

OCIA Session
April 13, 2026

Theme: *"Peace Be With You: Encountering Mercy in Our Doubt"*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Leader:

Jesus, you came into a locked room and brought peace.
Come into our hearts tonight—especially the places that feel closed, afraid, or uncertain.
Help us to recognize your mercy, to trust your love, and to believe even when we struggle.
We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

Locked Doors

- When have you felt afraid, uncertain, or “locked in”?
- When has doubt been part of your faith journey?
- What helps you trust again after fear or disappointment?
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Musical Piece

Jesus I trust in you ~ Josh Blakesley

Jesus, I trust in you
In the long, dark night
When the shadows come
And conceal the light
Though my eyes can't see
You reveal the truth
To this heart of mine
Jesus, I trust
Jesus, I trust in you
Jesus, I trust in you
When my cup is dry

And I thirst for more
Than this world supplies
There is a wellspring near
You will lead me to
So I shall not want
Jesus, I trust
Jesus, I trust in you
Your mercy comes
In a million waves
Flowing through your heart
To this world you made

In your life outpoured
Is my life renewed
Jesus, I trust
Jesus, I trust in you
Jesus, I trust in you
When I fear the path
Though it's rock and thorn
I will not turn back
Death cannot steal my hope
You will see me through
As you take my hand

Jesus, I trust
Jesus, I trust in you
Your mercy comes
In a million waves
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To this world you made
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A little deeper:

- Why do we struggle to trust God?
- What kinds of “proof” do we look for?
- How does fear affect our faith?

Card exercise

Video of John 20:19–31

What stood out to you?

Divine Mercy Sunday

- Established by **St. John Paul II**
 - Rooted in visions of **St. Faustina Kowalska**
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John 20:19–31

- Contemplation

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."

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."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples
that are not written in this book.
But these are written that you may come to believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Closing Prayer:

Leader:

Jesus, you came into a room full of fear and brought peace.
Come into our hearts now.

For the places where we doubt...
Jesus, have mercy.

Response: *Jesus, I trust in You.*

For the places we are afraid...
Jesus, have mercy.

Response: *Jesus, I trust in You.*

For the places we feel unworthy...
Jesus, have mercy.

Response: *Jesus, I trust in You.*

“My doubt / fear / locked door...”

“My doubt / fear / locked door...”

“Jesus, I trust in You because...”

“Jesus, I trust in You because...”