

## Divine Mercy Sunday Homily ~ April 12, 2026.

Today, on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church invites us to stand in awe before the boundless mercy of God. In the Responsorial Psalm, we repeat with conviction: *“His mercy endures forever!”* This is not just a line we say - it is the story of our lives. God, the “Father of everlasting Mercy,” revealed this love most perfectly by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, whose suffering, death, and Resurrection opened for us the fountain of mercy.

In the Gospel, we meet the risen Lord appearing to His disciples. He greets them with peace and then gives them a remarkable gift: the power to forgive sins. With this, He institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation - a living sign of Divine Mercy. No sin is too great, no failure too deep, for the mercy of God. Yet, how often do we hesitate, like Thomas the Apostle, who doubted until he encountered the wounds of Christ? And when he finally believed, he made that beautiful profession: *“My Lord and my God!”*

This is the journey we are all called to make - from doubt to faith, from fear to trust, from sin to mercy.

The first reading shows us how the early Christians lived this mercy. They shared what they had, cared for one another, and lived in unity. Their community grew not because of power or wealth, but because of love - sacrificial, self-giving love. Mercy was not just something they received; it was something they practiced.

And this is our call today.

First, we are invited to receive God’s mercy. We do this especially through the Sacraments - above all, in Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. When we come with trusting hearts, God never turns us away. He restores us, heals us, and gives us new life.

Second, we are called to become instruments of that mercy. Mercy is not meant to stop with us; it must flow through us. In our families, workplaces, and communities, we are asked to forgive, to be patient, to help those in need, and to love even when it is difficult.

Finally, we need a living, active faith. Faith grows when we encounter Christ personally - through Scripture, prayer, and the Sacraments. As Mother Teresa once said: *“If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve.”*

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us open our hearts to God’s mercy, trust in His love, and go forth to share that mercy with others.

And like Thomas, let us say with all our hearts:  
*“My Lord and my God!”*