

## **Catholic Church Bulletin Insert**

*Revealing Peace & Justice through Scripture from – “In the beginning...” (Gn 1:1) to “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen!” (Rev 2:21)™*

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2: 42 - 47

1<sup>st</sup> Peter: 1: 3 - 9

John 20: 19 – 31

The Acts of the Apostles might be described as their coming of age. In Acts 1: 6 – 11 Christ is taken up to heaven and in Acts 2: 5 – 13, it is Pentecost. Roger Ward Babson (20th Century Entrepreneur) said... “*It takes a person who is wide awake to make a dream come true.*” The Apostles woke up to smell the fragrance of Jesus. The very same mission and toil of Evangelization continues in our day, as well, to make the dream come true about Jesus.

Today’s first reading is from Acts 2: 42 – 47. It is about the communio of the Disciples as they devoted themselves to “the communal life, to the breaking of bread and prayers” (v 42). They had a tremendous amount of affection for one another as “they held everything in common” (v 44), and “ate their meals with exultation” (v 46). This can best be described as *The Common Good and Community* - the 2<sup>nd</sup> principle of Catholic Social Justice.

The human person is both sacred and social. We realize our dignity and rights in relationship with others, in community. Human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community. Human dignity can only be realized and protected in the context of relationships with the wider society.

Our collective prayers should always include a petition for the Common Good of everyone and to do unto others, as you’d have others do to you!

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