



**SCRIPTURE
of the DAY**

Acts 2: 42-47
Psalm 117: 2-4, 13-15,
22-24
1 Peter 1: 3-9
John 20: 19-31



Before he sends, he heals. Before he commissions, he reassures. This is what mercy looks like – not ignoring wounds but entering them with love.

The early Christian community in Acts shows us what happens when mercy becomes culture: they prayed together, shared life, broke bread, and cared for one another. Faith was not only taught – it was lived in community. This is crucial for young people today. Many of them feel isolated, judged, or pressured to be perfect. They need communities where they can belong, before they fully believe.

At MCYD, youth spoke very honestly: “We long for safe spaces in the Church where we are accepted as we are, where doubts can be shared without fear.”
(MCYD Synthesis, Youth Wellbeing & Belonging)

A synodal Church creates spaces of trust. A prophetic Church breaks cultures of silence and exclusion. Youth empowerment begins when young people feel I am known. I am welcomed. I am safe here.

If BECs and parishes become places of mercy, young people will not only stay – they will serve and lead.

Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us: we are not a Church of perfect people, but a community of healed and healing disciples – together. ✚

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“I encourage you always to be “living stones in the Church, to build up the Church, by being united to Jesus.”

- Pope Francis

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Belonging Builds Belief Creating Communities Where Youth Can Thrive

The Risen Jesus appears not in grand crowds, but in a room filled with fear and locked doors. And his first word is not instruction, but mercy: “Peace be with you.”