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Ecological attitude: Mercy

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It seems unbelievable, we have already celebrated Holy Week, and now we are living the Easter season with great joy. The Risen Christ comes to meet us, as He did with his initial friends, after His resurrection.

As we will see this Sunday, after the crucifixion of Jesus, his friends locked themselves in an apartment, because they were afraid that the same thing would happen to them, will also die crucified. But not only were they afraid, they had also lost faith and hope. The death of Jesus caused them a pain so deep that it prevented them from believing and hoping.

After Jesus' death, his disciples were hiding for fear that what happened to him would happen to them. But the worst thing was not fear, but... Decipher the secret message and you will be able to know what is the worst.

Jesus had to encourage the trust of his friends and He did it by meeting them, walking and eating with them, as we will see in the following Sundays' readings. In addition, He allowed Himself to be touched by one of his friends: Tomás, who said: "I will not believe that Jesus is alive until I see the sign of the nails in his hands." As we will hear it this Sunday.

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In the encounters of the Risen Jesus with his friends, the Bible uses the verbs: to see, to appear, to eat, to walk, etc., which refer to real things. By this it is meant that the encounters with Jesus were not dreams or imaginations. Jesus had announced to them several times that after his death he would rise from the dead and now he was fulfilling it.

If you put the boxes of the first table in order in the second table, you will be able to read something very important that the Apostle Thomas teaches us today.

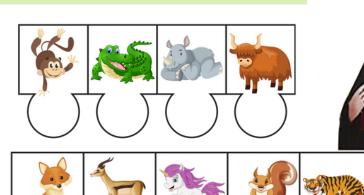
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The Risen Jesus lives! He makes Himself present in every Eucharist, in our hearts and in our families. Hence, the importance of having gestures that remind us that He lives among us, such say grace as family before dining. Our blessed food not only feeds us substantially but nourishes us spiritually.

If you place the initial of the picture of each animal in its corresponding place, you will be able to read the name of the messenger of Divine Mercy, so called because she received revelations in which Jesus appeared to her and showed her his heart, the source of mercy, and expressed his desire for this feast to be established.



A few years ago, Pope Francis proposed to add "the care of the common home" as a deed of mercy to the corporal and spiritual ones. Thus, he proposed as a spiritual work of mercy, the grateful contemplation of the World to discover through each thing, some teaching that God wants to transmit to us. And as a bodily work of mercy, the realization of simple everyday gestures where we break the logic of violence, exploitation, and selfishness. Do you dare to live this work of mercy?



This Sunday, the second of Easter, we also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Because when we meet the Risen Jesus we experience His peace and we feel forgiven. And at the same time, we feel invited to leave our selfishness. "Divine Mercy is the vaccine against selfishness," said Pope Francis.

In addition to these two works of mercy mentioned on the left, we have 14 other works of mercy: seven spiritual and seven corporal? Complete the sentences and you will be able to read what they are:

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