Devine Mercy  Sunday

The Mass is a Launching Pad to the World!

No less than three times in the Gospel Jesus says to the astonished disciples: “Peace be with you!” He wanted them to know this peace; a peace that comes from knowing that you have been forgiven! For this reason, the first Sunday after Easter is also called “Divine Mercy Sunday!” Nothing like forgiveness offers us a new lease on life; deliverance from a disappointing past and hope for a bright future; a future we may have given up on a long time ago!

So, where do we go to find this mercy and peace? The apostles found it in their encounter with the risen Christ and they encountered the risen Christ in the community gathered together on the first day of the week! Christians began celebrating the Sabbath on Sunday because it was the day that Jesus rose from the dead. And what did this gathering look like and what did they do? The first reading tells us in surprising detail: Believers “devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the Bread and to prayers”. If you read through this list again you may notice that it is essentially an outline of the Mass! When we gather together on Sunday for Mass we do so not only to worship God but to encounter him in a powerful, real and tangible way; a way no less real than Thomas did when he placed his finger in Christ’s wounded hands and his hand into his side! Thomas’s big (but understandable) mistake was walking away from the believing community; a community where Jesus promised he would always be found (“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be in the midst of them” Matthew 18:20). Why, because the Church is the Body of Christ; alive and breathing in the world today! We must be witnesses of this!

How? Going out beyond the four walls of the church to the least, the lost and the last huddled behind the locked doors of their fears, guilt, shame, addictions, oppression, violence, abuse, brokenness, hopelessness, sin and despair. We must courageously love our neighbors, stand up for the powerless, pray for those who reject us, and forgive others the way we want to be forgiven by Christ. In short, we must see our worship here in the Mass as a launching pad into the mission of transformation of our world!

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Saturday, May 18, 2019

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