

**My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your presence, prayers, and generosity during our Holy Week and Easter celebrations here at St. Teresa of Avila.

Thank you for coming and participating in the different liturgies, especially Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These are not short celebrations. They ask a lot from all of us — our time, our attention, our prayer, and our love for the Lord. And yet many of you came and stayed, prayed, sang, listened, and entered deeply into these sacred mysteries. As your priest, that means a great deal to me.

Holy Week is always one of the most beautiful times in the life of the Church. We do not simply remember what Jesus did for us long ago — we enter once again into His love, His sacrifice, and His victory over sin and death. To see so many of you present during these holy days was a powerful reminder that our parish is alive in faith.

In a special way, the Easter Vigil was very moving for me. Yes, it was a long celebration, but it was also a deeply beautiful one. To witness new members being welcomed into the Catholic

Church brought great joy to my heart. There is something truly powerful about seeing people say yes to God, yes to faith, and yes to becoming part of the family of the Church. That is always a reminder that the Lord is still at work among us.



I also want to thank you for your generosity in the offertory. Your faithful support of our parish, especially during these sacred days, is deeply appreciated. Your generosity is not only a gift to the Church, but also a sign of your love for God and for this parish community.

And now that the Lenten season is over, I must admit with a smile that I am happy Donut Sunday is back.

It has been wonderful to see people once again staying in the plaza after Mass, greeting one another, visiting, smiling, and enjoying each other's company.

Those simple moments of fellowship are also holy in their own way.



They remind us that the Church is not only where we pray together, but also where we belong to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you again for your faith, your kindness, your generosity, and your love for our parish.

It is a blessing and a joy for me to serve you as your priest. Please know of my gratitude and my prayers for each of you.

May the risen Lord continue to bless you and your families with His peace, His joy, and His hope.

In Christ,  
Fr. Arbel



## **Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**

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**Acts 2:42-47**

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

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

**John 20:19-31**

The sun had already set, but no one in the room dared to light a lamp too brightly. The doors were locked, the windows shut tight. Fear sat heavily among them like an uninvited guest. The disciples huddled together, whispering in low voices. “What if they come for us next?” one asked.

“They took Him... what will they do to us?” another replied.

Their hearts were troubled. Just days before, they had watched their Teacher, their Lord, suffer and die on a cross. Everything they had hoped for seemed buried in that tomb. Then suddenly—without a sound of a door opening—someone stood in their midst. **“Peace be with you.”** They froze. The voice was familiar... impossible... yet unmistakable. It was Jesus. Not a memory. Not a ghost. But Jesus, alive. He showed them His hands and His side—the marks of love that death could not erase. And as they looked upon Him, fear melted into joy. The room that had been filled with dread now overflowed with wonder. “Peace be with you,” He said again. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Then He breathed on them, a gentle breath,

yet full of power and life. “Receive the Holy Spirit,” He said. But one of them was missing.

Thomas. When the others found him later, they could hardly contain their excitement. “We have seen the Lord!” they exclaimed. Thomas shook his head. His heart, wounded by loss, could not easily believe.

“Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands,” he said, “and put my finger into the nail marks and my hand into His side, I will not believe.” Eight days passed. Again, they gathered in the same house. Again, the doors were locked. And again, Jesus came and stood among them. **“Peace be with you.”** This time, He turned directly to Thomas. “Put your finger here. See my hands. Bring your hand and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas trembled. He didn’t need to touch. In that moment, he saw not just the wounds, but the love behind them. “My Lord and my God!” he cried. Jesus smiled gently. “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” And so the story spread—not just of a man who rose from the dead, but of a Savior who enters locked rooms, calms fearful hearts, and invites even doubt into faith. The doors had been closed. But their hearts were now open. And nothing—not fear, not doubt, not even death—could close them again.



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**Mission Statement**

*"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in My Love." In Christ's Love, the Eucharistic community of St. Teresa of Avila, Auburn, embraces and welcomes all as part of God's family. We value every parishioner and strive to reflect the mercy,*

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April 5, 2026

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**Sunday Mass:**  
 Saturday Vigil 5:00pm  
 Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am,  
 4:00pm Spanish

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 Tuesday— Friday 8:30am

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 Friday 9:00am—10:00am  
 Saturday 3:30pm – 4:30pm

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**Prayer Chain Requests:**  
 For those in need of prayers please e-mail Liz Rhodes: esrhodes32@gmail.com

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Saturday 4/11	5:00pm	Janet Shelly
Sunday 4/12	8:30am	+ Patrick Mulderrig + Matthew Murray + Don Jeffery
	10:30am	+ Onilda Videz
	4:00pm	+ Phil Johannsen
Tuesday 4/14	8:30am	+ Phil Johannsen
Wednesday 4/15	8:30am	Deborah Johannsen
Thursday 4/16	8:30am	Jackie Coelho
Friday 4/17	8:30am	For The Faithful

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

April 18th & 19th, 2026

**Cross Bearers**

Saturday, 5:00pm	Steve McCullough, Ethan Wells
Sunday, 8:30am	Gianni D'Amico
Sunday, 10:30am	Josh Cruz, Sam Cruz Isaac Cruz

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday, 5:00pm	Jackie Calson– Captain Claudia Beckwith Duncan Elledge Carol Coleman, Trish Jensen
Sunday, 8:30am	Tim Gilbride-Captain Becky Gilbride, Tom Epperson Kris Epperson, Fran Sypnieski Luciana Curtis
Sunday, 10:30am	Mario Vilamor-Captain Nati Magowan, Lisa Avila Rheme Brockway, Barbara Kilborn, Danny Bernal

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Saturday, 5:00pm	Ron Roussey, Bob Thomas
Sunday, 8:30am	Cindy Fossum, Kris Epperson
10:30am	Stephen Meis, Valerie Lanza

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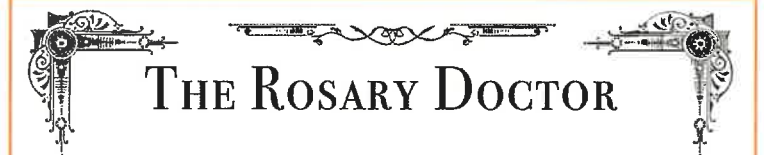
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### John 20:19–31

The Gospel passage in this week's Gospel takes place on the evening of the first Easter day. The disciples are gathered behind locked doors, afraid and uncertain after the death of Jesus Christ. Their hopes seemed shattered, and fear had taken hold of their hearts. Yet it is precisely into this moment of fear that the Risen Lord enters.

#### Jesus Comes Despite the Locked Doors

The Gospel tells us that although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, *"Peace be with you."* This moment reveals something profound about the mercy of God. No barrier—fear, doubt, sin, or disappointment—can prevent Christ from coming to us.

In our own lives, we sometimes build "locked doors" around our hearts. We hide behind fear, guilt, or uncertainty. But the Risen Christ always finds a way to enter. His first gift is **peace**, the peace that heals wounded hearts and restores hope.

#### The Gift of the Holy Spirit and Forgiveness

Jesus then breathes on the disciples and says, *"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them."* This moment is deeply significant for the Church. It is here that Christ entrusts His apostles with the authority to forgive sins.

For Catholics, this passage is the foundation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through the ministry of the Church, the mercy of Christ continues to be offered to every generation. The Risen Lord wants not only to forgive us but to free us and restore us to communion with Him.



#### Thomas and the Struggle to Believe

One of the disciples, Thomas the Apostle, was not present when Jesus first appeared. When the others tell him about the Resurrection, he struggles to believe. He insists that he must see and touch the wounds of Christ.

Thomas represents many of us. At times our faith is tested by doubt, questions, or suffering. Yet the story shows us that doubt does not exclude us from the mercy of God. Eight days later, Jesus returns again this time for Thomas.

He invites Thomas to touch His wounds and believe. Faced with the living Christ, Thomas makes one of the most profound professions of faith in the entire Gospel: *"My Lord and my God!"*

#### Blessed Are Those Who Believe

Jesus responds with a message that reaches across the centuries to us: *"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."*

Unlike the apostles, we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes. Yet we encounter Him through Scripture, through the Eucharist, through the Sacraments, and through the life of the Church. Our faith is a gift, but it is also a response—a daily decision to trust in the Risen Lord.

#### Living as Catholics

This passage invites us to move from fear to faith, just as the disciples did. The Resurrection transforms their fear into courage and their doubt into mission. They will soon go out into the world to proclaim the Good News.

As Catholics, we are called to live as people who believe that Christ is alive, that mercy is stronger than sin, and that hope is stronger than death.

### Acts 2:42–47

The passage from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42–47 offers us a glimpse into the life of the early Church: a community formed and transformed by the Holy Spirit after Pentecost. It is not simply a historical description; it is a living model for the Church in every age, including our own.

#### A Life Rooted in the Apostles' Teaching

The first Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching." Their faith was not vague or self-made; it was grounded in the truth handed on to them. They desired to know Christ more deeply and to live according to His Word.

For us today, this calls for a renewed commitment to Scripture and the teachings of the Church. In a world filled with competing voices, we are invited to anchor our lives in the truth that leads to freedom.

#### Communion: More Than Just Being Together

The early believers lived in *koinonia*—a deep communion that went beyond simple friendship. They shared not only their faith, but their lives. There was a genuine unity of heart and mind.

This challenges us to examine our own communities. Do we truly live as brothers and sisters in Christ, or do we remain distant and individualistic? The Church is not merely a place we attend; it is a family to which we belong.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

At the center of their life was "the breaking of the bread," a reference to the Eucharist. This was not just a ritual, but an encounter with the living Christ.

For Catholics, the Eucharist remains the source and summit of our faith. It is here that we are nourished, united, and sent forth. When the Eucharist becomes the center of our lives, everything else finds its proper place.

#### A Community of Prayer

"They devoted themselves... to the prayers." The early Church understood that without prayer, everything else would lose its meaning. Prayer sustained their unity, strengthened their faith, and opened their hearts to God's action.

In our busy lives, prayer can easily become secondary. Yet this passage reminds us that prayer is essential—not optional—for a vibrant spiritual life.

#### Generosity That Reflects God's Love

One of the most striking aspects of this community is their radical generosity. They shared their possessions so that no one was in need. Their love was not theoretical; it was practical and sacrificial. This invites us to reflect on how we use what we have. Do we see our possessions as gifts to be shared? Are we attentive to the needs of others, especially the poor and the forgotten?

#### Joyful Witness and Growth

The early Christians lived with "glad and generous hearts," praising God and enjoying the favor of the people. Their joy was contagious, and as a result, "the Lord added to their number day by day."

Evangelization, in this sense, was not a strategy but a way of life. Their witness attracted others because it was authentic.

#### Conclusion

This passage is both inspiring and challenging. It reminds us that the Church flourishes when it is United in love, Centered on the Eucharist, Faithful in prayer, Generous in charity, Joyful in witness. The question is not whether this kind of community can exist today—it can. The real question is whether we are willing to live this way.

## El Evangelio

El pasaje del Evangelio de John 20:19–31 tiene lugar en la tarde del primer día de Pascua. Los discípulos están reunidos con las puertas cerradas, llenos de miedo e incertidumbre después de la muerte de Jesucristo. Sus esperanzas parecían destruidas, y el temor había invadido sus corazones. Sin embargo, es precisamente en ese momento de miedo cuando el Señor Resucitado se hace presente.

### Jesús entra a pesar de las puertas cerradas

El Evangelio nos dice que, aunque las puertas estaban cerradas, Jesús se presentó en medio de ellos y les dijo: *“La paz esté con ustedes.”* Este momento revela algo profundo sobre la misericordia de Dios. Ninguna barrera—ni el miedo, ni la duda, ni el pecado, ni la decepción—puede impedir que Cristo venga a nosotros.

En nuestra vida, a veces también levantamos “puertas cerradas” en el corazón. Nos escondemos detrás del miedo, la culpa o la incertidumbre. Pero el Señor Resucitado siempre encuentra la manera de entrar. Su primer don es la **paz**, una paz que sana los corazones heridos y devuelve la esperanza.

### El don del Espíritu Santo y el perdón

Luego, Jesús sopla sobre los discípulos y les dice: *“Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A quienes les perdonen los pecados, les quedan perdonados.”* Este momento es profundamente significativo para la Iglesia. Aquí, Cristo confía a sus apóstoles la autoridad de perdonar los pecados.

Para los católicos, este pasaje es el fundamento del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. A través del ministerio de la Iglesia, la misericordia de Cristo continúa ofreciéndose a cada generación. El Señor Resucitado no solo quiere perdonarnos, sino liberarnos y restaurarnos a la comunión con Él.

### Tomás y la lucha por creer

Uno de los discípulos, Tomás, no estaba presente cuando Jesús se apareció por primera vez. Cuando los otros le cuentan sobre la Resurrección, le cuesta creer. Insiste en que necesita ver y tocar las heridas de Cristo.

Tomás nos representa a muchos de nosotros. A veces, nuestra fe es puesta a prueba por dudas, preguntas o sufrimientos. Sin embargo, el relato nos muestra que la duda no nos excluye de la misericordia de Dios. Ocho días después, Jesús vuelve de nuevo—esta vez por Tomás.

Lo invita a tocar sus heridas y a creer. Al encontrarse con Cristo vivo, Tomás hace una de las profesiones de fe más profundas de todo el Evangelio: *“¡Señor mío y Dios mío!”*

### Bienaventurados los que creen sin ver

Jesús responde con un mensaje que atraviesa los siglos hasta llegar a nosotros: *“Bienaventurados los que creen sin haber visto.”*

A diferencia de los apóstoles, nosotros no vemos a Jesús con los ojos físicos. Sin embargo, lo encontramos en la Sagrada Escritura, en la Eucaristía, en los Sacramentos y en la vida de la Iglesia. Nuestra fe es un don, pero también una respuesta—una decisión diaria de confiar en el Señor Resucitado.

### Vivir como pueblo de Pascua

Este pasaje nos invita a pasar del miedo a la fe, como lo hicieron los discípulos. La Resurrección transforma su temor en valentía y su duda en misión. Pronto saldrán al mundo para anunciar la Buena Nueva.

Como cristianos, estamos llamados a vivir como **pueblo de Pascua**—personas que creen que Cristo vive, que la misericordia es más fuerte que el pecado y que la esperanza es más fuerte que la muerte.

### Oración final

“Señor Resucitado, entra en las puertas cerradas de mi corazón. Llénamelo de tu paz, fortalece mi fe cuando dudo y ayúdame a reconocerte en la vida de la Iglesia. Que pueda vivir cada día proclamando con alegría: ‘¡Señor mío y Dios mío!’ Amén.”

## 1 Peter 1:3-9

St. Peter begins this passage with a powerful proclamation: *“Blessed be God... who in His great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”* This is not just a beautiful phrase—it is the foundation of the Christian life.

The hope we have as Christians is not wishful thinking. It is not a fragile optimism that depends on circumstances going well. It is a *living hope*—alive because it is rooted in the Resurrection of Christ. Because Jesus conquered sin and death, our hope is secure. It breathes, grows, and sustains us even in the darkest moments.

In Catholic life, this hope is nourished through the Sacraments—especially the Eucharist, where we encounter the Risen Lord. Each time we receive Christ, our hope is strengthened and renewed.

### An Inheritance That Cannot Fade

Peter reminds us that we are promised an inheritance that is *imperishable, undefiled, and unfading*. In a world where everything seems temporary—success, possessions, even health—this promise gives us perspective. Our true treasure is not here; it is in heaven.

This challenges us to ask: *Where is my heart anchored?* Do I cling to things that pass away, or do I live for what lasts forever?

### Faith Tested by Fire

Peter does not ignore suffering. In fact, he acknowledges that believers may experience “various trials.” But he gives these trials meaning: they refine our faith like gold tested in fire.

From a Catholic perspective, suffering united with Christ is never wasted. It becomes redemptive. When we carry our crosses with faith, we are drawn deeper into the mystery of Christ’s own Passion. Our trials, instead of destroying us, can purify and strengthen our love for God.

## Loving the One We Do Not See

One of the most beautiful lines in this passage is this: *“Although you have not seen Him, you love Him.”* This describes the heart of Christian discipleship. We do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, yet we know Him, trust Him, and love Him.

This love is expressed in daily choices—prayer, acts of charity, forgiveness, and fidelity. It is a relationship that grows quietly but powerfully.

### Joy Beyond Words

Peter speaks of a joy that is “unspeakable and full of glory.” This is not superficial happiness. It is a deep, abiding joy that comes from knowing we belong to God and that our lives have an eternal purpose.

Even in suffering, this joy can remain—because it is rooted not in circumstances, but in Christ.

### Conclusion

This passage invites us to live as people of hope:

- Hope that is alive in Christ
- Hope that looks toward heaven
- Hope that endures through trials
- Hope that fills us with quiet, unshakable joy

### Reflection Questions:

- Do I truly believe that my hope is rooted in the Resurrection?
- How do I respond to trials—do I see them as opportunities for growth in faith?
- Is my life focused more on temporary things or eternal promises?

### Closing Prayer:

“Lord Jesus, You are my living hope. Strengthen my faith in times of trial, deepen my love for You, and fill my heart with the joy that comes from knowing You. Help me to live each day with my eyes fixed on the eternal life You promise. Amen.”

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS April 12, 2026

1. There will be no 8:30am morning Mass on Tuesday, April 14th .

The church will be open for those who wish to pray the rosary or spend silent prayer time.

2. On Thursday, April 16th at 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Hall on Lincoln Way.

The Auburn Catholic Speaker Series will be meeting. Deacon Adam Crawford will be speaking about "Living for Eternity." Everyone is invited.

3. The Well Read Catholic Reading Group will be meeting on Thursday

April 16th at 7:00pm in the Beatitude Room to finish discussion on Chesterton's biography of St. Francis of Assisi. All are welcome.

4. The Arts & Environment Ministry is grateful for the donations of lilies to decorate for the Easter Season. Thank you for your generous donations which added grace and beauty to the church environment.



