

La Sagrada Familia Church

Divine Mercy Sunday

Cycle C – Liturgic color: White

26th & 27th of April, 2025



First Reading

The number of believers in the Lord increased.

Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-16)

In those days, the apostles performed many signs and wonders in the midst of the people. All believers used to gather, by common agreement, in Solomon's porch. The others did not dare to join them, although people held them in great esteem. The number of men and women who believed in the Lord grew from day to day, to the point that they had to bring the sick into bunk beds and stretchers, and put them in the marketplaces, so that, when Peter passed by, at least their shadow would fall on some of them. Many people from the surroundings went to Jerusalem and carried the sick and the tormented by evil spirits, and all were healed.

Word of God. We praise You, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 117

R. The Lord's mercy is eternal. Hallelujah.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let Aaron's house say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His mercy endures for ever." **R.**

The stone that the builders discarded is now the cornerstone. This is the work of the hand of the Lord, it is a patent miracle. This is the day of the Lord's triumph, a day of joy and joy. **R.**

Set us free, Lord, and give us your victory.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
May God bless us from his temple. May the Lord, our
God, enlighten us. **R.**

Second Reading

I was dead and now, you see, I'm alive forever.

Reading from the Book of Revelation of the Apostle John (1:9-11. 12-13. 17-19)

I, John, brother and companion of you in the tribulation, in the Kingdom and in perseverance in Jesus, was banished on the island of Patmos, for having preached the word of God and having given witness to Jesus. One Sunday I fell into ecstasy and heard behind my back a strong voice, like a trumpet, saying: "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven Christian communities of Asia." I turned to see who was speaking to me, and as I turned, I saw seven golden lamps, and in the midst of them a man dressed in a long robe, girded at the height of his chest, with a strip of gold. When I looked upon him, I fell at his feet as dead; but he put his right hand upon me, and said to me: "Don't be afraid. I am the first and the last; I am the one who lives. I was dead and now, as you can see, I am alive for centuries. I hold the keys to death and beyond. Write down what you have seen, both about the things that are happening and about the things that will happen next."

Word of God. We praise You, Lord.

Holy Gospel

Eight days later, Jesus appeared to them.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (20:19-31)

Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples - On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." **Jesus Appears to Thomas** -

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Word of the Lord **Glory to you, Lord Jesus.**