



12 April 2026
Divine Mercy Sunday - A



INTRODUCTION:

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we gather in the light of the Resurrection, celebrating the boundless mercy of God revealed in Jesus Christ. The risen Lord comes into the midst of His disciples, not with condemnation, but with peace; not with judgment, but with mercy. As we come before the Lord today, we are invited to open our hearts to that same mercy; to recognize where we have faltered, where fear has held us back, and where our faith has grown weak. Trusting in the Lord who is rich in mercy, we now acknowledge our sins and prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries.

READINGS:

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Trusting in the divine mercy of our God, whose love is boundless, we place before Him our needs in humility and with confidence.

Response: *In your mercy, hear us, O Lord.*

For Pope Leo, the Bishops, Clergy and Religious: that their faith, tested and strengthened through life's challenges, may bear witness to the hope and joy found in the risen Lord. We pray to the Lord.

- For Leaders of Nations: that, touched by the mercy of God, they may choose the paths of peace and reconciliation, and strive to restore dignity and hope wherever there are violence, injustice and suffering. We pray to the Lord.
- For the sick, the suffering and those burdened by trials: that they may experience the healing touch of Christ and find comfort and hope in His merciful love. We pray to the Lord.
- For our Parish Communities: that, strengthened in faith and united in love, we may bear witness to God's mercy in the world, by sharing what we have so that no one is in need. We pray to the Lord.
- For our personal intentions and for those who have asked for our prayers, we pray in silence (*silent pause*). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Father, thank You for listening to our prayers which we have made trusting in Your Divine Mercy that flows through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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