



Divine Mercy Sunday Gospel Guide: Sunday, April 19, 2020

Welcome & Prayer (5 mins)

Prayer

Almighty ever living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow, caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel.

Our Father

Icebreaker-Draw

Give everyone a piece of paper and a pencil. Allow 5 mins to draw a picture that conveys who they are without writing any words or numbers. At the end of 5 mins, the leader collects the pictures. Shows the pictures to the group, one at a time, and everyone has to guess who drew it. Then each artist can explain their work expresses who they are.

Check In

How did we do on last week's commitment? Did we accomplish it?

Proclaim Gospel: John 20:19-31 (10 mins)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



Divine Mercy Sunday Gospel Guide: Sunday, April 19, 2020

Silence, let people reflect, Wait some time here & watch the Video on Formed.org
Proclaim Gospel again followed by silence

Questions (20-25 mins)

1. What does this passage/reading say to you? Or what struck you?
2. How would you react if you were one of the disciples?
3. Do you ever feel like Thomas, doubting your faith?
4. When was the last time you needed to see something to believe it?
5. How during this quarantine are you growing in your relationship with Christ? With your family?
6. How appropriate is it to have this reading during this time, when the disciples were scared and unsure of the world. How during this time do you relate to the disciples after Jesus died?

Commitment (5-10 mins)

Make a commitment that your family can do together this week or individually.

Examples: Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Sidewalk chalk someone's driveway with positive messages, Do something to strengthen your faith in Christ, Wed, April 22 is Earth day-do something good for Mother Nature

Closing Prayer

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

MARY, Mother of Jesus, Intercede for all our needs.

Say your Intercessions

Hail Mary... Glory Be...