



St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24, 2022

"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

We, the Catholic community of St. Joseph, Placentia, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, center our lives on Jesus Christ. Together we grow as disciples of the Lord in faith and action.

Mass Schedule:

All Mass times are in-person, with no face masks if fully vaccinated. Livestream is available as noted.

Saturday: Vigil Mass 4 PM

Sunday:

8 AM

10 AM - Livestream

12 PM - Spanish/Livestream

5 PM

Daily Mass: Mon - Sat, 8:30 AM
Livestream

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday at 3:00 PM
or by appointment

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30AM - 5 PM

Fri-Sat: Closed.

Sunday: 8 AM - 1:30 PM

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SECOND SUNDAY

OF

Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

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Please complete the online registration form on our parish website:
www.stjosephplacentia.org/baptism
and you will be contacted by a Deacon.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Center office.

Funerals

Please call the Parish Center office.

Marriages

Please call the Parish Center office at least six months in advance.

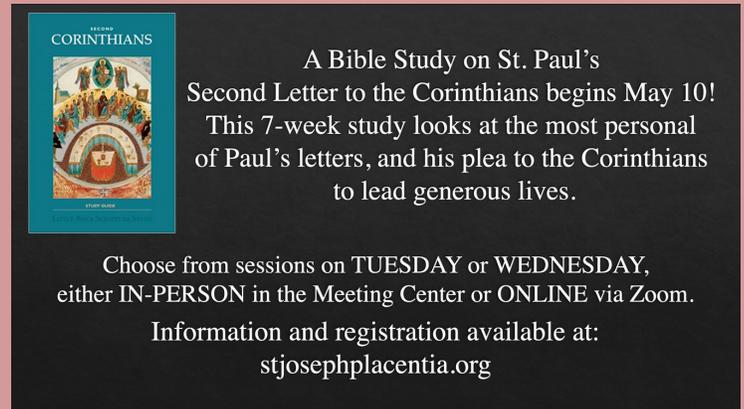


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**Invites you to the Annual
FIESTA NI MARIA
(May Crowning)**

**Saturday – May 7, 2022
8:30 AM-Noon**

RSVP Required by April 26th [for Meal Ticket]
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Evelyn Ruiz - 714-423-8113

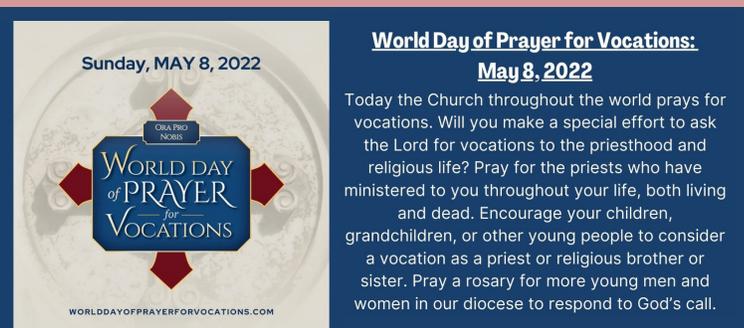


SECOND CORINTHIANS

A Bible Study on St. Paul's
Second Letter to the Corinthians begins May 10!
This 7-week study looks at the most personal
of Paul's letters, and his plea to the Corinthians
to lead generous lives.

Choose from sessions on TUESDAY or WEDNESDAY,
either IN-PERSON in the Meeting Center or ONLINE via Zoom.

Information and registration available at:
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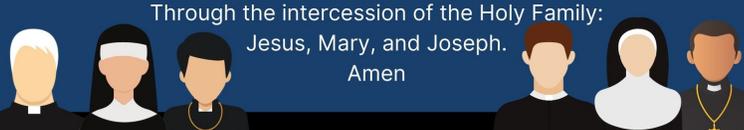


**World Day of Prayer for Vocations:
May 8, 2022**

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, increase our family's love for one another.
May we honor each other in times of happiness or hardship,
bearing with one another in love, just as You love us.
In a special way, help us strive for holiness in our current
states of life. Should You call some of us to the priesthood
or religious life, help us to respond with courage and joy.
Together, we make heaven our goal, and pledge, with Your
grace, to help each other on life's journey to You.
Through the intercession of the Holy Family:
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
Amen



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH IN PLACENTIA,
ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND
THE DIOCESE OF ORANGE
PRESENTS:

Caring for the Whole Person Initiative

**WHAT DOES THE CHURCH TEACH
ABOUT: END OF LIFE ISSUES,
HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH
6:00 - 7:00P.M.
IN THE PARISH HALL

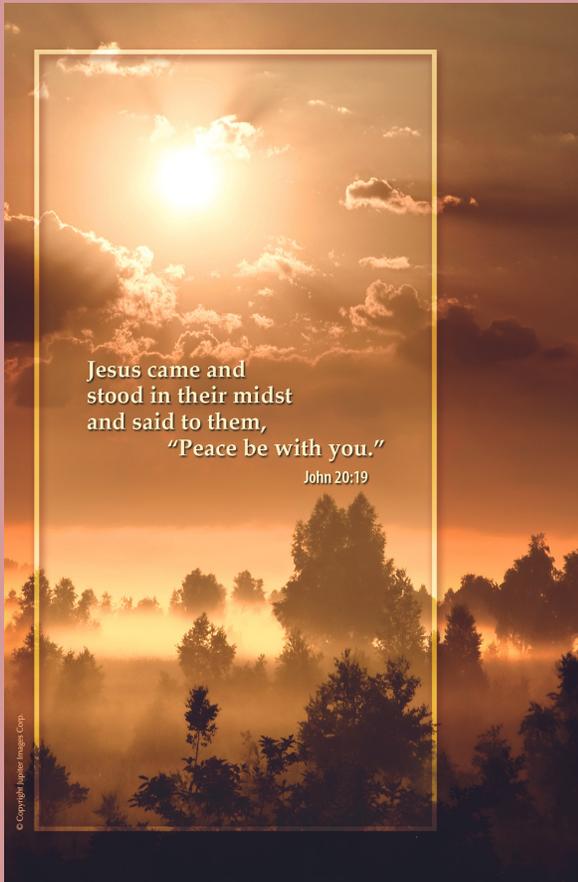
**SPEAKER: WENDY
NOBLES-MEEHAN**

RSVP: (714) 528-1487



Magnificent Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 14, 2022
9:30 AM- 12:30 PM
With Guest Speaker Fr. Ben Tran
Register on our Parish Website
or at our Parish Office



Jesus came and
stood in their midst
and said to them,
"Peace be with you."
John 20:19

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Mass Intentions:

Monday 04/25

Rev. William Kenney, CSP –RIP

Tuesday 04/26

Mary Newton -RIP

Jose Paraiso Jr. -RIP

Souls in Purgatory

Altagracia Correa -Splnt

Francis Anthoniraj - Splnt

Wednesday 04/27

Mary Hasson -Splnt

Thursday 04/28

Ceferino G. Manimbo -RIP

Maria Goretti Iswanti -RIP

Louie DeArman -RIP

Raymundo & Josefina Lopez Garay -RIP

Edeline Anthoniray -Splnt

The Unborn -Splnt

Friday 04/29

Bob Caulfield -RIP

Lucille Benjamin -RIP

Saturday 04/30

William Porter -RIP

Elizabeth Torres -Splnt

Sunday 05/01

Mary Ann Wells -RIP

Alicia Ledzma -RIP

Edmund Grabowski -RIP

Sarah & Joel Forbes -Splnt

Prayers for those who are sick...

Irma Valverde

Jerry Eaker

Paul Miller

Tracy Tormey

Carlos Rodríguez Jr.

Teresa Mak

Joseph Herrera

Isabel Gonzalez

Cecilia Galvez Gonzalez

Angeles Mota

Prayers for those who have died.

Pam Waltherson

Antonia Beltran

Anna Nguyen

Fely Pascual

Gerardo Gonzalez

Esther Marmolejo

Roberto R. Lopez Pineda

Teresa Mak

4 Mass Readings

Reading 1

Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Reading 2

Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked,

and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



5 Lecturas de la Misa

Lectura 1

II Domingo de Pascua

Hch 5, 12-16

En aquellos días, los apóstoles realizaban muchas señales milagrosas y prodigios en medio del pueblo. Todos los creyentes solían reunirse, por común acuerdo, en el pórtico de Salomón. Los demás no se atrevían a juntárseles, aunque la gente los tenía en gran estima.

El número de hombres y mujeres que creían en el Señor iba creciendo de día en día, hasta el punto de que tenían que sacar en literas y camillas a los enfermos y ponerlos en las plazas, para que, cuando Pedro pasara, al menos su sombra cayera sobre alguno de ellos. Mucha gente de los alrededores acudía a Jerusalén y llevaba a los enfermos y a los atormentados por espíritus malignos, y todos quedaban curados.

Lectura 2

Apoc 1, 9-11a. 12-13. 17-19

Yo, Juan, hermano y compañero de ustedes en la tribulación, en el Reino y en la perseverancia en Jesús, estaba desterrado en la isla de Patmos, por haber predicado la palabra de Dios y haber dado testimonio de Jesús. Un domingo caí en éxtasis y oí a mis espaldas una voz potente, como de trompeta, que decía: "Escribe en un libro lo que veas y envíalo a las siete comunidades cristianas de Asia". Me volví para ver quién me hablaba, y al volverme, vi siete lámparas de oro, y en medio de ellas, un hombre vestido de larga túnica, ceñida a la altura del pecho, con una franja de oro. Al contemplarlo, caí a sus pies como muerto; pero él, poniendo sobre mí la mano derecha, me dijo: "No temas. Yo soy el primero y el último; yo soy el que vive. Estuve muerto y ahora, como ves, estoy vivo por los siglos de los siglos. Yo tengo las llaves de la muerte y del más allá. Escribe lo que has visto, tanto sobre las cosas que están sucediendo, como sobre las que sucederán después".

Evangelio

Jn 20, 19-31

Al anoecer del día de la resurrección, estando cerradas las puertas de la casa donde se hallaban los discípulos, por miedo a los judíos, se presentó Jesús en medio de ellos y les dijo: "La paz esté con ustedes". Dicho esto, les mostró las manos y el costado. Cuando los discípulos vieron al Señor, se llenaron de alegría. De nuevo les dijo Jesús: "La paz esté con ustedes. Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío yo". Después de decir esto, sopló sobre ellos y les dijo: "Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A los que les perdonen los pecados, les quedarán perdonados; y a los que no se los perdonen, les quedarán sin perdonar".

Tomás, uno de los Doce, a quien llamaban el Gemelo, no estaba con ellos cuando vino Jesús, y los otros discípulos le decían: "Hemos visto al Señor". Pero él les contestó: "Si no veo en sus manos la señal de los clavos y si no meto mi dedo en los agujeros de los clavos y no meto mi mano en su costado, no creeré". Ocho días después, estaban reunidos los discípulos a puerta cerrada y Tomás estaba con ellos. Jesús se presentó de nuevo en medio de ellos y les dijo: "La paz esté con ustedes". Luego le dijo a Tomás: "Aquí están mis manos; acerca tu dedo. Trae acá tu mano, métela en mi costado y no sigas dudando, sino cree". Tomás le respondió: "¡Señor mío y Dios mío!" Jesús añadió: "Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto". Otras muchas señales hizo Jesús en presencia de sus discípulos, pero no están escritos en este libro. Se escribieron éstos para que ustedes crean que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, y para que, creyendo, tengan vida en su nombre.

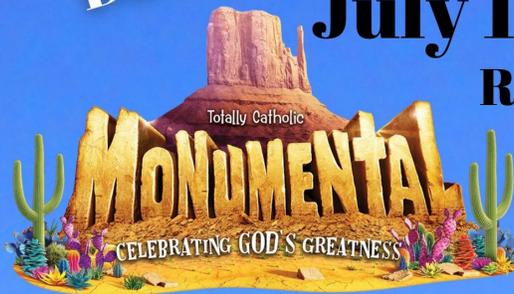


6 SJS & Youth Ministry

Save the Date Vacation Bible School

July 11-15, 2022

Registrations will open May 1st



To volunteer please email Liliana

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PLEASE JOIN ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL FOR OUR 1ST ANNUAL...

MAY 14TH, 2022



- BEER TASTING
- DELICIOUS FOOD
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FUN WITH OUR COMMUNITY!
- RAFFLES



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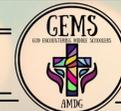
GEMS STUDY SESSION



ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN
US WED 4PM-6PM FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
FELLOWSHIP & HOMEWORK.



PLEASE RSVP TO
[KPALLARES@STJOSEPHPLACENTIA.ORG](mailto:kpallares@stjosephplacentia.org)
BY THE MON BEFORE EACH WED



All 6th, 7th, & 8th graders are invited to join our annual Middle School Retreat!
Saturday May 21, 2022
Please RSVP by April 29th:
kpallares@stjosephplacentia.org

Save the Date

St. Joseph Catholic School
Golf Classic



Monday, October 24th
Alta Vista Country Club



SAVE THE
date



SJS' Class of 2023
Recycling Program

Every First Saturday of the Month:
2022: May 7, June 4, Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3
2023: Jan 7, Feb 4

Email: sjsfundraising2023@gmail.com for more info
All proceeds will go towards the 2023 Washington DC
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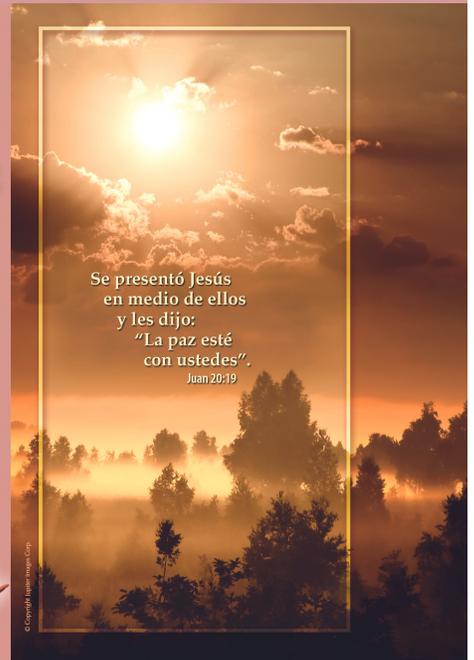
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Se presentó Jesús
en medio de ellos
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Bilingual Live Streamers are Needed for the 12 pm Mass

If you are interested please email
frmiguel@stjosephplacentia.org

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Segundo Domingo de Pascua
(Domingo de la Divina Misericordia)

Dios de eterna misericordia, que reanimas la fe de este pueblo a ti consagrado con la celebración anual de las fiestas pascales, aumenta en nosotros los dones de tu gracia, para que todos comprendamos mejor la excelencia del Bautismo que nos ha purificado, la grandeza del Espíritu que nos ha regenerado y el precio de la Sangre que nos ha redimido. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Amen

Reserva Escuela Católica San José
golf clásico

lunes, 24 de octubre

Club de campo Alta Vista





The Vividus Image of Divine Mercy by Kazimierz Eugeniusz, 1931

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

April 24, 2022

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16 | Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | Jn 20:19-31

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's Gospel, Thomas gets singled out as the one who doubts that Jesus had risen from the dead. But the other Gospels reveal that the other disciples doubted too. I understand why they had trouble believing that Jesus was alive. To think that God loves us enough that he chose to become human to die for our sins is incomprehensible. To accept that he loves us this deeply is almost unbearable. It seems doubtful anyone can love us that much. It seems doubtful that we deserve to be loved that much. It is much easier to doubt than to believe. But Thomas was the first to publicly proclaim the man Jesus as also God: *My Lord and my God!* he says. The risen Jesus had come into the room, although the doors were locked, and called them back into belief. Through Christ, God shows the disciples – and us – the extent of his love and mercy. We are worth it, even when we doubt, even when we fail. His death and resurrection are testament to that. He will walk through whatever walls exist to tell us. No doubt about it.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles today describes the reaction to the apostles' joyful and confident proclamation that Jesus was Lord and God after receiving the Holy Spirit. The crowds drew near just to have Peter's shadow fall upon those who were sick. God's mercy has no bounds. How can we be like the first disciples? In what ways do our lives reflect God's mercy on us? Where can our own "shadows fall" so that God's goodness and grace can bring healing and comfort to others? Let us begin our days by giving "thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting," and trust that the Holy Spirit will both remind us of our blessings and continued need for mercy, and guide us to encounters with others who need the same.

PRAY During this Easter season, read a passage from the Acts of the Apostles each day and immerse yourself in the history of the early Church. End your time of reflection by praying the Apostles' Creed, the statement of beliefs of Christians in the first centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection.

9 Pastoral Letter

After my masses last Sunday, we had someone from the Welcome Home Ministry come to up ask parishioners who had been away from the Church to consider attending the Welcome Home series. I also told people that if we have any CEOs (Christmas and Easter Only church goers) to think about coming, we will give the shortest homilies in town. While shaking hands with folks after the mass, many of them came up to me and said, "Thank you Father, we will consider attending, and we are one of those CEOs."

Why do many well-meaning Christians not commit to attending regular, Sunday church services? A common answer given: doubt or crisis of faith. People today, like people of all times, do have a hunger for God. They are in search for the meaning of life, but they doubt whether the answer to these existential questions can be found within the four walls of the church. For this reason, they are more disposed to spend time in other life events such as social action, in work, and in intellectual pursuit rather than in church worship. Today's gospel gives us an example of a man who felt exactly like that. His name is Thomas.

The disciples gathered together on Sunday, the first day of the week. The disciples were Jews. They would attend synagogue services on the Sabbath (Saturday) and on Sunday they would assemble together as believers in Christ. Since they are gathered together in his name, Jesus would appear to them as he had earlier promised them: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). Hence, Sunday became known as the day of the Lord, the day Christ comes to meet and strengthen his people, the special day of Christian worship. In fact, today's gospel is describing the first Christian Sunday worship following the resurrection of the Lord. The services were usually held in the evening.

All the disciples are gathered for Sunday service and what do we notice? Thomas is not there. Where is Thomas? Thomas is like one of these modern-day Christians who do not go to church regularly on Sundays. Some people are not there in church when Jesus comes to meet his people and to strengthen them in their faith. As a result, they remain with their doubts. Initially all the disciples had their doubts. But because of their encounter with the risen Lord in Sunday worship their doubt was turned into faith. Thomas missed that experience.

Being a wise man, Thomas resolved never again to miss the Sunday gathering of believers. The gospel reading continues, "A week later [i.e. the following Sunday] his disciples were again in the house, and [this time around] Thomas was with them [and as usual] Jesus came and stood among them (John 20:26). This time Thomas had his own share of the resurrection experience. Immediately his doubt changed into faith and he fell down and worshiped, saying, "My Lord and my God!" Now ask yourself, What if Thomas had stayed away from church just like many young people today who want evidence saying, "Prove it! Prove it to me that Jesus is risen and then I will come," would it be possible to prove it to him by arguments alone? Sometimes the best argument you can give to someone out there who is in doubt and does not believe is a sentence in three words: "Come and see."

Come in and let the risen Lord who is here with us in Sunday worship, the Lord who is here in his word and in the Eucharist, let him, himself, speak to you and touch your heart and then you will doubt no longer but believe. The answer to our religious questions and doubts is not out there. The answer is right in here. When you are in doubt, think of doubting Thomas and learn from his own experiences. Come and you will see.

Fr. Martin Bui

SECOND SUNDAY OF *Easter* (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)



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“Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
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John 20:29

SENT

In Jesus' first appearance to his disciples, as described in today's Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples, and all who follow him: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jesus speaks to us here: we the Church are a "sent people," sent to participate in God's mission, that is, God's purposes and activity for all of humanity. Like Jesus was sent to Israel, we are sent to witness to our world of the boundless love of God, and to offer an alternative way of living based on that love. The wounds that Jesus displayed to his disciples remind us that this new way of life often involves both dying to the familiar and comfortable, and rising to the new and unknown. When we join in efforts to challenge injustice, heal broken relationships, or care for those on the margins of society, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

THE WEEK BETWEEN

In today's Gospel, we notice there was a week between Jesus' first appearance (without Thomas), and the following appearance (with Thomas). During this week, Thomas chose to stay with the community. But why? Perhaps he trusted his friends in some way. Perhaps he reflected on their life with Jesus and on the possibility their account was true. In the week between, Thomas stayed and lived with the questions, and with his doubts. Importantly, the disciples did not cast him out as an unbeliever. It seems they accepted and loved him, just as he was.

Perhaps many of us live in this "week between." We have questions and doubts. We can choose to leave or to stay. We can either engage or ignore our deepest questions. If we embrace our questions with courage, we can live into them. Perhaps we will encounter, through God's initiative, and with the help of our companions in faith, some of the answers—and new questions along the way.

PRIMARY DIMENSIONS

We are currently in Year C of the three-year Lectionary cycle. For the Second Sunday of Easter, in all three years, the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. Year A (from Acts 2) tells of the new Christian community's dedication to prayer. Year B (from Acts 4) tells of their sharing of goods and deep bonds of trust in each other. Today we hear in Acts 5 of the early Church's ministry of healing to the community, performed by Peter and the apostles.

These represent three of the primary dimensions of those first Christian communities: prayer in relationship to God; sharing in relationship to each other; and service in relationship to the world around them. We are reminded that all three are fundamental to our identity as Church. We fail to live fully as Church when we neglect any of these relationships. We are called to encourage their full flowering in our own parish's life.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 5:12–16
Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24
Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19
John 20:19–31

11 Viviendo nuestra fe

SEGUNDO DOMINGO

DE *Pascua*
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ENVIADO

En la primera aparición de Jesús a sus discípulos, descrita en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús envía a los discípulos y a todos los que le siguen: “Como el Padre me ha enviado, así los envío yo”. Jesús nos habla aquí: nosotros, la Iglesia, somos un “pueblo enviado”, enviado a participar en la misión de Dios, es decir, en los propósitos y la actividad de Dios para toda la humanidad. Al igual que Jesús fue enviado a Israel, nosotros somos enviados a dar testimonio a nuestro mundo del amor ilimitado de Dios, y a ofrecer una forma alternativa de vivir basada en ese amor. Las heridas que Jesús mostró a sus discípulos nos recuerdan que esta nueva forma de vida a menudo implica tanto morir a lo familiar y cómodo, como levantarse a lo nuevo y desconocido. Cuando nos unimos a los esfuerzos para desafiar la injusticia, sanar las relaciones rotas, o cuidar de los que están en los márgenes de la sociedad, compartimos la muerte y la resurrección de Jesús.

LA SEMANA INTERMEDIA

En el Evangelio de hoy, observamos que hubo una semana entre la primera aparición de Jesús (sin Tomás) y la siguiente (con Tomás). Durante esta semana, Tomás decidió quedarse con la comunidad. Pero ¿por qué? Tal vez confiaba en sus amigos de alguna manera. Tal vez reflexionó sobre su vida con Jesús y sobre la posibilidad de que su relato fuera cierto. En la semana intermedia, Tomás se quedó y vivió con las preguntas y con sus dudas. Lo más importante es que los discípulos no lo expulsaron como incrédulo. Parece que lo aceptaron y lo amaron, tal como era.

Quizás muchos de nosotros vivimos en esta “semana intermedia”. Tenemos preguntas y dudas. Podemos elegir entre irnos o quedarnos. Podemos comprometernos o ignorar nuestras preguntas más profundas. Si abrazamos nuestras preguntas con valor, podemos vivir en ellas. Tal vez encontremos, por iniciativa de Dios y con la ayuda de nuestros compañeros de fe, algunas de las respuestas y nuevas preguntas en el camino.

DIMENSIONES PRIMARIAS

Nos encontramos en el año C del ciclo trienal del Leccionario. Para el segundo domingo de Pascua, en los tres años, la primera lectura es de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. El año A (de Hechos 2) narra la dedicación de la nueva comunidad cristiana a la oración. El año B (de Hechos 4) nos habla del reparto de bienes y de los profundos lazos de confianza entre ellos. Hoy escuchamos en Hechos 5 el ministerio de sanación de la Iglesia primitiva a la comunidad, realizado por Pedro y los apóstoles.

Esto representa tres de las dimensiones principales de aquellas primeras comunidades cristianas: la oración en relación con Dios; el compartir en relación con los demás; y el servicio en relación con el mundo que les rodea. Se nos recuerda que las tres son fundamentales para nuestra identidad como Iglesia. No vivimos plenamente como Iglesia cuando descuidamos cualquiera de estas relaciones. Estamos llamados a fomentar su pleno florecimiento en la vida de nuestra parroquia.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Hechos 5:12–16
Salmo 118 (117):2–4, 13–15, 22–24
Apocalipsis 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19
Juan 20:19–31



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