



1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Responsorial Psalm: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

April 11, 2021



Second Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday of Divine Mercy

“Of all the ways Jesus could have greeted the apostles on Easter Sunday, he chose four simple words: “Peace be with you” (John 20:19). Jesus had just died on the Cross and is now risen from the dead and sharing a special moment with his disciples. He did the most divine and miraculous event in all of Salvation history and could have immediately spoke to disciples of their salvation, but instead shared a simple greeting that had profound meaning, “Peace be with you.” Why this greeting? Remember that during this time after seeing Jesus crucified, the disciples were afraid and locked themselves in the upper room. They were experiencing their own weaknesses and lack of faith, worried that authorities would be after them, too. They felt ashamed of their own lack of faith, but Jesus understands and gives them exactly what is needed... a sense of overwhelming peace. Jesus extends this same peace to each of us.

An article from [The Word Among Us](#), shares that there are two kinds of peace, peace for ourselves and peace with each other. The disciples weren't perfect, and neither are we, but Jesus gives us this gift of peace because we are beloved by God. Knowing this love and loving God in return brings the peace we long for and helps us follow Jesus and fulfill his calling for us. Jesus went on to say after his greeting, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” We are called to treat others with the same mercy and love that he has shown us. The Easter Season celebrates this peace as every obstacle to peace has been removed. Jesus is our forgiving Savior! Alleluia! Peace be with you!

Questions: Reflect on Jesus' words to you, “Peace be with you.” Let them enter your heart. What peace do you need right now from Jesus? How will you be a bringer of peace to others? Pray the *Peace Prayer* below as a family.



Where in the world...

Diocese of Syracuse's Icon of St. Joseph
Click the link, then choose “PRESENT”. Use the forward arrows to advance the animated slides. You can **FLY** around the diocese!

[A Google Earth Activity](#)



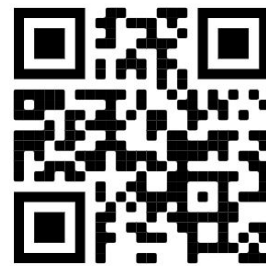
The ABCs for Fostering Vocations



K eep an eye open for TV shows and movies that present Gospel-centered role models. Watch them with your family and engage in a discussion.



[Youtube.com- CatholicKidsMedia](https://www.youtube.com/CatholicKidsMedia)



[Stations of the Light \(Via Lucia\)](#)

WORD OF THE WEEK



Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

- ncregister.com - *Nine Things You Need to Know about Divine Mercy Sunday* - (Adult Faith Builders)
- blog.renewintl.org - *Branching Out Ideas for Growing Faith: 2nd Sunday of Easter* (Adult Faith Builder)
- CatholicNewsAgency.com - *Via Lucia - Stations of Light* (Teens & Adult Faith Builder)
- LoyolaPress.com - *Peace Prayer of St. Francis*- (Family Faith Builder)
- RCLBlectionary.com - *2nd Sunday of Easter* (Family Faith Builder)

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