

## **Reflection**

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

### **April 27, 2025**

#### **2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 5.12 -15**

This week's text from Acts of the Apostles depicts the early Church as vibrant with the power of the Holy Spirit. The apostles perform several miracles and marvels for the people. These miraculous deeds are more than just shows; they are external manifestations of the deep fact that God is active in the world through His chosen messengers.

Verse 14 says, *"More than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women."* The early Church grew not only because of signs but also because people encountered the living Christ via the apostles' ministry. Faith spread through healing, hope, and love, rather than force or terror. People would bring out the sick simply so Peter's shadow could fall on them. Imagine trusting that even a shadow of God's servant may bring healing! It reminds us that God's might is limitless. His grace can come to us in the most unexpected ways.

However, this chapter also challenges us. The apostles lived in great unity, demonstrating boldness, courage, and sanctity. Their lives were a testament. Are our lives the same? Do others see the light of Christ in us? Is our presence bringing healing, encouragement, and faith to others? Let us pray for the grace to be like the early apostles: channels of God's mercy, signs of His kingdom, and steadfast witnesses to the Risen Lord.