

**Sunday, April 12**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) - Year A**

**FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

They devoted themselves

to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life,  
to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone,

and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common;

they would sell their property and possessions

and divide them among all according to each one's need.

Every day they devoted themselves

to meeting together in the temple area

and to breaking bread in their homes.

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart,

praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.

And every day the Lord added to their number those who were  
being saved.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
or: Alleluia*

**SECOND READING**

*A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,

and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you  
who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith,  
to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.  
In this you rejoice, although now for a little while  
you may have to suffer through various trials,  
so that the genuineness of your faith,  
more precious than gold that is perishable even though  
tested by fire,  
may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor  
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
Although you have not seen him you love him;  
even though you do not see him now yet believe in him,  
you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,  
as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation  
of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31*

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,