



II Sunday of EASTER –of DIVINE MERCY



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GIVE ME THAT FAITH



THE STRENGTH FOR LIFE

SETTING

The encounter with the Risen One changes our lives. And I keep coming to you Lord, to be with you, to welcome your Word and your gesture, flashes of life. Give me your faith, the one that helps me to be better, the one that helps me see clearly.

You invite me to talk to you and tell you about my life, about the life I share with others.

The experience of the resurrection of others and my own launch us into the mission, to share it, to be the mercy that you show us, that You are.

Live in me Lord so that I can live in everyone. The key is to believe and trust in you.

SONG. New life new life, Carey Landry.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bG1R35JzUV4>

GOSPEL – John 20, 19-31

“In the evening of that day, the first day of the week, when the doors of the place where the disciples were closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” Having said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were glad to see the Lord. Jesus said to them again: «Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Saying this, he blew on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; to whom you retain them, they are retained.” Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he answered them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger in the nail hole and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again and Thomas also was with them. Jesus appeared in the middle while the doors were closed, and said: “Peace be with you”. Then he said to Thomas: “Put your finger here and look at my hands; bring your hand and put it in my side, and do not be incredulous but believer”. Thomas answered him: "My Lord and my God." Jesus tells him: “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet believed". Jesus performed in the presence of the disciples many other signs that are not written in this book. These have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that believing you may have life in his name.”

We deepen in the Gospel

“It happened after the death of Jesus, at sunset of the first day of the week», that is, on Sunday, this is not only a material precision that Saint John gives us, it is more like a wink. That is right, when Saint John writes his gospel. It has been about fifty years since the events took place... Since fifty years Christians met every Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus...it is like wanting to say: “Do you understand why we meet every Sunday?” This Sunday meeting was characteristic of Christians in the Jewish world.

That first day of the week is, for them, the first day of new times: just as the seven-day week reminded the Jews of the seven days of

Creation, this new week that began with the Resurrection of Christ; it is understood by Christians as the beginning of the new Creation.

“The disciples had closed the doors of the place where they were because they were afraid of the Jews. Jesus comes and is there in their midst. John points out the contrast: the disciples shut themselves up because they are afraid and, humanly speaking, they can be understood. If the Master has been killed, they can also kill the disciples. This fact highlights the freedom of Christ. Everything is closed and this is not a problem for Him! Jesus does not know locks, but, above all, he gives the impression of not knowing fear! And, precisely, the first word he utters is "Peace be with you all"...

"Having thus spoken, he breathed on them

“Thus having spoken, he breathed on them and said to them: Receive the Holy Spirit." In the Bible, the Spirit is always given based on a mission and, ultimately, there is no other mission other than to reconcile men with God; everything else comes from this encounter.

Jesus gives an order, expresses a commandment: “Go and announce that sins have been forgiven. Be the ambassadors of universal reconciliation. It depends on you, Jesus insists, that your brothers know the love of God and experience it...” God's project will not be definitively realized until you have fulfilled you have accomplished your mission...

"As the Father sent me, so I send you."

Clues for Prayers

- What are you afraid off? What doors have you closed for fear?
- - How have you experienced the closeness, the Spirit of Jesus?
- - What is the mission for which you feel being called and sent?
- **AMBIENTAL MUSIC. SAM GARRETT - HALLELUJAH**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cj0uNx7TWfs>

BELIEVE SO, YOUR WAY

Believe and give faith,
believe without having being
seen

We are witnesses of
what our eyes seen
and our ears have heard.
Believe in who you are.
Believe and be an Easter
people.

Opening doors, homes.
walking new paths,
Making provocative
proposals.

Raising suggestive questions.

Betting on the person.

Standing before the fallen.

Being a word of hope.

Offering our talents.

Communicating possibilities.

Welcoming the abused.

Generating fraternities

Committed.

Betting on the poor.

Believing that a dignified life

It is possible for everyone
believing in that goodness
Overcome from rejection.

Believing it is possible to
Have a better life for all.

Believing that the young
Ones are the future

Believing in empowerment
of the woman.

Believing in the God that
welcomes us, loves and sends.

Believing it is possible to have
Peace in the world.

Believing that each one
matters a lot.

Believing in teamwork
and on the common path.

Believing in who gives us
life every day.

Believing that step by step
we are and we can give life.

We are an Easter, witnesses of
the

Love that was, is and
will continue to be

SONG. I am the resurrection - Ed Jansen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijtZaUHn_M0

BAILARÉ - RUAH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViQIE2MpKes>



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