

# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

JOHN 20:19-32

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This week's Gospel tells us how Jesus appears to his friends the disciples after he has risen from the dead! The Apostles are huddled in a room – afraid that the Romans and Pharisees might hunt them down and hurt them because they are followers of Jesus. They are afraid, and unsure what is next. When they see Jesus they REJOICE!

One of them – Thomas – is not with them. He does not believe that they have seen Jesus. Jesus appears again, and invites Thomas to touch him and believe – and Jesus says, “*Blessed are those who believe even though they do not see*”! Jesus is speaking to YOU in this Gospel – blessed are you for believing!

This Easter season, take the time to really read the Bible and put yourself in that time period. Imagine that you are a follower of Jesus before he is put to death. Jesus will appear to many people after the first Easter before he ascends to heaven, and he is very specific about what he wants his disciples – which is all of us who follow him – to do in His name! Jesus greets all of his friends with “Peace be with you”. Jesus is spreading a message of peace, love and trust in God!

★ FOR MORE FUN ★

★ This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy! In today's Gospel, Jesus lays the foundation for the sacrament of reconciliation – or confession. If you and your family have not received this sacrament in a while – pray on it! God's mercy is unfathomable – his mercy is without limit! Visit [familyrosary.org](http://familyrosary.org) under resources to see a fun video by Catholic Central about reconciliation that your whole family will enjoy and learn from.

★ Visit [www.divinemercy.org](http://www.divinemercy.org) to learn about St. Faustina, the humble and obedient woman who Jesus directed to spread the good news of Divine Mercy, and view the famous image of Divine Mercy.

**"JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!"**