

Dear Friends,

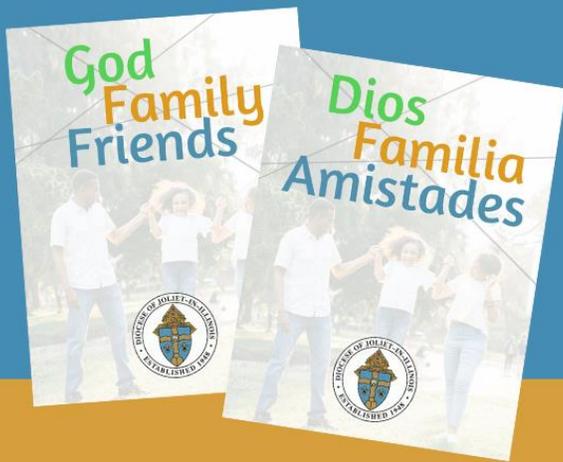
This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, which is Divine Mercy Sunday. In St. John's Gospel we hear the story of Thomas....and his doubt when the disciples shared their encounter with Risen Jesus when Thomas was not with them. Thomas did not believe them until he saw for himself.

Jesus knew of Thomas' doubts. Jesus did not condemn Thomas, rather he responded exactly to what Thomas wanted. He appeared with the disciples again, when Thomas was present and invited Thomas to put his hands into his wounds, asked him to not be unbelieving but believe. We are all like Thomas in that we all have our doubts and troubles. Guess what? Jesus wants to be with us and heal us.....all we need to do is ask and he will respond exactly as he did with Thomas....with love and mercy.

Attached is God, Family, Friends to use with your children, grandchildren, or neighbors in your Domestic Church. If you wish to attend one of our weekend liturgies, go to our parish website and click on "Reserve A Seat" to register you and your family. Join us!! We would love pray with you in person during this Easter Season.

***Our Mother of Good Counsel, Pray For Us!***

~Janet



# Helping families focus on what matters most

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

Themes: How Christians Live/ Divine Mercy (Thomas)

### GOD

#### Mass

Our weekend Mass is now livestreamed. Check our parish website for the link; [www.omgccc.org](http://www.omgccc.org). Click on "Livestream Available" or you can go directly to our Vimeo link, <https://vimeo.com/omgc>, where you can view our weekend Mass. Join us in person by registering through our parish website, simply click on "Reserve A Seat", choose your Mass time, enter your information and you will be registered.

#### Readings

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041121.cfm>

#### Gospel Video

<https://youtu.be/GYmJSMe3AU8>

#### Divine Mercy Chaplet Video

<https://youtu.be/cEbDRfbiAdU> or <https://youtu.be/tSVvBQ+SqFM>

#### Sunday Lectio Divina Guide

<https://catholicdotbible.files.wordpress.com/2021/03/easter-2-1.pdf>

### FAMILY

#### Coloring Page

<https://bit.ly/3ufQWJY>

#### Dinner Conversation:

Take a moment and to imagine...Just a few days ago you gathered in the upper room to celebrate Passover - which we now know was the Last Supper - with Jesus and the other Apostles. (During this past year of COVID, you have sometimes been locked in that same upper room - and you may still be limited in your activities, so you certainly know what being locked-in feels like!) What do you think the Apostles' dinner conversation was like after everyone except Thomas had seen Jesus?

As we read about the Apostles waiting locked away in the upper room after Jesus Resurrection use some of these questions for discussion during your family meal. Since the pandemic began, our family has been together more than ever.

- How have our dinner conversations been over the past year?
- In what ways are they the same? In what ways have they been different?
- How has our time together helped us to experience God's presence in a new way?
- What new life do we hope for when COVID is less of a danger?

### **Make Divine Mercy Sundaes!**

<https://www.catholicicing.com/celebrate-divine-mercy-sunday/>

### **How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with kids**

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/the-chaplet-of-divine-mercy-prayers-for-catholic-kids/>

## **FRIENDS**

Jesus teaches in the account of Thomas that people deserve a second chances. We sometimes call this act of giving second chances "showing mercy". We as Catholics have many ways that we practice being merciful or giving second chances. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are some ways we can practice second chances:

<https://youtu.be/LdVnDiXk76I> and <https://youtu.be/QLfpJ5Q2XCE>

### **PRAY FOR A FRIEND**

Pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 each day, using a rosary. Pick a friend or a family member you do not live with as your prayer intention - ask that God have mercy on them and keep them safe. Later, call or video chat with that person and tell them how much you miss them and that have prayed for them. Ask them to pray for you too.

