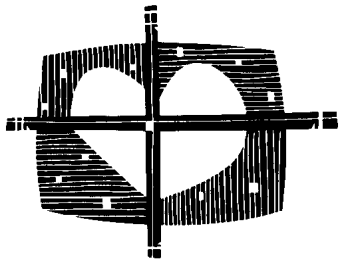


## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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## Catechizing Corner!

Today's gospel relates to the only official appearance of the risen Christ to the apostles. It is also the conclusion of the gospel of John. John's intention of the final chapters of his gospel is to define paschal faith. He wants his readers to understand that even if seeing is believing, not seeing and believing opens a person to a myriad of hidden truths. Those of us left to live the paschal faith in the messianic age are called to believe with new eyes.

During Easter we are reminded that we have died with Christ and rise again to new life with him through our baptism. We are reminded that through our baptism we participate in Jesus' paschal mystery.

*Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.*

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## Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

### Second Sunday of Easter

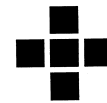
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## Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God John 20:19-31

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

### Gospel Glossary

**Rejoiced** means to feel or show great delight. The **Holy Spirit** is the third person of the Trinity. **Blessed** is to be made holy.

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

### The Gospel of the Lord

## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

**Children:** What could you and your family do to help others who are in need?

**Teen:** What does it mean to believe without seeing?

**Family:** What could you do to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more?

**Adult:** How are doubt and faith at work in your life? How can Jesus help you believe?

## Closing Prayer

Father of life, I see the light again! but Jesus Christ, your son, has won out over death - for me. I celebrate today, your love, the life you give me. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

2nd Sunday of Easter