



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle B - II Sunday of Easter- Divine Mercy Sunday

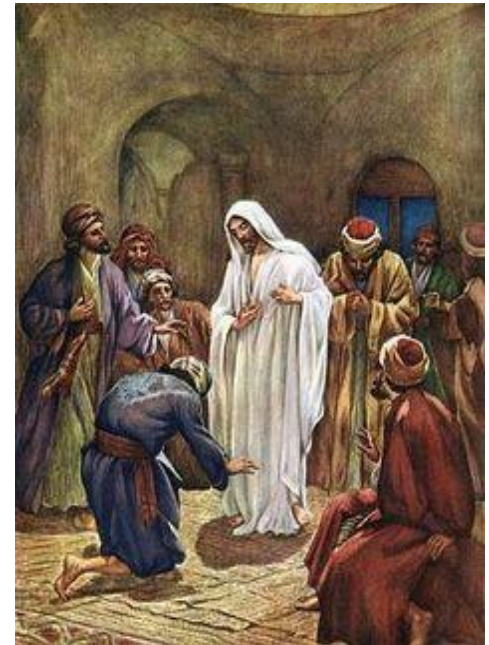
*Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 117:2-4. 16ab-15. 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31*

### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him. "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands, then reach out your hand and put it on my side. Stop your doubting and believe". Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God". Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

### Reflection

**Why were the Apostles' scared?** (Those who killed Jesus were looking for them.) **How does Jesus greet them?** ("Peace be with you," and He shows them the scars on His hands and side.) **Does one have peace when one is scared?** **What else takes our peace away?** (fights, guilt because of sin...) **Jesus then tells them, "As the Father sent me, so I send you." Where does he send them?** (To send the message of God's love and mercy to all the world; God became man and died for our sins so we could have eternal life.) **He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." What power does the Holy Spirit have?** (The Holy Spirit is God and is all powerful!) **If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Why does he say this?** (Jesus establishes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God wants us to confess our sins to a priest and with the power of the Holy Spirit, the priest forgives our sins. The Apostles were the first priests. Reconciliation with God and neighbor restores our peace.) **Thomas was not present the first time Jesus appeared to them and he did not believe them. Jesus says to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!" Do you believe that Jesus died to be with you in Heaven? Share. If God is with us, should we be scared? Share. Jesus wants us to believe in Him and to have His peace.**



### Activity

On the following page, make the dove of peace. On the other page complete the word find puzzle.

### Prayer

Lord, we are worried and afraid about so many things. Be present among us with your peace. Give us the faith to always trust you. Help us to see You in the suffering of others. Amen.

**Song:** I Trust in You, Timbercity, <https://youtu.be/JcLlKvgwCqM?si=r1MIOLOVPhjArlPn> (3-7 yrs.)

Jesus, I will Trust You, VBS 2021, <https://youtu.be/NVBEo6H9x4o?si=Ficn10s4gjQ7YFoh> (8+ yrs.)

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UXBI-nlGw2WlyZy4Saiinl2gqewz0sVW/edit?usp=drive\\_link&oid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UXBI-nlGw2WlyZy4Saiinl2gqewz0sVW/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true)



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**“Put your finger here, and look at my hands, then reach out your hand and put it on my side. Stop your doubting and believe”.**



**How happy are those who believe without seeing me!”**

*John 20; 19-31*



### The Story of the Sacrament of Reconciliation:



Jesus went in search of sinners to reconcile them with God...



He wanted God's forgiveness to be always present and alive in the Church...

***AFTER HE RESURRECTED...***  
Jesus appears to the apostles, breathes on them and says:

***RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. IF YOU FORGIVE PEOPLE'S SINS, THEY ARE FORGIVEN; IF YOU DO NOT FORGIVE THEM, THEY ARE NOT FORGIVEN.***



Jesus confides to the Apostles and to the Church the power to forgive sins.



***Jesus gives us this Forgiveness of Sins through the minister of the Church, the priest, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance.***





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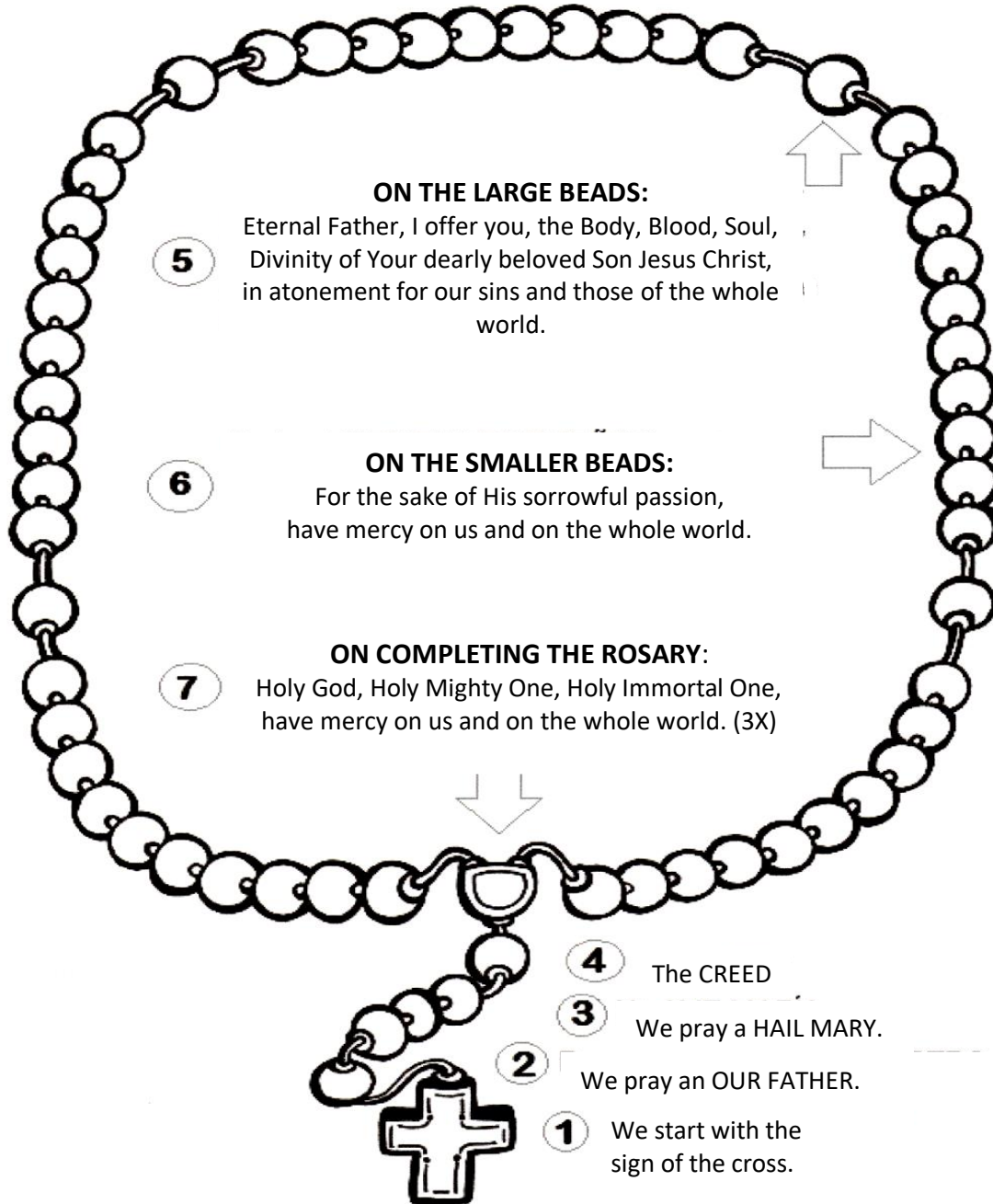
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## PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Color the large beads in one color and the smaller beads in another.



LINK TO POWERPOINT:

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### THE DIVINE MERCY OF GOD

I desire that this image be venerated in the whole world.

I promise that the soul that venerates this image, will not perish. (Jesus)



**JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.**

The 2 rays signify the blood and the water that flowed from His heart when the lance pierced it. The white ray signifies the water that redeems our souls. The red ray signifies the blood which is the life of our soul.

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Solemnity of the Divine Mercy

*Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, is the messenger of the Divine Mercy, because Jesus revealed Himself to her and showed her His heart, a source of mercy for all. He told her his desire to establish this Feast.



The goal of the *Feast of the Divine Mercy* is to communicate this message to every heart:



**God is Merciful and loves us all; the bigger the sinner, the bigger is the mercy of God!**

**In this message that Jesus communicates through St. Faustina, He asks that we have complete trust in the Mercy of God, and that we always be merciful with each other in our words, our actions, and our prayers.**



Pope John Paul II decreed the Feast of the Divine Mercy the 2nd Sunday of Easter.

The Apostles of the Divine Mercy are priests, religious, and lay people, who united promise to live the mercy with each other, make known the messages of Jesus, and pray for mercy for sinners.

This spiritual family was approved in 1996 by the Archdiocese of Krakow and is present in many countries of the world.



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