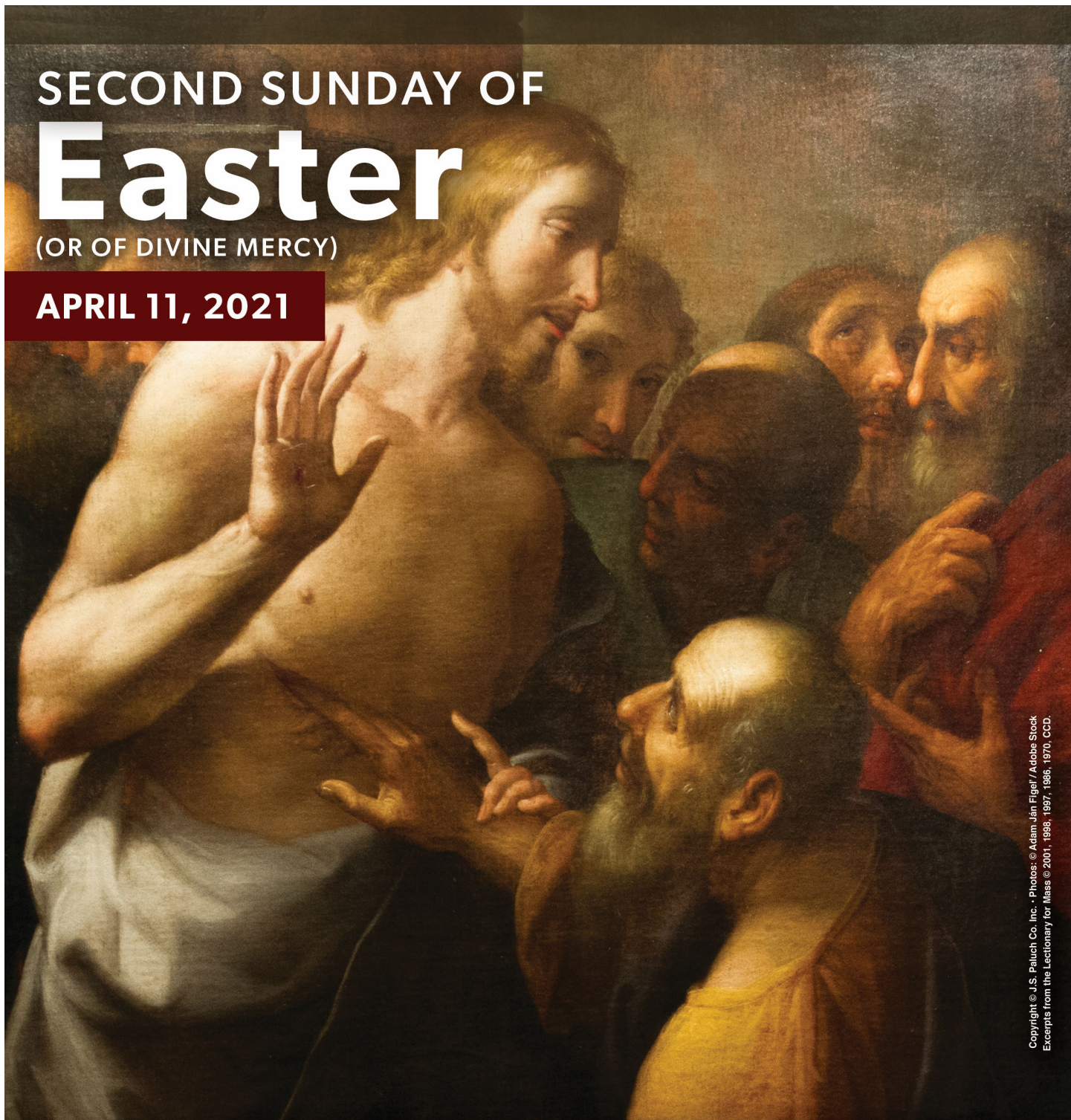


SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

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John 20:19

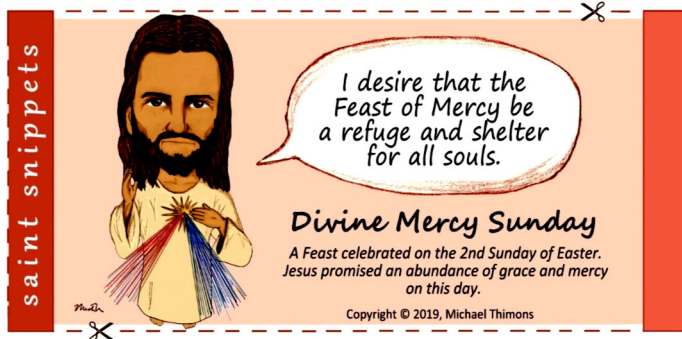
Feast of Faith

The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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Doubt

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Christ Is Here

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

—St. Augustine

A Cheerful Giver

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.

—St. Julian

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter
Monday:	Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
Tuesday:	St. Martin I
Thursday:	Income Tax Day

Today's Readings

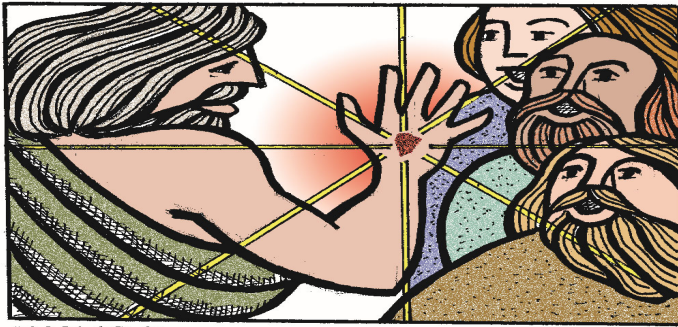
First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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**Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes
that Jesus is the Son of God?**

—1 John 5:5

Treasures From Our Tradition

Today was once called in Latin “Dominica in albis,” or “Sunday in White,” because the church was full of newly baptized Christians wearing their white baptismal garments. Another old title, best forgotten, is “Low Sunday.” There’s nothing low about this festive Sunday in Easter, the eighth day since the first “Alleluia” rang out. In Christian tradition, the number eight is a symbol of fulfillment, transition, breaking through the seven-day rhythm of life to a new way of being. That is why many baptismal fonts have eight sides. The greatest feasts of our calendar are always extended for eight days, called an “octave.” In a way, this means that this first week of Easter is really considered to be one great day. This octave day of Easter sees the best features of Easter still vibrant: joyful alleluias, lush spring flowers everywhere, sprinkling with water, and a lavish table where the Lord gives us himself as bread and wine.

For Orthodox Christians, today is the Easter feast, since their tradition requires that the Christian Passover cannot begin until the days of the Jewish Passover are ended.

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Extreme Christians

This Sunday's first reading is one of the descriptions of ideal apostolic life. Remember John's Gospel saying that God is love? Here we have Luke's version in Acts of that same principle. He begins with the community being one in heart and mind. They not only believed in the same Risen Lord, but their love for Him showed in their love for each other. They were not just a community or parish; they were one family.

Luke shows two ways the Christian communities began to change the world. First, they told anyone who would listen about the resurrection "with great power." (Acts 4:33) You can take that as power to do miracles, healings, etc. But it can also mean the power of conviction: They were so excited about Jesus' resurrection, that they couldn't stop talking about it. Their fervor was infectious. We could use some of that fervor today. I sometimes think the only reason we don't do miracles ourselves is that we don't really believe we could. Maybe we need to remind ourselves that we aren't the ones doing the miracles--God is. Remember how many times Jesus told people it was their faith that cured them? God can do miracles any time he wants. But we can't receive them if we don't have faith. Instead of trying to believe that you can do a miracle, try believing that God can do it for you.

The second way the disciples stood out was their willingness to give up anything for the Lord. Luke uses the example of selling their property to share with those in need. But some went even further, giving up their lives for the faith. That kind of witness says that the resurrection is real and I expect to take part in it. It also says that nothing can make me give up my faith. So what am I willing to give up for the Lord? It's easy to throw money in a collection for the poor. How about giving some time to feed the poor, or help build a home for someone? What can you give to help spread the faith--maybe the time to be a sponsor for a convert? The love you show to others could be their only experience of God's love.

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John 20:19

FAITH

What a difference faith makes! The faith of the early community of believers led them to rise beyond the selfishness that so many of us struggle with as they grew in communion with Christ and one another. Their selflessness was a living sign of the impact of their faith in Jesus Christ. They did not find the commandments burdensome, but rather centered their lives on the love of God and neighbor that Jesus taught through his life, death, and resurrection. It is good for us to remember that faith is a gift. The journey of faith is not always straightforward and is often marked by doubt and moments of weakness. The apostles' faith grew as they experienced the risen Jesus. Jesus surely knew they needed the peace he offered and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as do we who have not seen the Lord and yet have come to believe in him.

FROM DOUBT TO BELIEF

The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and "Doubting Thomas" shows us how to move from doubt to belief, knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesus' time with them. Thomas' doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered him physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.

LIVING FAITH

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas' lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:32–35

Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24

1 John 5:1–6

John 20:19–31

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Prayer of the Faithful

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and so we bring our prayers to the Father through him.

For Pope Francis and all leaders throughout the Church as they bear witness to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of our Risen Lord to dwell in the hearts of every ruler and leader in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who doubt, for those who have lost their faith, for those who have not yet found faith in God, let us pray to the Lord.

For all the newly initiated Christians, especially those among us in our own community, signs of the new life with which Christ has filled our Church, let us pray to the Lord.

For those among us who are needy, that they may receive what they need through our efforts, without judgment or penalty, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who are sick, for all who suffer from COVID-19, and for all who have died, especially N., N., and N., let us pray to the Lord.

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, let us pray to the Lord.

**O God of life,
your love is everlasting.**

Hear these our prayers and grant them through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Risen Lord.

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MANY OTHER SIGNS

At the end of today's Gospel John writes,
 "Jesus did many other signs. . . that are not written in this book"
 (John 20:30).

Jesus did do many signs before and after his death when he spent time with his friends, the disciples. A "sign" in the Bible means someone of importance is present. Can you think of some signs? For example, miracles are signs.

Jesus continues to work many signs today. One important sign is the act of mercy. Jesus is the model of forgiveness. On the cross Jesus forgave those who crucified him. We know that God is merciful and forgives our sins if we are truly sorry.

Can you think of other signs that show that Jesus is still working in our world today? Doctors and nurses help heal people. Hungry people are fed by others who donate food. People who are different or shunned by some are welcomed by those who reach out to them in love. Kind people comfort others who are sad. These are all signs that the work of Jesus continues with us today.

Find pictures of these actions in magazines or in the paper or on the Internet, or draw some yourself. Make a little booklet of the works of Jesus that people continue to do today. Add some blank pages to your book. Whenever you do or say something that is like the work of Jesus, include that in your book.



There was no needy person among them.
 Acts 4 : 34

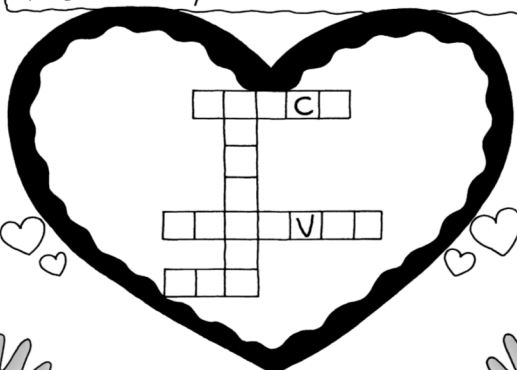
God's Word for Children

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God never gives up on us! God loves us no matter what!
 Below is a phrase from Psalm 118 that helps us remember
 that we serve a merciful God.

Fit each word into the crossword.
 A few letters have been written in to help you!

His mercy endures forever



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Dear friends, through the paschal mystery
 we have been buried with Christ in baptism,
 so that we may rise with him to newness of life.

-Sprinkling Rite, Roman Missal

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