



07 April 2024
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday



INTRODUCTION:

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are encouraged to embrace God's love, forgive others, and strengthen our faith community. Let us ask God for the faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love.

READINGS:

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 16b-18, 22-24
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection, we are confident that Christ intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father. With faith in his love, we make our prayers in his name:

Response: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

For the whole Church, that all who believe in the Risen Christ may follow him faithfully. We pray to the Lord.

For peace in our world, that Christ's gift of peace may settle in the hearts of all people and guide us away from injustice and violence. We pray to the Lord.

For all who doubt or struggle with faith, that God's love and presence may become known to them and bring light to their life's journey. We pray to the Lord.

For all who are in need, that those with plenty may act with compassion so as to serve their brothers and sisters in Christ with justice. We pray to the Lord.

For all who are sick or suffering and for those close to death, that Jesus, the risen Saviour, may give them grace and strength. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God our Father, increase in our minds and hearts the Risen life we share with Christ, helping us to grow as your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.