



Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)

Acts 4:32–35

1 Jn 5:1–6

Jn 20:19–31

I Want Proof

Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands: "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof."

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we *can* see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- * Who are the people who taught you your faith and who live it themselves? Thank God for them.
- * Who looks to you as an example of one who believes that Christ is alive today?

*Jesus said to [Thomas],
"Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed."*

JOHN 20:29



DMITRI ZINKEVICH / SHUTTERSTOCK

Dear Padre,

I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic “obsession” (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?



MADONNA WITH CHILD BY PADRE ANGELICO DA VILLAROTTA (1939). RENATA SEDMAKOVA/SHUTTERSTOCK

A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic’s decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, “What do you think about Mary?” The new Catholic smiled and said, “I think she’s wonderful, don’t you?” The friend responded with an embarrassed “Yes, but...”

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus’ mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the “God-man” in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[The disciples] had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus’ love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23–31

Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday

APRIL 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

APRIL 14

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

APRIL 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

Friday

APRIL 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

APRIL 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

APRIL 18

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2:1–5a

Lk 24:35–48



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Reconciliation/Confession:

Thursday 5:30-6pm

Baptism: by appointment

Marriage Prep: Notify the
priest six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick & Visits

Please call the office if you know of
someone in need of a pastoral visit.

Diocesan Website: www.cdlex.org

Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am

4:00pm Spanish

Wednesday 6pm

Thursday 6pm

Confession 5:30 on Thurs



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTION TODAY:

10:30am...**Special Intention**

Thursday.....**Jim Hyska**

April 18.....**Dan Kenney**

April 22.....**Harold Wilson**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

14-Elizabeth Ruiz 17-Erin Zappa

19-Alexcis Reyna, Sara Zink

APRIL Wedding ANNIVESARIES



3-Earl & Kim Johnson

6-Mark & Teri Russell

8-Lee & Michelle Record

29-Jerry & Denise Ackerman

WORD OF LIFE –

Intercessions for Life

May the infinite mercy of our
divine Savior reach all who are

suffering from participation in abortion, and transform them by His
forgiveness, healing, and peace;

We pray to the Lord:

If you or someone you know has
had an abortion, "be assured that
it is never too late to seek God's
forgiveness in the Sacrament of
Reconciliation."* Additionally,
other confidential, compassionate
help is available. Select "Find
Help" from the menu on
www.hopeafterabortion.org to find
the diocesan Project Rachel
Ministry near you. USCCB Secretariat
of Pro-Life Activities "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"
www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy



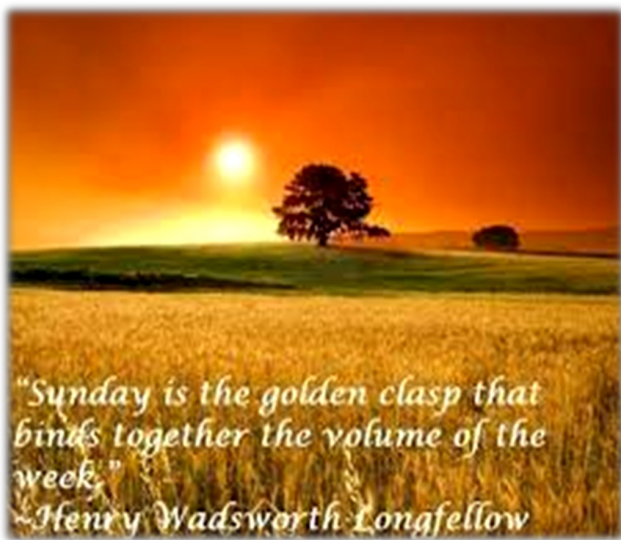
There's a new push in Congress
to force Americans to pay for
abortion. The Hyde Amendment
and other similar laws have
protected taxpayers from funding
elective abortion. Now, Congress
wants to take away these laws,
which have had broad public
support for nearly 50 years.
Without the Hyde Amendment,
billions of dollars in healthcare
funding could go to abortion.

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-graphics-no-taxpayer-abortion>



Saint Faustina had many visions of Jesus and wrote a diary of her experiences. Because of her work fostering devotion to Divine Mercy, St. Faustina is known as the “apostle of Divine Mercy.”

<https://catholiccurrent.org/saints/st-faustina-kowalska/>



PRAYER REQUESTS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Paul & Mary Breiner, The Lee Family, Katherine King, Ann Bonfield, Roseanne Ackermann, Doug Stamm, James Walker, Edna Fields, Jodi Ortiz, Lillie Harkness & Family, Paulett Hedge, Ernestine Jeffries, Linda Martin & Family, Janet Wilson, the Pecina Family: (Trina, Jose, Rita) Perry Joe Sr., & Perry Joe Jr. Norris, Erika Janeth

Garcia, Blanca & Isabel Valdez, Elizabeth Munoz, Maria de los Ajeles Pecina Rameres, Ampelio Silva, Estevan Gonzalez Salazar— All those in our parish who are unemployed.

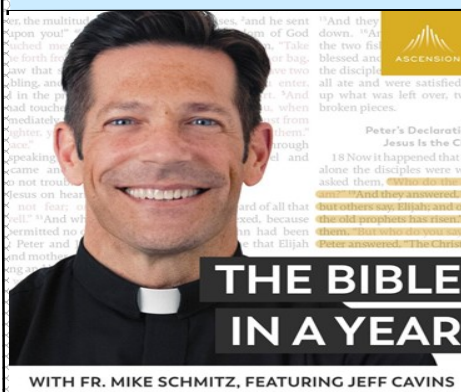
Please pray daily: 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Glory Be for Fr. Frank & all those who are sick.

Year of the Family—Pope Francis encourages that the family make it a practice of forgiveness:

"Today we recognize that being able to forgive others implies the liberating experience of understanding

and forgiving ourselves.... We need to learn to pray over our past history, to accept ourselves, to learn how to live with our limitations, and even to forgive ourselves, in order to have this same attitude towards others (#107) All this assumes that we ourselves have had the experience of being forgiven by God, justified by his grace and not by our own merits. We have known a love that is prior to any of our own efforts, a love that constantly opens door , promotes and encourages. If we accept that God's love is unconditional, that the Father's love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiving others...[Thus] be a place of understanding, support and encouragement..."

(Amoris Laetitia # 108)



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<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

APRIL 2021 Pope Francis' Universal

Prayer Intention: **FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS**

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

"In the darkness new springs to sooner or produces



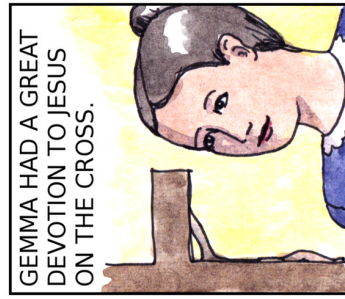
amidst of something always life and later fruit."

— Pope Francis

**What did St. Thomas
reply to Jesus? Use every second
letter to fill in the blanks!**

Saint Gemma Galgani

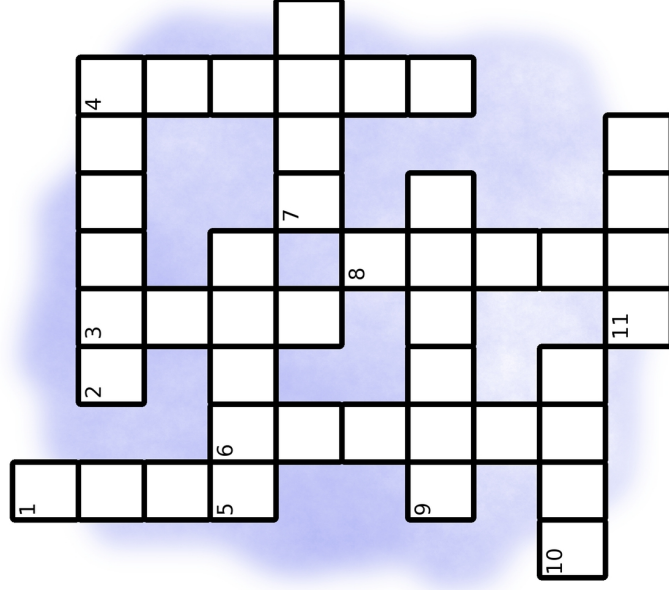
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WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT GEMMA TO HAVE A GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LORD'S SUFFERINGS FOR US SINNERS. SHE OFFERED EVERY PAIN AND EVERYTHING THAT BOTHERED HER TO JESUS SO THAT SINNERS WOULD TURN BACK TO GOD. WE CAN ALSO OFFER ALL OUR TROUBLES TO JESUS TO SAVE SOULS.

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AN EASTER CROSS-WORD



How well do you know the story of doubting Thomas? Today's Gospel reading will help you find the answers!



ACROSS:

- Which apostle wasn't there the first time Jesus came to them after the Resurrection?
- Thomas wanted to see the marks on Jesus' hands from the _____.
- "My _____ and my God!"
- "As the _____ sent Me..."
- Jesus showed him the wound in His _____.
- "As the Father sent Me, so I _____ you."

DOWN:

- Thomas, who was called the _____...
- "I will send the _____ Spirit..."
- "I will send the Holy _____..."
- The door was locked because the disciples were _____.
- "_____ be with you!"