Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday April 7, 2024

Lead Story Headline:
Blessed are those who believe and do not see!

"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions..."
Acts 4:32

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"On Sunday evening, the same day the women had been to the tomb of Jesus, the disciples were gathered in a room upstairs. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Then Jesus came and stood in the room and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he breathed on the disciples and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.' Now Thomas was not there with the other disciples when Jesus came. So, later, they told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But Thomas said, 'I'll never believe it until I see the marks made by the nails in his hands and touch the wound in his side.' One week later, the disciples were in the same room again. This time, Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe.' Thomas said to Jesus, 'My Lord and my God!' Then Jesus said to Thomas, 'You believe because you see me. How blessed are people who have not seen me and still believe!'"

This is the Good News of the Lord.

What Do You Think?

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2. Why do you think.....

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"How blessed are people who have not seen me and still believe!"
John 20:31
Activity: Crossword Puzzle

God never gives up on us! God loves us no matter what! Below is a phrase from Psalm 118 that helps us remember that we serve a merciful God. Fit each word into the crossword. A few letters have been written in to help you!

"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments"

1 John 5:2

Brainstorm:

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