



**16 APRIL 2023**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**



**INTRODUCTION:**

Today as we conclude the Octave of Easter, we also celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Thomas the Apostle receives the great mercy of God as Jesus appears again after eight days. Let us celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday, by resolving to seek the Lord's mercy for ourselves and be instruments of his mercy to others.

**READINGS:**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15ab, 22-24  
**Second Reading:** 1Pt: 1: 3-9  
**Gospel:** Jn 20: 19-31

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**CELEBRANT:**

Like St. Thomas, let us surrender our lives to the Risen Lord and humbly ask for his mercy, we pray:

**RESPONSE: Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for Pope Francis, the bishops, the clergy and the Religious that they may strive to be instruments of God's mercy through their ministry and apostolates. R/

We pray for the newly baptized, that they may live their new life in Christ in the true joy of the Gospel, bearing witness to Him. R/

We pray for all our Catechists and those involved in imparting the Christian faith that they may be renewed in the new life of the Risen Lord to continue working for God's Kingdom. R/

We pray for those involved in Communications that using the modern means they may proclaim the gospel of mercy to all people of good will. R/

For all of us gathered here, that experiencing God's Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we may in turn show mercy to others. R/

**CELEBRANT:** God of mercy and compassion, we thank You for showing us your mercy in Your Son, Jesus. Grant that we may experience the fullness of his Peace and become peace makers to those around us. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.