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SECOND SUNDAY OF

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(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 19, 2020



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Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

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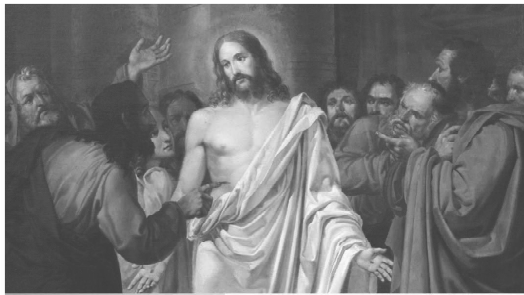
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### BELIEVING IN THE RESURRECTION

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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### Flowers and Sanctuary Candles

#### ***Our Lady of Peace:***

**Sanctuary Candle** In Loving Memory of Bobby Becnel by Family  
**Adoration Chapel** In Loving Memory of Fred and Verline Borne by Family

#### ***St. Philip:***

**Sanctuary Candle** In Loving Memory of Cane Catholic parishioners  
**St. Philip Icon** Special Intentions for all those recovering from COVID19

#### ***St. James:***

**Sanctuary Candle** In Loving Memory of Idelma Rousell by Family

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**The events listed below have been discontinued until further notice**

**Prayer Groups/Bible Study**

Men's Prayer Group OLOP- 7:00am on the last Saturday of the month  
Charismatic Prayer Meeting - Mondays at 4:15-5:30 at OLOP  
Bible Study- every other Monday at 9:15am in the Holy Cross Hall at OLOP

**Meetings**

Good Children Meeting at GC Hall - First Sunday of the Month at 11am  
OLOP Squires Meeting - HCH - First Sunday of the Month at 7pm  
St. James KPC - Ladies- 1st Monday of the Month at 6pm  
St. James KPC - 1st Sunday of the Month at 9:15am at St. James  
St. James KPC Jr. Daughters 2nd Sunday of the month 9am in the Cake Room  
St. Philip KPC Ladies- 1st Tuesday of the month at 5pm at St. Philip  
OLOP K of C - Church Hall - First Thursday of the Month at 6:45pm  
St. Philip CDA - St Philip Church Hall - Second Tuesday of the Month - 5:00pm  
OLOP KPC Ladies - Second Tuesday of the Month at 6pm  
OLOP CDA - HCH - 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6pm  
K of C 1514-meets at KC Home on 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 6:45pm

**Rosaries, Adoration and Novenas**

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is prayed on Tuesday after the 8am Mass at St. Philip  
The Scripture Rosary for Peace is prayed on Thursday at St. Philip at 5:10pm.  
Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follow the 6:00pm Mass at St. Philip on First Thursday of month.  
Recitation of Rosary at 7:30am at St. James on Fridays  
Recitation of Rosary for Priests at 8:30am at St. James on Saturdays.  
Recitation of Rosary on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Mornings at OLOP before morning Mass  
Recitation of Rosary every first Saturday of the month before the 4 pm mass by the CDA #2316 at OLOP

**Choir Practices**

**Monday**

Spirit of Praise - OLOP - 6pm

**Tuesday**

St. Philip Choir - 4pm

**Thursday**

OLOP Gospel Choir- 6pm St. James Gospel Choir- 6pm

**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

**Upcoming Events**

**Fall Faith Formation**

Canceled for the remainder of the fall semester.

**Summer Faith Formation**

June 8-19, 2020

8am-Noon

Greater Grace Charter School

**Baptisms:**

**Baptismal Seminars have been cancelled until further notice.**

Baptisms are on an "as needed" basis. Please call the Pastoral Center office to schedule.

Please check back later for an updated schedule

**You must register by the Tuesday BEFORE the class at**

[www.canecatholics.com](http://www.canecatholics.com). Your registration form is sent to the office. This is how we determine how many people will be attending the class.

**Leadership Council Meetings**

**Cluster Meeting**

TBA

**Our Lady of Peace**

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**St. Philip**

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**St. James**

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Ministry Schedules, Baptism Registration, & Online Giving Instructions are available on our website:

[www.canecatholics.com](http://www.canecatholics.com)

## Pastoral Center Closed

Due to the "Stay at Home" order by the Governor, the Parish Office lobby is closed. The Office staff is working from home. The phone system has been configured so that staff members can take your calls. You will be connected to Julie, Kaye or Carol Ann. Please be patient with us as we work through this.

## Sunday's Readings

**First Reading** — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (*Acts 2:42-47*).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (*Psalm 118*).

**Second Reading** — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (*1 Peter 1:3-9*).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (*John 20:19-31*).

## 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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Scam Email

Please be aware that phishing emails from Fr. Matthew have been circulating once again. If you receive one of these emails please do not reply and definitely do not send any money. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Center.

### Online Mass Viewing

#### Mass with Father Matthew

Sunday at 10am  
<https://www.facebook.com/cane.catholics>

#### Mass & Stations of the Cross with Father Brad Doyle

<https://stmargaretstthomas.com>

#### Mass & Night Prayer with Father Chris Decker

[TriParishes.org](http://TriParishes.org)

#### The Catholic Underground

[www.catholicunderground.com](http://www.catholicunderground.com)

#### EWTN

[www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

Daily Adoration from 8am-5pm  
[EWTN.com/Adoration](http://EWTN.com/Adoration)

#### Catholic Life Network

<https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org>

#### Catholic TV

<http://www.catholictv.org>

#### Mass in Spanish:

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/la-santa-misa>

#### Catholic Life TV

<http://www.catholiclifetv.org>

Visit Christ the King Youtube page and subscribe for live streaming Masses from Christ the King at LSU.

## May They Rest in Peace

*Paul Cortez*

*Melonie Dumas*

*Eunice Favorite*

*Melvin Sutherland*

*Maurice Collins, Jr.*

*Barry Melancon*

*Clarence Jackson, Jr.*

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*Lydia Granier*

*Please keep the families of the deceased in your prayers during this time*

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Please continue to pray for everyone affected by COVID-19, for the healthcare workers on the front lines, for our government – local, state and federal, and all essential workers as they work through this unprecedented event. Most importantly **STAY HOME!** This is the best protection we have against COVID-19.

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