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### Mass Schedule:

#### SATURDAY:

3:30PM CONFESSION

4:30PM MASS YEAR ROUND

#### SUNDAY:

7AM MASS

10AM HOLY ROSARY &  
DIVINE MERCY

11AM MASS

#### WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7:30AM MASS

THURS. 7:30 MASS

FRI. 7:30 MASS,  
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF**  
*Easter*  
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)  
APRIL 19, 2020



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

**GET REAL!**

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a "realistic" view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, "Get real!" when we hear Luke's account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in "exultation," and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn't be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke's intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation's original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body

of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, "Get real!" but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God's joy and beauty.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20  
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Tuesday: St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)  
Wednesday: Earth Day  
Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert  
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen; National Arbor Day  
Saturday: St. Mark

*In Sympathy*

Our Communities of Faith  
extend our sympathy and prayerful support  
for the families of:

**Ryan Rabalais**, parishioner of SJB and father of Connie Tillman,  
**Sam Broadway**, father of Gabe Kimich and  
**Peter Anthony Ferrara, Sr.**, father of Peter Ferrara.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to these families.  
May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through  
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

*Join Us*

on our website: [www.sjb-ola.org](http://www.sjb-ola.org)

**Sunday Mass:**

Streamed Live at 9:00 am  
and available recorded any time following the Mass.

**Weekday Messages** (from Fr. Bayhi & Fr. Chuck)  
Recorded in the morning.

*Till we are able to gather together again.*

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: APRIL 18—APRIL 24**



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn  
in memory of **Tyler, Betty & Gene Craig**.  
The Adoration Chapel will burn  
in memory of **All Souls in Purgatory**.  
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn  
in memory of **Paula Bourg**.

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### OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Capital Campaign/New Bldg. Drive	\$	815.00



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### SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109) Bishop and Doctor of the Church

April 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed church-state issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule's balanced "prayer and work," this monk-scholar, called from his abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today's *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: "Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!" "Faith seeking understanding" was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed "A Prayer for My Friends" and "A Prayer for My Enemies," reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.





## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 19, 2020

### BELIEVING IN THE RESURRECTION

The readings today describe how life was lived in communities formed not long after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Their focus is on communal life and the teachings of those who knew Jesus best, his apostles. The readings from First Peter and John both remind us that even among the apostles there is a tension between believing and seeing the reality of the resurrection. John tells of an apostle, Thomas, who refused to believe in the risen Christ until he had seen and touched his wounds. Jesus offers him the chance to do just that. Most of us are not in a position to demand such tangible proof from Jesus. But these stories are written so that we, who cannot see Jesus as his apostles did, can still come to believe and through that belief have life.

### SEEING IS BELIEVING

In today's passage from Acts we read of an idealized version of what the first communities were like. People are devoted to the community, to teaching, breaking bread, and sacrifice. Many signs and wonders were done. First Peter offers a more realistic picture because time has passed and believers are still waiting. Faith is being tested by the passage of time and the suffering that is a part of life. In the Gospel, the disciples are consumed with recent events. That is all they can talk about. Poor Thomas misses the latest revelation, that is, the visit by the risen Jesus to the disciples in the locked room. He is angry and refuses to share in the excitement or even to believe it happened. So Jesus appears again, this time when Thomas is present. Jesus tells him to touch and feel the wounds so that Thomas can believe. Jesus then reminds Thomas and us that there is something more to believing than just the physical reality.

### OR IS IT?

Too often we are more like Thomas than we might like to think. We are disturbed when we can't directly see or experience the results of our faith. We want some evidence for all the years of faith and struggle when there seems so little to show for our faith. The mistake that Thomas made and that we make is thinking that if we could just see some evidence that our faith makes a difference, then it would be easier to have faith. But it is not the evidence that makes faith possible. Thomas does not gain his faith because he puts his hands in Jesus' wounds. Thomas gains faith because Jesus comes back. Jesus comes back again and again and again. Jesus returns every time we ask for his presence in our life because Jesus never really leaves. Thomas had only to ask. We need only ask.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

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