

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR -A-2026:

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

In the first reading today, Luke gives a lovely picture of the early church. How it was like **one big happy family, where everyone was agreeing with each other, caring for one another** if we continue further we see the church became complex and the conditions changed to a human church of human beings.

They **devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, communal life, breaking of the bread and to the prayers.** This tells us how we should be like Christian seeking to grow in our **faith, caring of one another, participation in Eucharist and taking time to prayer. Faith without work is dead.**

It is in such situation our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to the believers in that **upper room when the doors were closed for fear of the Jews.** Jesus gave them what they truly deserved at the moment **peace be with you and repeated again peace be with.** He gave them mission work **just as the father has send me so am sending you** after this he instituted the sacrament of reconciliation **he breathed on them, receive the Holy Spirit if you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven, if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained.** what a wonderful act of Mercy of our Lord to give us such a sacrament immediately after Resurrection! He knew he was establishing his church among human beings subject to limitations and shortncoming not on Angels. How do we use this sacrament in our society?

A striking feature of this gospel scenery is that the risen lord **retained the scars of his passion on his body.** He chose to retain

them as his personal signature that is the reason why Thomas wanted to see the scars before he could believe. The Lord kept the scars as an **evidence to his love for humanity**. They help us to keep **his passion, death and his resurrection together**. His scars are also **promise that the risen Lord has healing and spiritual victory**.

The scars of the risen Lord give us **hope, strength and confidence** that through him our wounds can heal and become places of new strength and grace for ourselves and others. The door is now opened it is up to us to proclaim our faith like Thomas ***my lord and my all***.