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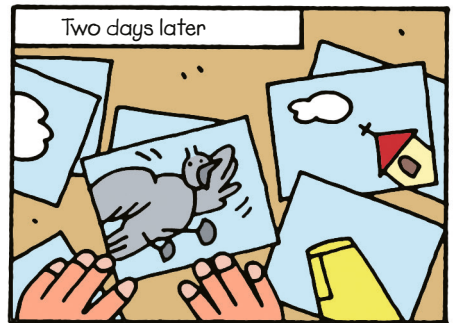
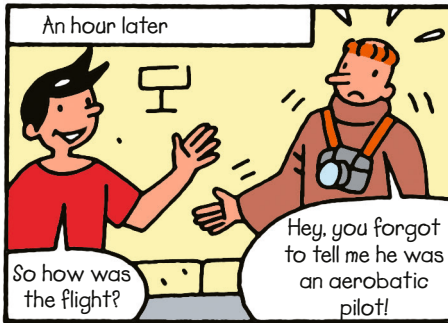
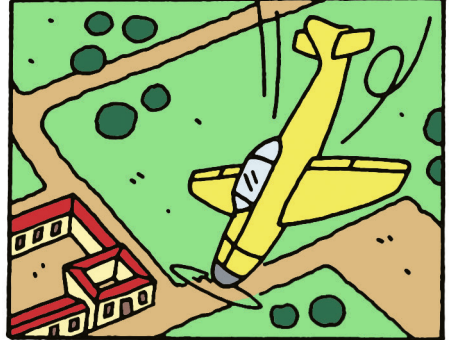
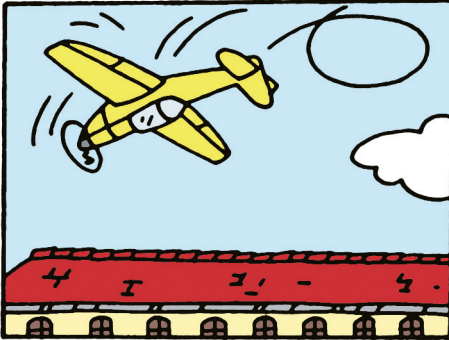
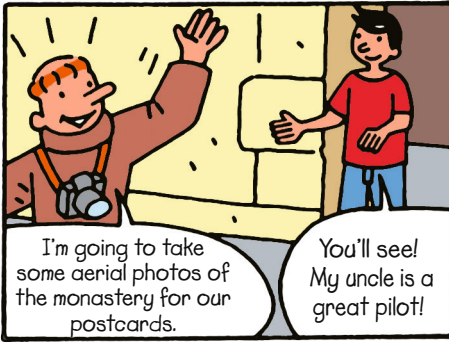
Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy

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“Blessed are those who have  
not seen and have believed”

# brother Goodventure!



## ▶ Reflecting on your prayers

How do you pray? Do you always pray the same way? There are four basic types of prayer: "please," "I love you," "I'm sorry," and "thanks." Try to use all four types in your daily prayers this week!

# My Lord and My God!

The incredible news spreads: “Jesus is alive! He is risen!” But how can we believe such a thing? Who saw him? Only a few women, the disciples, and his friends claim that it’s true. How do we know they weren’t just believing what they wanted to be true? Saint Thomas was with us on that question. On the first Easter evening, he wasn’t there. Later, the other Apostles ran to him exclaiming, “We have seen the Lord!” Thomas, however, could not rejoice with them. “Unless I see...” he protested, “I will not believe.” One week later he does see Jesus, and he cries out, “My Lord and my God!” Do you believe that Jesus is risen? You have not seen him, but you have received the gift of faith at your baptism. You can make faith grow each day by choosing new life in Christ, by praying with Saint Thomas, “My Lord and my God!”

*Lisa Reno*



## ► Pray in different ways

Make the sign of the cross, then try staying silent a minute or two. Think about the fact that God sees you and wants to bless you. You are also praying when you listen quietly in God’s presence. When you sense his presence, think about Thomas’ words: “My Lord and my God!”

# Sunday, April 19th

## Second Sunday of Easter or of Divine Mercy

→ When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the Priest says:

Q In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

→ The people reply:

Q Amen.

### Greeting

Q The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,/ and the love of God,/ and the communion of the Holy Spirit/ be with you all.

Q And with your spirit.

### Penitential Act

Q Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,/ and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Q I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

→ And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

→ Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Q May almighty God have mercy on us,/ forgive us our sins,/ and bring us to everlasting life.

Q Amen.

### Kyrie, eleison

Q Lord, have mercy.

Q Lord, have mercy.

Q Christ, have mercy.

Q Christ, have mercy.

Q Lord, have mercy.

Q Lord, have mercy.



### Gloria

Glorify God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,

## The Easter season

From Easter Sunday all the way to Pentecost, we celebrate the Easter season. Lent, the season of penance, was forty days long, but this joyful season lasts fifty days. Throughout this season, the Priest wears white as a sign of joy. We rejoice that Jesus Christ died and rose to forgive our sins and open the gates of heaven. Death has no more power over those who believe in Jesus. Let us rejoice, alleluia!

O God, almighty Father.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son  
 of the Father,  
 you take away the sins of the world,  
 have mercy on us;  
 you take away the sins of the world,  
 receive our prayer;  
 you are seated at the right hand  
 of the Father,  
 have mercy on us.  
 For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

### Collect

Q **God of everlasting mercy,/ who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast/ kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,/ increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,/ that all may grasp and rightly understand/ in what font they have been washed,/ by whose Spirit they have been reborn,/ by whose Blood they have been redeemed./**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,/ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,/ one God, for ever and ever.**

Q **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD



### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*All who believed were together and had all things in common.*

**T**hey devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the **communal life (1)**, to the **breaking of bread (2)** and to the prayers. **Awe (3)** came upon everyone, and many **wonders (4)** and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with **exultation (5)** and sincerity

## THE DIFFICULT WORDS

(1) **Communal life** (and to have all things in common) means doing things together like a family, sharing everything.

(2) The **breaking of bread** means the Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist.

(3) **Awe** is a feeling of wonder and

amazement.

(4) **Wonders** are special events, or miracles.

The Apostles perform these miracles through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

(5) **Exultation** is rejoicing, crying out with happiness.

of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were **being saved (6)**.

(Acts 2:42-47)

 **The word of the Lord.**

 **Thanks be to God.**

 **Psalm 118**

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Or: **Alleluia.**

Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy **endures (7)** forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say,  
“His mercy endures forever.” **R.**

I was hard pressed and was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory  
in the **tents of the just (8): R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it. R.**



**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter**

*God has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great **mercy (9)** gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is **imperishable (10), undefiled (11)**, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a **salvation (12)** that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the **genuineness (13)** of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an **indescribable (14)** and glorious

**THE DIFFICULT WORDS**

**(6)** Those **being saved** are those coming to believe in Jesus.

**(7)** **To endure** means to last, to continue for a long time.

**(8)** The **tents of the just** are the homes of those who follow God’s law.

**(9)** **Mercy** is God’s love for his people even though they are weak.

**(10)** **Imperishable** things last for ever. Perishable ones can go bad or rot.

**(11)** **Undefiled** means perfect, without any mistakes.

joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:3-9)

🗨️ **The word of the Lord.**

🗨️ **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

🗨️ **Alleluia, alleluia.**

🗨️ **You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;/ blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!**

🗨️ **Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

🗨️ **The Lord be with you.**

🗨️ **And with your spirit.**

🗨️ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

🗨️ **Glory to you, O Lord.**



### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.*

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 (15)** 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. (John 20:19-31)

## THE DIFFICULT WORDS

(12) **Salvation** is the act of saving someone. Here it means that the Father has given us a new birth in Jesus, who saves us from sin and death.

(13) **Genuineness** is the truth and reality of something, without anything fake or exaggerated.

(14) Something is **indescribable** when it is so special or wonderful that words cannot tell about it well enough.

(15) **To retain** means to keep or remember something. Hence, to retain a sin means not to forgive it.

Q **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Q **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

**I believe in one God,**

the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial  
with the Father;

through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

→ *All bow until the words: "and became man."*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand

of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to  
the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

→ *If the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud:*

Q **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,/ for through your goodness we have received/ the bread we offer you:/ fruit of the earth and work of human hands,/ it will become for us**

### "I believe in one God"

The Nicene Creed is a text we recite out loud with the Priest to profess our faith. This text is very old. The Bishops of the world came together to write it 1,700 years ago! It is called "Nicene" because the Bishops wrote it in the city of Nicea. It is



the bread of life.

🗨 **Blessed be God for ever.**

🗨 **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,/ for through your goodness we have received/ the wine we offer you:/ fruit of the vine and work of human hands,/ it will become our spiritual drink.**

🗨 **Blessed be God for ever.**

### Invitation to Prayer

🗨 **Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),/ that my sacrifice and yours/ may be acceptable to God,/ the almighty Father.**

🗨 **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

🗨 **Accept, O Lord, we pray,/ the oblations of your people/ (and of those you have brought to new birth),/ that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,/ they may attain unending happiness./ Through Christ our Lord.**

🗨 **Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

🗨 **The Lord be with you.**

🗨 **And with your spirit.**

🗨 **Lift up your hearts.**

🗨 **We lift them up to the Lord.**

🗨 **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

🗨 **It is right and just.**



### Preface I of Easter: The Paschal Mystery

**I**t is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,/ at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,/ but on this day above all/ to laud you yet more gloriously,/ when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed./ For he is the true Lamb/ who has taken away the sins of the world;/ by dying he has destroyed our death,/ and by rising, restored our life./ Therefore, overcome with paschal joy/ every land, every people exults in your praise/ and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,/ sing together the unending hymn of your glory,/ as they acclaim:

🗨 **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT

called a "creed" because it summarizes our faith. Creed comes from the Latin "credo," which means "I believe."



→ The Priest has over ten different texts to choose from. During this prayer, he asks the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine so that they become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Priest then says the words of Jesus:

**“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,/ FOR THIS IS MY BODY,/ WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.”**

**“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,/ FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,/ THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,/ WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY/ FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS./ DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”**

→ After the Body and Blood of Christ are raised, we say or sing an acclamation. This is the most common one:

🗨 **The mystery of faith.**

🗨 **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

→ During the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, we pray for the whole Church. At the end, the Priest says:

🗨 **Through him, and with him, and in him,/ O God, almighty Father,/ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,/ all glory and honor is yours,/ for ever and ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

## Communion Rite

🗨 **At the Savior’s command/ and formed by divine teaching,/ we dare**

**to say:**

🗨 **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

🗨 **Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,/ graciously grant peace in our days,/ that, by the help of your mercy,/ we may be always free from sin/ and safe from all distress,/ as we await the blessed hope/ and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

🗨 **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

🗨 **Lord Jesus Christ,/ who said to your Apostles:/ Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,/ look not on our sins,/ but on the faith of your Church,/ and graciously grant her peace and unity/ in accordance with your will./ Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

🗨 **The peace of the Lord be with**

## Your prayer after Communion

After receiving Holy Communion, you can say this prayer silently to yourself. If you have not yet received your First Communion, you can still say this prayer because of your desire to receive Jesus.

● Father, through Jesus Christ, in union with the whole Church, I thank you for coming into my heart. On this day when we celebrate again your Son’s victory over sin and death, I want to thank you for your

## CONCLUDING RITES

you always.

🗨️ **And with your spirit.**

🗨️ **Let us offer each other the sign of peace.**

→ Then the Priest takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice. Meanwhile, the following is sung or said:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,/ have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,/ have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,/ grant us peace.**

### Invitation to Communion

→ Holding up the consecrated host, the Priest says:

🗨️ **Behold the Lamb of God,/ behold him who takes away the sins of the world./ Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

🗨️ **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### Prayer after Communion

🗨️ **Grant, we pray, almighty God,/ that our reception of this paschal Sacrament/ may have a continuing effect/ in our minds and hearts./ Through Christ our Lord.**

🗨️ **Amen.**

### Solemn Blessing

🗨️ **The Lord be with you.**

🗨️ **And with your spirit.**

🗨️ **May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son/ was pleased to confer on you/ the gift of redemption and of adoption,/ give you gladness by his blessing.**

🗨️ **Amen.**

🗨️ **May he, by whose redeeming work/ you have received the gift of everlasting freedom,/ make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.**

🗨️ **Amen.**

**And may you, who have already risen with Christ/ in Baptism through faith,/ by living in a right manner on this earth,/ be united with him in the homeland of heaven.**

🗨️ **Amen.**

**And may the blessing of almighty God,/ the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,/ come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

🗨️ **Amen.**

### Dismissal

🗨️ **Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.**

🗨️ **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

healing mercy. Thank you so much for your forgiveness and love. Let my joy and love be a light to the whole world.

Now, listen attentively to the prayer that the Priest is going to say in the name of the entire congregation. It is your prayer, too. You can follow along in *MagnifiKid!* It is the Prayer after Communion.

# Bringing It All Together

**I**n your prayers this week, you were invited to notice that the Lord is present, that he sees you and desires to bless you. The greatest presence of Jesus Christ happens during Mass when the bread and wine are consecrated. **In receiving Communion, we become the living Body of the risen Christ.**



In this way, we are invited to be **witnesses**, to show our faith to others. To do this, decide to do something special at school—in catechism class, with the members of your sports team, or at your music lessons. You can make a cake and share it with your catechism class for example. This will be a way of proclaiming your faith in the risen Jesus. To help you remember to do this, write down the way you want to give witness.

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On the second flame of your Resurrection mobile, write Thomas' phrase:

My Lord and my God!





In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The light of Easter morning has shone, alleluia! Christ is truly risen, alleluia!*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*My Lord and my God! Open the eyes of my heart to recognize your presence in the people I meet. Help me to share the joy of Easter this day.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# Pray Morning

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*My Lord and my God! Thank you for the gift of faith. I pray for all those who are newly baptized. Help them to feel great joy in the new life you have given them.*

Our Father, who art in heaven...

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If you want to, before falling asleep, you can also say the Hail Mary.





## ► Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II

In 2014, Pope Francis canonized two new saints: Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II.

- **Pope John XXIII** was known as “the Good Pope.” He was born in Italy in 1881, and became pope in 1958 at the age of 77. More than once he created quite a stir in the city of Rome by sneaking out at night to visit the sick and the poor. He even visited prisoners and told them, “You could not come to me, so I came to you.” He called for the Second Vatican Council, stating that the Church needed to open its doors and windows to the modern world, and to reach out to those who do not share our beliefs. He died in 1963, shortly after the Council began. He is known for his gentleness, humility, and trust in God.
- **Pope John Paul II** was born in Poland in 1920, and became pope in 1978. He was known as the “the traveling Pope,” making a total of 245 trips during his years as pope. Huge crowds gathered wherever he went. In 1995, in fact, between five and seven million people gathered with him for World Youth Day in Manila, the largest single gathering in Christian history. His message was always, “Do not be afraid!” As the year 2000 approached, he encouraged young people to live in hope and to bring anew the Good News of Jesus’ love and mercy to the world. He died on April 2, 2005, and was declared a saint just nine years later!

MagnifiKid! published two great books about popes that you can order at [www.magnificat.com](http://www.magnificat.com):

- *John Paul II, The Journey of a Saint,*

- *Our Holy Father, the Pope: The Papacy from Saint Peter to the Present.*

Someone becomes a saint by living a holy life, by believing in Jesus, and becoming his friend. A saint tries to do God's will in all things, and gets up quickly after falling into sin. Even though every human being struggles with faults and weaknesses, a saint fights bravely against them with the help of God's grace. A saint becomes a hero by doing the right thing in whatever circumstances the Lord permits.



*Saint John Paul II*



*Saint John XXIII*

*God of love and mercy,  
you chose Saint John Paul the Second  
to be Pope of your holy Church.*

*Help us, through his prayers  
and teachings,  
to open wide our hearts  
to the saving grace of Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit  
one God for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

*Loving God,  
you made the good Pope John XXIII  
a shining example of kindness,  
wisdom, and love.*

*Through his prayers, help us  
to spread Christian joy throughout  
the whole world,  
and to one day rejoice  
with him in heaven.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

Find the seven  
differences between  
the two pictures.



Answers: a bunch of grapes at the top, a leaf on the table, a chair rung, a water pitcher, the handle of the water pitcher, the bracelet of the woman on the right, the sleeve of the man on the left, the dog's tail.

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