



April 23, 2017

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

Touching Jesus' Mercy

The memory and marks of our sufferings can lead us to lose our peace. For Christ, this is not so. He shows the disciples his wounds and says, "Peace be with you." It may seem contradictory, but it isn't. To touch Christ's wounded side is to touch his mercy, to touch a love that overcomes everything. In spite of my sins wounding him, he comes to me in loving mercy. Jesus' wounds bring peace.

When the apostles see his hands and side, they rejoice. His wounds are a sign that it is really him. No one else has those marks. His wounds are his identification! His wounds bring joy.

Thomas misses Jesus' first apparition, returning

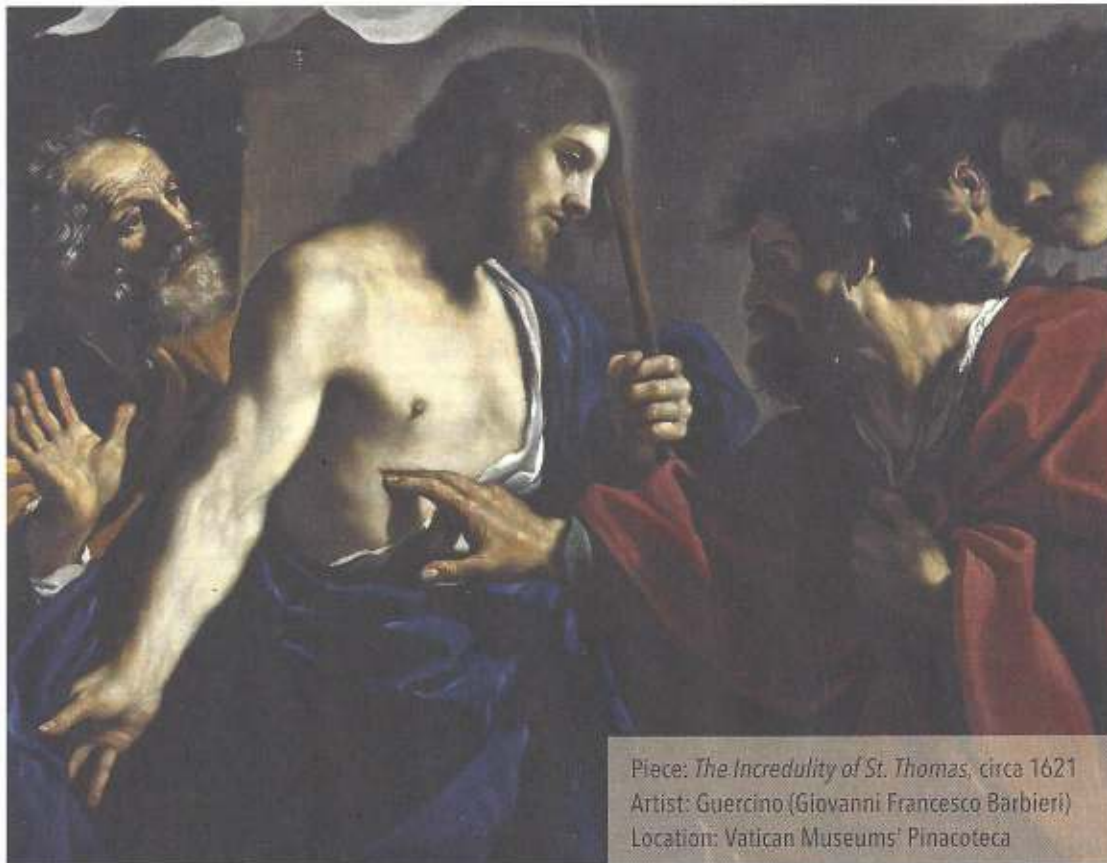
and demanding proof before he will believe. Rather than becoming angry, Jesus shows him his wounds. He invites Thomas to touch the signs of his suffering, and Thomas believes. Jesus' wounds bring faith.

We, too, need to insert our hands and hearts into Christ's side, to come into contact with his love and mercy. Only then can we be healed. Only then can we experience real peace, joy, and faith.

That's why Jesus breathes on his disciples and says, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:22-23). He wants to heal their wounds and see them produce joy and peace in others. God's grace is to reach all generations through the power of forgiveness he entrusts to his Church. The sacrament of penance is exactly that.

We acknowledge our sins and Jesus responds with understanding, forgiveness, and counsel.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

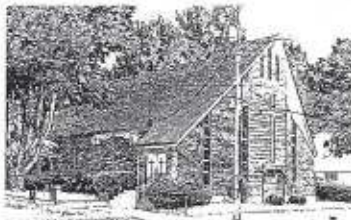


Place: The Incredulity of St. Thomas, circa 1621
Artist: Guercino (Giovanni Francesco Barbieri)
Location: Vatican Museums' Pinacoteca

For Reflection

How often and how sincerely do you receive mercy through reconciliation? How often do you show and share the forgiveness and mercy you have been blessed with?

*"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23).*



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St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

Daily Mass (Weekdays) & Holy Days

Tuesday & Thursday - 12:15 PM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation *Refer To Schedule*

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) 8:00 AM

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

Holy Day of Obligation *Refer To Schedule*

****First Saturday Mass - 8:30AM (Devotions Following)**

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

****Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM**

Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of April 17, 2017

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Dec. Members Lavern Eiten Family

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Fran Sarosinski

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Bob & Mary Scott

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Ron & Lynn Raef

***** Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3PM in Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 22-23, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Mark Lorenzi

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Leo & Darlene Greskiwcz

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Bernard Schwamberger

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† John & Mary Micheli

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkleee Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kerri Herrmann

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Carter & Casen Cherry

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Alice Berogon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Frank Magana

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

April 1 - Holy Trinity Cemetery -
Need Decorations Removed

April 26 - Rosary Against Evil - St.
Thomas More - 6PM (Next Month
at Holy Trinity - Cherry)

May 11-13 - St. Thomas Community
Yard Sale in STM Hall

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning on Wednesday nights at 6PM begins at St. Thomas More and then will be rotated monthly between the other two churches. It started with 5 people and we hope to fill the church for Mary to see how much we want her to intercede with God to protect us from the growing evil in the world. A recent message from Heaven spoke of the need to pray more fervently against the evil which is being released on humanity in the days ahead. The rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us, it will be the most important time you spend.

St. Thomas More
Community Yard Sale

Tables will be for rent for \$10/each to sell items. Lunch and snacks will be served all day. St. Thomas More will also be selling ravioli and noodles. The hours the STM Hall will be open are as follows:

Thursday, May 11 - 4 to 7pm

Friday, May 12 - 8am to 4pm

Saturday, May 13 - 8am to 4pm

Easter Church Thanks

Father Pat wants to thank everyone who helped at all the churches in cleaning, landscaping, flower arranging, flower watering, helping with the different ministries at Masses, and any other help to keep the success of the church! The parishioners are needed to fulfill the needs of the church and he thanks you very much!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

As we celebrate this Divine Mercy Weekend, we can't help but remember Pope John Paul II who reminded us how important Jesus' mercy truly was. In a world over wrought with evil, we, as God's people, need to remember we always have a need for God's great mercy!

The Gospel's story of St. Thomas missing seeing Jesus made him question if Jesus was really there. So Jesus came back to help him to believe. Many times don't we question whether Jesus would really forgive us for sinning. Yet as Jesus came back to help Thomas, he does REALLY take away our sins, IF WE TRULY BELIEVE! May the Risen Christ always bless us with His Real Presence and help all of us live the "Truth" no matter how difficult! Have a Blessed Easter!

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.

Calendar

Monday

April 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23-31

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

April 25

St. Mark,

Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday

April 26

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

April 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

Friday

April 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

April 29

St. Catherine of Siena,

Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

April 30

Third Sunday

of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

Dear Padre,

Does the Church allow sick and elderly people to have “do not resuscitate (DNR)” orders?

Yes. The Church understands the human person as a union of body and soul. Made in God's image and likeness, we cannot separate our physical life from our spiritual life. When our bodies die, our spiritual existence continues. Thus, to believe that we are morally bound to exhaust all possible medical treatments incorrectly overemphasizes the good of our physical life here on earth—which our faith teaches comprises, in the end, shadows and dust—and overlooks the good of our spiritual life as well as the eternal destiny to which we are called by God.

There comes a time when medical intervention, beyond that required to keep a person comfortable and to relieve pain, is unnecessary and can excessively burden the patient or the family. Elderly and imminently dying patients are not obligated to undertake unreasonable or excessively burdensome medical procedures or to use measures that sustain life

beyond basic nursing care such as proper hygiene, food and fluids (when they can be assimilated into the body), comfortable room temperature, turning to avoid bed sores, and other means.

Having conversations with loved ones about this matter is an excellent way to find support during times of suffering and loss. “Do not resuscitate (DNR)” orders can be part of the process of letting go of the life we have known while embracing the new life that awaits us in Jesus Christ.

Source: *Liguorian*, March 2011



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A Word From Pope Francis

“We are called to abandon the behavior of sin and fix our gaze on what is essential. ‘A man is more precious for what he is than for what he has’ (Gaudium et spes, 35)....This love conquers sin and gives the strength to rise and begin again... and [be] rejuvenated.”
—Homily, March 28, 2014