



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

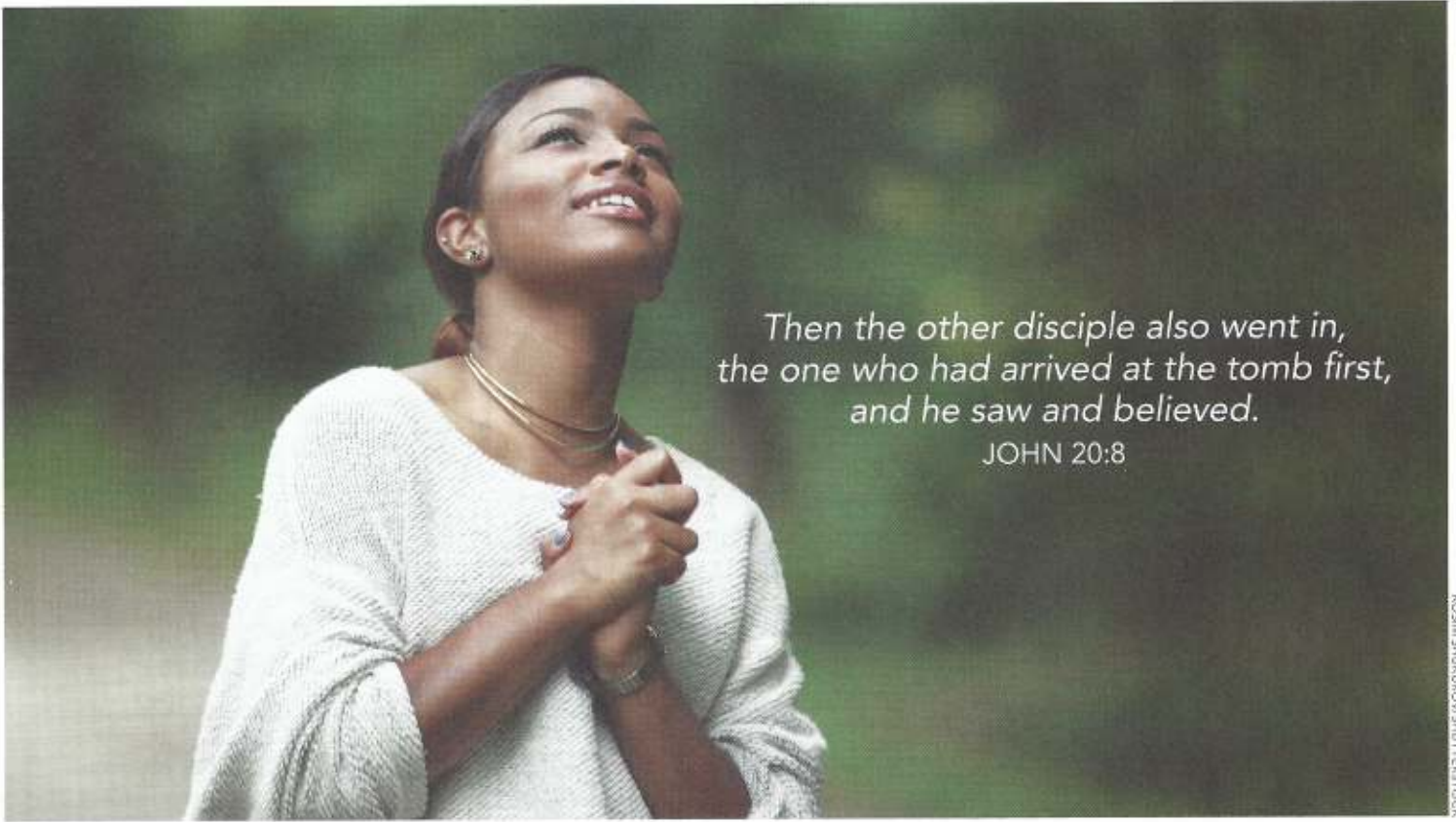
April 4, 2021

Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



*Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

KOSHA SHUKUROVA/SHUTTERSTOCK

## Seeing Is Believing

**C**lever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase “seeing is believing” really doesn’t fit well.

In today’s first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It’s clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it

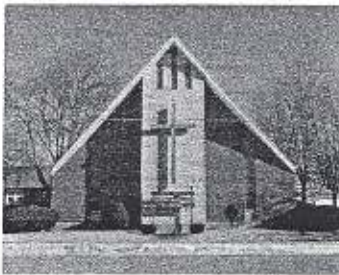
touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn’t to say that the revelations weren’t real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human.

Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### *For Reflection*

- ★ *Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight? If so, how would you describe it?*
- ★ *The risen Christ is with us still. Think about that for a moment.*



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**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

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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.

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**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 5, 2021**

Monday

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

† No Mass

Tuesday

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

† Sandra Ruiz

Wednesday

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

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

Thursday

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

† No Mass

Friday

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

† No Mass

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions  
Weekend of April 10-11, 2021**

Saturday:

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

**Offered For**

† Bernice Schneider

Sunday:

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

† For The Parishioners

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

† Clifford Sondgeroth

\*\*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)

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 10 - 10:30-11:15pm - at St. Thomas More in the hall.

Next week the confessions will be at St. Patrick's Church in the Chapel.

This Week's Update

We have reached the Glorious celebration of Easter. God's plan for our salvation was complete at Jesus' Resurrection. Today it is all up to us if we want to take part in His Glorious Resurrection.

One of the great themes of the messages from Heaven is something very important for our faith, our Trust In God! It is mentioned that both people, and many clergy including bishops and priests, struggle with this.

As we conclude the celebration of Holy Week, we all need to spend much more time in prayer. Holy week may be celebrated in some way in the future. But it will likely be much different than we have celebrated it this week.

Our prayer, above everything else, should lead us to a greater trust in God than in men (or the world). The Holy Spirit is with us in great ways today. The Holy Spirit is listening to us but we have to pray.

This world is changing in great ways, and not in comfortable ways either! Just look at the evil in the world, our country, with disasters like flooding, increasing earthquakes all over, and increasing active volcanoes all over. The United States troubles are just beginning, so PRAY, PRAY, PRAY! The Risen Lord will always be with us but now is our time to prove our faith in, and love of the Lord! Have a Blessed and Happy Easter! - Fr. Pat Fixsen

# Dear Padre,

## Why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not?

**W**e ring bells because they make a beautiful sound for the Lord and for our ears. They signal something important; they bring us comfort in sorrow, and they double our joy. The official name for the bell ringing is *tintinnabulation*. As with many practices, tintinnabulation is present in many traditions worldwide. It's a beautiful way to focus the mind and heart, lifting the soul to God. I'll never forget the stirring sunrise tintinnabulation at Assisi on Easter Sunday.

Catholics ring bells at the Eucharist, during the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, at the showing of the consecrated bread and wine and, in some places, at the beginning of the preparation of the gifts and the Communion procession. We also ring bells to mark the morning, noon, and evening hours, at which times devotion recalls the Incarnation of Christ and the praying of the Angelus. Bells are rung to assemble the community for prayer and festivities. At weddings and funerals, bells declare that something important is happening—an event to be surrounded by beautiful sound.

But why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not? The books of the revised liturgy give an option, so some parish leaders choose to ring bells and others do not. However, in the Latin Mass, there is no option—the bells must be rung at set times.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*You cannot give [courage] to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter... With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken.*

EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 11, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 5

Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:14, 22–33  
Mt 28:8–15

### Tuesday

APRIL 6

Octave of Easter  
Acts 2:36–41  
Jn 20:11–18

### Wednesday

APRIL 7

Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:1–10  
Lk 24:13–35

### Thursday

APRIL 8

Octave of Easter  
Acts 3:11–26  
Lk 24:35–48

### Friday

APRIL 9

Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:1–12  
Jn 21:1–14

### Saturday

APRIL 10

Octave of Easter  
Acts 4:13–21  
Mk 16:9–15

### Sunday

APRIL 11

Second Sunday  
of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
Acts 4:32–35  
1 Jn 5:1–6  
Jn 20:19–31