? One of the characteristics is the believers' orientation towards mercy, seen by their reaching out to the materially and spirituality poor. When Jesus walks the earth, his entire life is a testament of God's mercy. Our Blessed Mother sings in the Magnificat, 'His mercy is from age to age.' The Palmist echoes the same, that God's *mercy endures forever*. It is no wonder **the believers embrace mercy as they have been enveloped by God whose name is Mercy.**

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a devotion that has gained a massive following especially with the endorsement of St John Paul II.

Let us take a closer look at the gospel, of Jesus appearing to his disciples, not once but twice. Perhaps Jesus comes back the second time for Thomas. When the Merciful Lord shows his wounds to the doubting apostle, Thomas explicitly acknowledges Christ as 'My Lord and My God,' and goes on to proclaim Him.

God's infinite mercy is shown on the Cross where blood and water flows, and this is how the Holy Spirit testifies: *that Jesus comes through water and blood*. The endearing image of Divine Mercy reflects Jesus' mercy as two rays of light from his heart, one red and one white.

Scripture says Jesus does many signs that are not written down. Today, through the lens of St Faustina, we pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy. Millions pray daily with communities across the globe, a sure sign of Mercy in our midst as we gratefully confide in the Lord, **'Jesus, I trust in You.'** ✚

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

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7 April 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

**SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION. (MATTHEW 5: 13-16)**

MONTHLY FOCUS

CELEBRATING THE DIGNITY AND VALUE OF WOMEN

His Mercy *is from Age To Age*

Give, give till everyone's need is met! That is the clarion call of the early Church. *The community of believers is of one heart and mind, and no one claims that anyone of his possessions is his own.* It is a time of great witnessing because the apostles are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

