

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

April 27, 2025



**WELCOME TO
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Wednesday April 30	11:00 am	St. Joseph's	Cassey Hammond; Bill Cole All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday May 3	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Raymond Hayward; John Peters Fr. Joseph Barbour
	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Gen Meehan; Betty Bowen; Betty St. Croix
Sunday May 4	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Living and Deceased
	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Richard Fowler; Joseph Corrigan Mary Walsh

MINISTRY LIST

Saturday May 3	4:00 pm	St. Vincent's	Cross Bearer: Angela Fleming Reader: Dan St. Croix Collectors: Dan Fleming Gift Bearers: Randy & Anna Roche Eucharistic Minister: Anne Hayward
Saturday May 3	5:30 pm	St. Mary's	Cross Bearer: Hubert Kielly Reader: Sheila Lee Collectors: Len Ryan, Des Yetman Gift Bearers: Ann Squires, Marg Singleton Eucharistic Minister: Helena Critch
Sunday May 4	9:30 am	St. Joseph's	Cross Bearer: Benny Furey Reader: Hughie Lawlor Collectors: Gordon Gambin, Tony Daley Gift Bearers: Mary Hearn, Rose Fagan Eucharistic Minister: Linda Dunne
Sunday May 4	11:15 am	Mount Carmel	Cross Bearer: Don Power Reader: Eugene McDonald Collectors: Don Power, Victor Cole Gift Bearers: Ann Power, Eucharistic Minister: Rosalind Philpot

FINANCES ACKNOWLEDGED WITH SINCERE THANKS:

April 17, 18, 19, 20: St. Vincent's/St. Mary's/St. Joseph's/Mt. Carmel/Nt. Harbour

Weekly Offering: \$1146.65 Holy Thursday Offering: \$563.00 Good Friday Offering: \$1129.60

Easter Offering: \$1005.00 Lenten Offering: \$200.00 Dev & Peace Offering: \$30.00

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Donation: \$20.00

Family Funeral Fees (Dennis Hickey): Mass: \$150.00 Wake room: \$75.00 Sacred Heart Cemetery Plot: \$100.00

Wake room Rental: \$75.00 – rec'd from Gibbons Funeral Home

GRAND IN YOUR HAND YEAR 11:

Grand In Your Hand tickets for sale in support of Good Shepherd Parish. Two chances to win \$1000.00 per each month draw. The ticket price is \$10.00 monthly or \$120.00 annually. If you like to support Good Shepherd Parish through this initiative, please contact Shirley 709-687-7057 or Sheila 709-699-9503. Thanking you in advance for your support.

GSP FINANCE, PARISH COUNCIL, FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING scheduled for Wednesday, April 30 following the 11 o'clock mass in St. Joseph's.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: The next course is scheduled for **May 3, 2025**, at the Basilica, 200 Military Rd, St. John's. Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](#) . Once registered, couples will receive additional information.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 3 PM APRIL 27: There will be devotions to the Divine Mercy at the Basilica with Exposition and Benediction on Sunday, April 27.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER CECIL CRITCH TO ITALY: ROME AND ASSISI -NOVEMBER 5-13, 2025
(optional) 2 DAY EXTENSION TO VENICE AND PADUA Highlights: Rome, All Major Basilicas in Rome, Catacombs, Vatican City and Sistine Chapel, Assisi and the Basilica of St. Francis with visit to the tomb of St. Clare and Carlo Acutis, Papal Audience, Papal Audience, Daily Mass, immersion in Italian Food and Culture, 2-day Extension (optional) Padua: Basilica of St. Anthony, full day tour of Venice For Details, Contact COLLEEN WILLIAMS, CWT Harvey's Travel, Mt Pearl, (709) 747-5018.

LIVING FAITH

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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then 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.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told 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 in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Thomas has been known down through the ages as "Doubting Thomas." He was not there when the other Apostles saw the risen Jesus, touched him, and heard him speak to them. In a way, you and I, the modern-day-disciples of Jesus, are like Thomas. We have not seen, but we are called to believe. Jesus addresses the same words to us as to Thomas: "Do not doubt but believe."

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

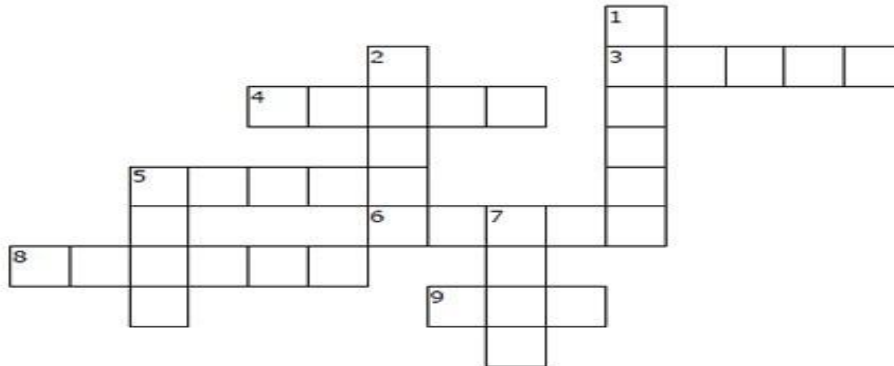
- How did you come to believe in Jesus?
- What keeps you going when you are tempted to doubt?
- How might you be like Thomas?



Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT

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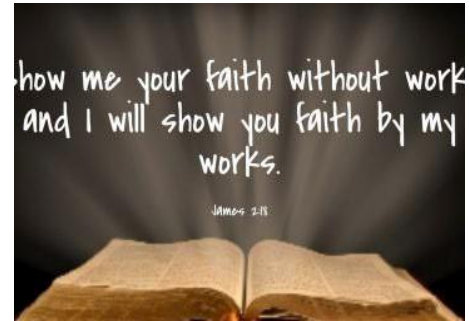
Pope Francis

A memorial page dedicated to Pope Francis' life and papacy has been created on the webpage of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Also, A Novena in memory of Pope Francis is available so that the Catholic faithful may be united in prayer during the Novendiales (nine days of mourning for the Holy Father), which will begin on 26 April 2025 and end on 4 May 2025. Links to both the Memorial and the Novena can be found on our Archdiocesan website: www.rcsj.org

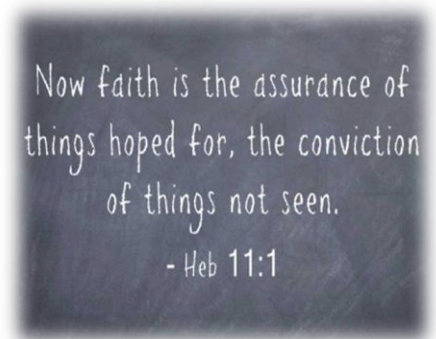
THE CHURCH TEACHES WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith the response that each person makes to the invitation of God, an invitation into a relationship of love. (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 142)



To obey (from the Latin *ob-audire*, to "hear or listen to") in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself. Abraham is the model of such obedience offered us by Sacred Scripture. The Virgin Mary is its most perfect embodiment. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 144)

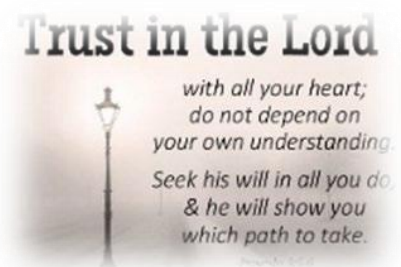
Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a *free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed*. As personal adherence to God and assent to his truth, Christian faith differs from our faith in any human person. It is right and just to entrust oneself wholly to God and to believe absolutely what he says. It would be futile and false to place such faith in a creature. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 150)



"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase." Martin Luther King

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." St. Augustine

WHAT ABOUT YOU?
What is "faith"?



EXERPTS FROM A HOMILY OF CARDINAL LUIS ANTONIO TAGLE CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA



The second Sunday of Easter is called the Sunday of Divine Mercy. And as we see in the depiction of Jesus, the Lord of Divine Mercy, the wounds of Christ are very much present. And that's the mystery of our Gospel. How come the Risen Lord, the triumphant Lord, did not erase the signs of his death? If I were Jesus, triumphant, I would remove all signs, all memories, of my defeat, my shame, and humiliation. But that's not the way of Jesus. It is important that the glorious life – life in God – must be able to carry ordinary wounds.

... Every person has some form of wounds. You can recall what are your wounds. And do not think that sharing in the mystery of the Resurrection will remove the wounds. No! Even the Risen Lord has those wounds. And he shows them those wounds. He even tells them, especially to Thomas, "Touch my wounds. Put your finger here. Put your hand here." Not only showing wounds but inviting us to look and to touch.

How is this related to Divine Mercy? Jesus assumes woundedness in his Resurrection. But Jesus transformed the wounds. By showing his wounds to the disciples, he reminded them, as he reminds us, of our capacity to inflict wounds.

When we see the wounds of other people, we should be reminded, I have also inflicted wounds. But the beauty of Jesus' showing his wounds was not in order to retaliate. He showed his wounds not in order to take revenge, not in order to shame the apostles. Jesus showed his wounds and said, "Peace be with you." And as I said earlier, he meant it. He did not want to inflict further wounds on those who had wounded him. In fact, through his wounds, he was inviting them: Let us stop wounding others. He understood his disciples. He knew they were also wounded.

And this is how to stop the cycle of wounding. Show the wounds not to retaliate, but to heal. The wounded one becomes a vessel of transformation of fellow wounded people. We, who have seen the wounds of the Lord, are asked to see him in the wounded people of the world. "I have seen the Lord." They will tell you, "Where?" In the wounded. I have seen, I have touched, the wounds. And I tell you, by surprise, some, some of those who have seen the Lord in their wounds, become instruments of healing.

We see the true God only in the wounded Christ – wounded yet merciful.

So today, go. Touch, see the wounds of Christ in others. Have no fear. He will tell you, "Peace be with you." And hopefully, we can spread the Good News: "We have seen the Lord." Let us pause and allow this mystery to be part of our daily living, as we encounter many wounded people in our day-to-day life.