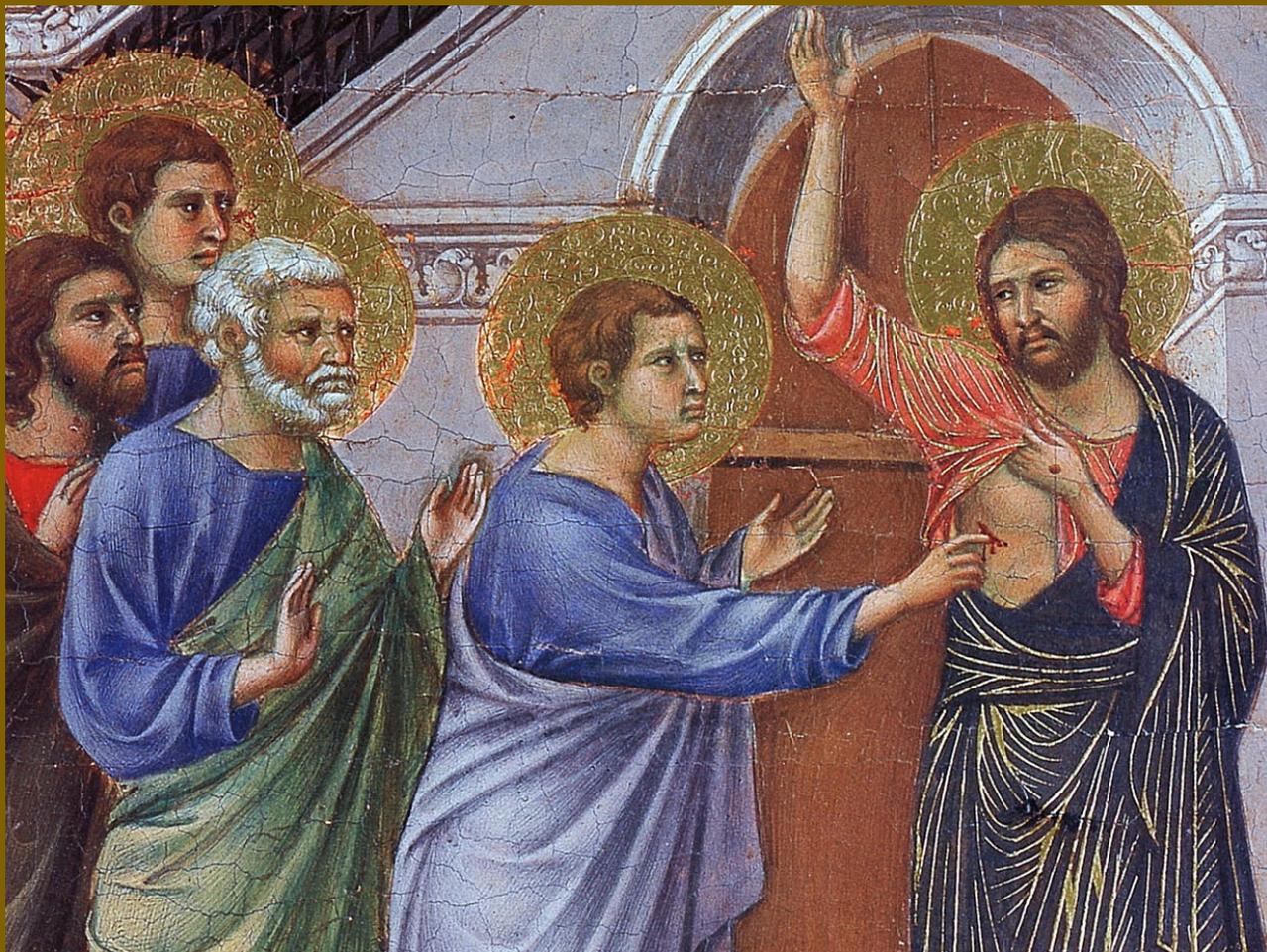




ST LUKE'S & ST IGNATIUS

Oxon Hill

24 April 2022



CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9-9:45 am

in the chapel

(in the church on 1st Saturdays)

3:30-4:15 pm

in the church

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm

in the church

MASSES

Saturday 4:30 pm [anticipated]

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

Daily Mass in the chapel

Monday-Friday at 9 am

Saturday at 10 am

(First Saturdays in the church)

HOLY HOURS

*confessions &
eucharistic adoration
in the church*

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm

First Saturday 9 am

(followed by Mass at 10 am)

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TOUCHING THE RISEN CHRIST

...Details make it clear that Jesus is not simply a man who has returned from the dead like Lazarus or the young man of Naim. If that were what he is, there would be no difficulty in recognizing him after two days. But Jesus does not simply take up where he left off on Good Friday, with the intention of leading an earthly life for a short while longer. No, he now lives a new kind of life, and yet he is the same individual. But only when the heart becomes perceptive can the eyes likewise recognize him.

This is the point that is made quite clear in the further conversation of Jesus and Magdalene. His use of her name in addressing her alerts her and makes her realize the truth; now she forgets about the cross, answers "My Teacher!" and expects everything to go on as it had before. But she is rebuffed: "Do not touch me," the risen Jesus tells her, or, in a more accurate translation: "Do not [try to] hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (Jn 20, 17). What does he mean by this? Why should the fact that he has not yet ascended prevent her from touching him? Can he be touched after he has ascended? Or is he in a hurry and unwilling to be detained at this earthly stage in his ascent?

The whole affair becomes at first sight even stranger when we look at the story of Thomas in which the very



opposite seems to take place, that is, Jesus offers his hands and side for Thomas to touch, in order to assure the disciple that he, Jesus, is real (20, 27). How

is it possible for Thomas to do what Magdalene is forbidden to do?

But on closer inspection it is the incident with Thomas that makes the earlier scene intelligible. After the happy reunion on Easter morning Magdalene wants simply to return to the old intimacy and leave the cross behind her like a bad dream. She wants to have "her Teacher" for herself as in the earlier days. But that is utterly incompatible with what has happened since then. No one

can now have Jesus as "his rabbi" without reference to the cross. For Jesus has now become the one who is exalted at the Father's side and accessible to every human being. Consequently, the paradox: Here on earth, in a merely earthly kind of closeness, he is no longer touchable; but he can be touched as the risen Lord!

It is possible now to touch Jesus by seeking him at the Father's side and allowing him to draw us after him on his journey. To touch is to worship, and brings with it a mission. That is why Thomas may touch him: the presentation of Jesus' wounds to Thomas is meant not to cause the passion to be forgotten but, on the contrary, to make it unforgettable. Jesus' action is a call to the mission of witnessing. Consequently, too, Thomas' touching turns into an act of worship: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20, 28). The entire Gospel has been leading up to this moment in which the touching of Jesus, the touching of the mortal wounds of him whom the powers of this world had crushed, becomes a recognition of God's glory.

In the light of this scene the conversation with Magdalene becomes intelligible. There is no longer any purely private, purely human friendship with Jesus, any friendship limited to one's narrow circle. Now that he has passed through death, he belongs to all human beings. We can touch him only by entering upon his way, only by ascending with him and, in union with the Father and the Son, belonging to all. The attempt to hold on to him is replaced by a mission: "Go to my brethren" (Jn 20, 17).

To "know" the risen Jesus, then, is to launch out on a journey that has him for its point of origin. Here, "horizontal" and "vertical" are not opposed but call each for the other: because he has ascended and because he is now with the Father, Jesus is now with all his brethren. When we "ascend" and adore, we too are released from the constricting limits of our purely private existence and we allow him to send us forth; we learn to share, in our own poor way, in his all-embracing life. Faith, worship, service: all these are inseparably interconnected and manifest the dynamism of a life that is open to the world-transforming mission of him who rose from the dead into the Father's presence.

Excerpt of *Resurrection As Mission*, from *Dogma and Preaching* by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger [1985]

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS *All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick:*

Mark Mangione, Richard Thompson, Barbara Jo Russell, Marie Norment, Marian Luther, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, Gary Schenk, Joanne Newsom, Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerrianna Prather, Cullen Creel, Domingo G., Adrian and Barbara.; D.K.C.,M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list. Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH-WIDE POTLUCK

Join us for our parish-wide Easter celebration this Sunday April 24th, the Octave Day of Easter [Divine Mercy or Low Sunday], with a potluck Lunch at 12:30 pm and an Easter Egg Hunt. It is vital that we gather as a complete community to rebuild ties after the separation of the last two pandemic years.

EASTER EGG HUNT There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the parish children following the 11 am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

Fr. David Ousley leads a Bible Study session *every Wednesday at 10 am*. You can join in person in the parish house meeting room, following the 9 am Mass in the chapel. Or join us on Zoom! Email the office for the Zoom link that will be used for every meeting.

Join the 12th Annual **ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL 5K/10K WALK/RUN FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION**, in memory of Deacon Andy Espinosa, on Saturday, May 21st from 10 am to noon (registration opens at 9 am) at the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Trail at National Harbor. For more information contact Christine Patton at pattonc@stecatholic.org.

WEEKLY EMAILS Would you like to receive weekly email reminders of news and events in the parish? Contact the office at StLukesDCordinariate@gmail.com to sign up.

THE POOR BOX

The Ladies of Charity support local non-profit agencies for the poor all year round, including the Missionaries of Charity, Christ House, Shepherd's Cove, St. Ann's Center for Children, and Forestville Pregnancy Center. A few dollars in the poor box every week or every month goes a long way toward helping do God's work.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 23 April

SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10 am Anne Whelan

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR THE OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER

4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 24 April

OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER

Low Sunday or Divine Mercy Sunday

8 am living & deceased benefactors of the Madan-Casas family

9:30 am Gary Clarke + [Rosemary Coller]

11 am Deirdre McQuade [Rebecca Michalco]

Monday, 25 April

Mark, Evangelist

9 am Donald Finberg +

Tuesday, 26 April

Easter tide Feria

9 am Mark Mangione [James Hepburn]

Wednesday, 27 April

Easter tide Feria

9 am Francis Shivone +

Thursday, 28 April

Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr

Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

9 am Amando Llorente +

Friday, 29 April

Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9 am those who have wronged the Madan-Casas family

Saturday, 30 April

Pius V, Pope

10 am Rev. Arthur Woolley + [Jane and Steve Lawrence]

Anticipated Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter

4:30 pm pro populo

Sunday, 1 May

The Third Sunday of Easter

8 am the godchildren of Rafael A. Madan

9:30 am the needs and intentions of visitors to our parish

11 am Francis Shivone + [month's mind]

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