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## Sunday of Divine Mercy, Year A - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 43

Read: [John 20:19-31](#)

### Gospel Summary

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope and in fear locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way when Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

### Reflection for Families

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal in academics, relationships, sports, or whatever. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples.

### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Using the newspaper, news broadcasts, or situations you know about, share ideas about people in the world or in your community who might be discouraged. Suggest ways either in prayer or by action that your family might bring hope to these (or some) people.

### Discussion Starters

1. I remember once I was really discouraged but I found peace when . . .
2. I was a source of peace for someone when . . .
3. I can relate to the "doubting" Thomas, but I have learned . . .

### Connection to Faith First® Legacy Edition

At Home Family Guide, themes 20 and 27

Kindergarten, page 169

Grade 1, page 269 parish and page 373 school and chapter 9

Grade 2, page 269 parish and page 373 school and chapter 8

Grade 3, page 269 parish and page 373 school and chapter 9

Grade 4, page 269 parish and page 373 school and chapter 1

Grade 5, page 269 parish and page 373 school and chapter 15

Grade 6, page 269 parish and page 373 school and chapter 1

Junior High, Jesus in the New Testament, chapter 7

Junior High, Church and Sacraments, chapter 3

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Junior High, Morality, chapter 4

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