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**SECOND
SUNDAY
OF
EASTER**

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Each year we celebrate it on second Sunday of Easter. The readings of this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith and the need for God's forgiveness of sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of Mercy."

The Risen Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them, he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side from which flowed the grace of divine mercy. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes one a friend of a merciful God. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and God. Through the gift of faith, we too proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we too might have new life in Him. The Lord offers each one of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally, experience his mercy and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection.

St. Faustina and the Image of Divine Mercy: "St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April, 2000, at 10:00 AM on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina.

[John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day – April 27 in 2014 – by Pope Francis.] Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: “The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy.” “The Lord of Divine Mercy,” a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!" (*Jezuufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God.” (Fr Tony)



Michael & Toddy Arceneaux	Merle Haas Wayne Hoda	Patrick Murphy Janet Necaise
Ralph Baldwin	Amanda Jones	Tyrone & Faye Necaise
Nelsie & Johnny Banks	June Kenney	Christopher Nugent
Michael Blaisdell	Donald Koenenn	Joy Patin
Gene Breazeale	Cecile & Willard Ladner	Carolyn Reeves
Claud Burk	Patsy Ladner	Brooke Rolison
Jaycee & Jaylee Cameron	Verna Mae Ladner	Carla Santiago
Don "Sarge" Carter	James Lovett	Karrie Schultz
Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa,	Sandra & Janet Mauffray	Jerry Shavers
JoAnn, Jude, Shirley	Woody Mauffray	Mike Shubert
Cucurullo	Carol Moragas	Timothy Scott Steen
Leticia J. Dedeaux	Mary Louise & Sonny Moran	Maura Strong
Peggy Glynn	Belinda & Kenny	Josie Thomas
Christine Greenwood	Morgan	

MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday	18	Edith A. Acker†
Sunday	19	Parishioners
Monday	20	Madeline Moran†
		Agnel † & Aline † Moran and Family
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