



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

I Want Proof

Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands: "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof."

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we *can* see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

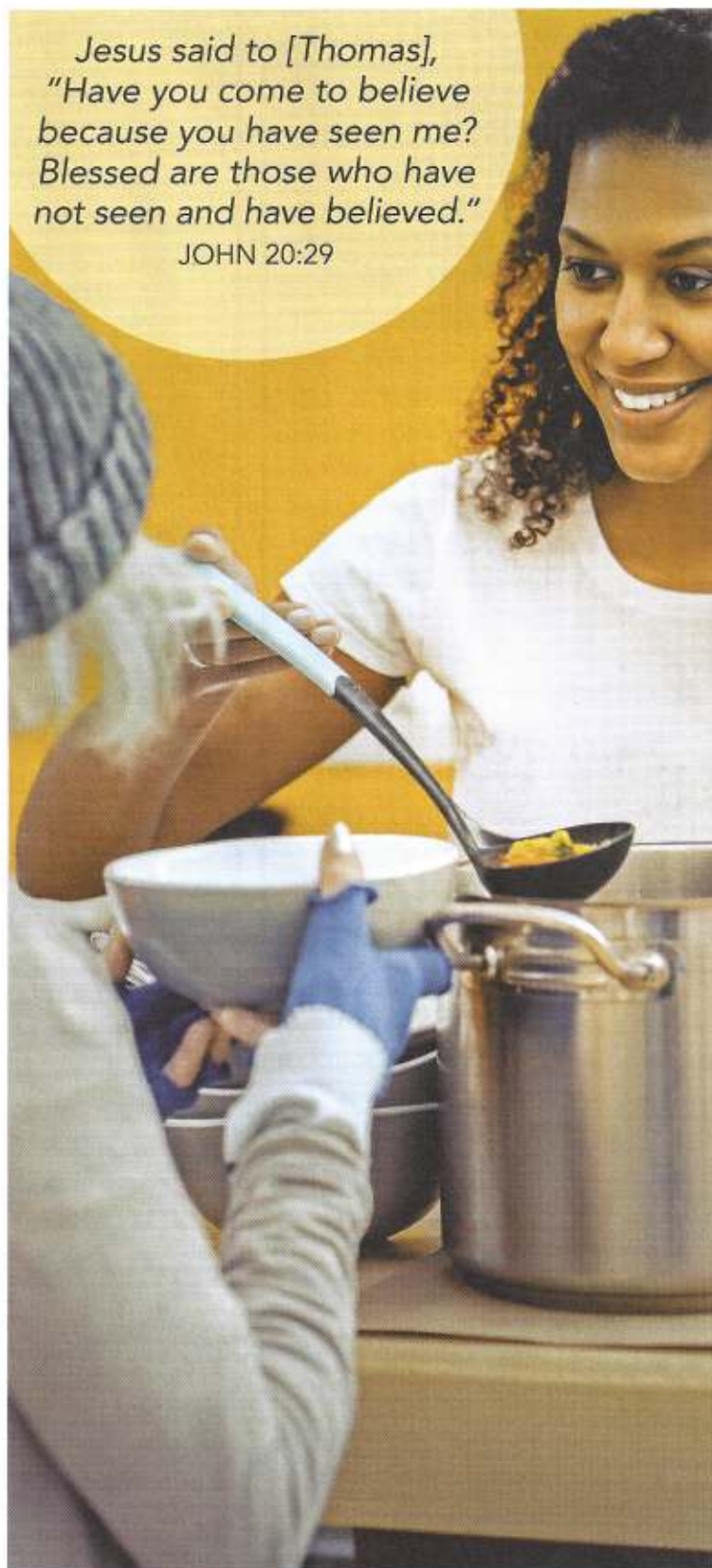
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- * Who are the people who taught you your faith and who live it themselves? Thank God for them.
- * Who looks to you as an example of one who believes that Christ is alive today?

Jesus said to [Thomas],
"Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29



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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM
or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

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****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

****Emergency Phone****

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-
5:30 PM (Suspended)

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM (Outside Lent)

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

No Events Scheduled

Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of April 12, 2021

Monday

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM**

Tuesday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM**

Wednesday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT**

Thursday

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT**

Friday

****Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of April 17-18, 2021

Saturday:

****Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM**

Sunday:

****www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT**

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

****St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

(**Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)

Offered For

† No Mass

Olivero Families

† Virginia Lucas

† Donna Sandrolini

† Joan Samolinski

Offered For

† For The Parishioners

† Joan Hansen

† George Taylor

Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$0.00
St. Patrick - \$0.00
St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm
Saturday 3pm - 5pm
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -
? & ?

Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

Recurring Special Church Events

Wednesday's - Mass/Rosary - 6PM

(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

In April

St. Thomas More Ravs

A BIG Thank You is in order for the Rav Twisters for their contribution to keep St. Thomas More Church financially stable. Everyone has enjoyed the tasty ravs but now it is time for the Rav Twisters to rehabilitate their fingers! And enjoy the summer!

Thank you to everyone who supported the church through the purchase of the ravs!

Post Easter Events

After the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection, it will be time for First Communion for several of our young Catholics. But before they receive their First Communion, they will make their First Confession. Jesus laid down the importance of confessing our sins, when on Good Friday the sole purpose of His death on the Cross, was to take away our sins. Being in a state of grace is of great importance for us. So we can receive the full effects of Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity.

The First Confessions will be at St. Thomas More on Saturday, April 17th at 10:30AM. And the First Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, April 25th at Holy Trinity's 9AM Mass.

Also we still have many envelope boxes in our office. If you haven't received yours yet, please let us know how we can get them to you! We can get them to any of the three churches for you to pick them up. Thank you!

Confessions

The next confessions will be:
Saturday - April 24 - 10:30-11:15pm -
at St. Patrick in the Chapel.

The next confessions will be at St. Thomas More Church in the Hall on May 1.

This Week's Update

As we continue in the Glorious time of Easter. The first weekend after Easter we celebrate God's Great Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday.

We also remember the unbelief in the Risen Christ displayed by the Apostle Thomas. And then Jesus' reaction when He used the memorable words, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

As we are over 2000 years past the time of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, have we fallen into the trap of becoming too worldly and less spiritual in our lives? Is Jesus someone we just say we love rather than being someone we change our lives for and pray to unceasingly?

The great thing for us is Jesus knows the human condition. He knows that we can fail in how we live through our human nature. But He also knows we need to confess our weaknesses and failures and turn back to Him. And He is ready for our return!

There will be Holy Water bottles available hopefully this weekend (if they arrive in time) to take home as the water fonts in church are not usable yet. In the meantime, we all need to be prayerful in the hope God will always protect us in the days ahead. Now is our time to prove our faith in, and love of the Lord! Continue to have a Blessed and Happy Easter! - Fr. Pat

Dear Padre,

I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic “obsession” (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?



A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic's decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, “What do you think about Mary?” The new Catholic smiled and said, “I think she's wonderful, don't you?” The friend responded with an embarrassed “Yes, but....”

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus' mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the “God-man” in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[The disciples] had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23–31

Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday

APRIL 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

APRIL 14

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

APRIL 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

Friday

APRIL 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

APRIL 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

APRIL 18

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2:1–5a

Lk 24:35–48