

Entrance antiphon: Like new-born infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 5:12-6

Psalms 117: Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

*"When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him: "You can do all things." And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him." **St Faustina***



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(Or Of Divine Mercy)

Weekly Reflection: Trust

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your under-

standing, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" **Proverbs 3:5-6**. What does trust really mean? Let's try- a total belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.

Trust means we believe in the promises of God in all circumstances. "Blessed is the person who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is in the Lord" **Jeremiah 17:7**. How strong though is our trust during hard times? It can be severely challenged when everything in our lives goes wrong, or things are just dreadful. However, these bad times are when trust is most important. "Jesus said "All things are possible for one who believes." **Mark 9:23**

We are sometimes ask why God gives us more than we can handle. However, God is more with us during our really challenging times rather when everything is going well. The trust we have is that he will always help us to handle what we have been given to endure. In the poem "Footprints in the Sand," the author* says "Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way, but I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life there was only one set of footprints. Why when I needed you the most did you leave me? The Lord replies "My child, I love you and will never leave you, never, ever, during the trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

- Usually "Footprints" was signed "author unknown" but other times the credit was given to Mary Stevenson, Margaret Fishback Powers, or Carolyn Joyce who have registered copyrights for the poem.

-Bernard Kellet