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John 20:29

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY

	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday April 19	Divine Mercy Sunday	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-3	7:00 AM + D.Time Galindo, Sr. 8:30 AM Maryruth Nivens 10:00 AM Marissa Colburn 11:30 AM +Joshua Martinez 6:00 PM The People of St. Peter
Monday April 20		Acts 4:23-31 Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 John 3:1-8	12:10 PM +Bridget and +SandyMezzina
Tuesday April 21	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Acts 4:32-37 Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 John 3:7b-15	12:10 PM +Annessa Sanchez
Wednesday April 22		Acts 5:17-26 Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 John 3:16-2	12:10 PM Krys Obrzut
Thursday April 23	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr	Acts 5:27-33 Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 John 3:31-36	12:10 PM +Don Thomas
Friday April 24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr	Acts 5:34-42 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 John 6:1-15	12:10 PM +Ethel Martin
Saturday April 25	St. Mark, Evangelist	1 Peter 5:5b-14 Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mark 16:15-20	9:00 AM +Ed and +Audrey Keberlein 4:00 PM +Evelyn Valencia
Sunday April 26	3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-3	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathy Allen, Kathleen Alvarado, Kay Anderson, +Sue Asche, Luke Barden, Staci Behne, Lisa Biem, Claudean Boatman, Kathryne Bonar, Diane Brown, Mary Ellen and Dick Budd, Ray Burns, Corrina Cantrell, Frani Castaneda, Roman Castaneda, Lydia Castillo, John Casynn, Lea Ciothe, Betty Clark, Mallory Cranwell, Jeremy Cruz, Chad Dunfee, Karen Eicher, Jackie J. and Family, Priscilla French, Heidi Gaiser, Merle Gaspers, Jeanette Gau-Moore, Rodriguez Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Kelly Graybill, Aaron Greber, Gimena Gunderson, Denise Gustafson, Bryce Hares, Jean Hawkins, Margaret Hernandez, Elliot Hitchcock, Marcella Holguin, Frank Holland, Judy Houston, Karen Johns, Louise Kessler, N. J. King, Geni Koenig, Rodney Kontz, Estson and Karen and Sherlene Kontz, Randy Koski, Carolyn Lafferty, Gavin Landwehr, Larue Lara, Laronda Leigh, Carla Martinez, Kevin McKenzie, Chrissy Moore, Barbara Morales, John Muniz, Phyllis Murphy, Rose Pargas, Carol Murphy, Nestia Nuanez, Luci and Salem O'Leary, Donna Olson, Carmen and Alvin Padilla, Rose Pargas, Carlos Pena, +Michael Prieto, Deloris Potterfield, Zachary Quick, Tony Quigley, Joel Redman, Virginia Rodriguez, Andrea Romero, Jackie Rowe, Cheryl Rubino, Kendall Scheiderer, Tyson Schaffer, Fred Sieber, Debie Simonton, Mildred Skonksner, Virginia Sorenson, Pauline Soto, Henry Smith, Eleanor Sneddon, Neva Spencer, Wilmena Stahla, Bob and Lorene Steele, Jon Stoson, Judy Stryker, Sonny Subia, Mabel Tapia, Joe Trujillo, Pauline Trujillo, Sonny Unrein, Mary Frances Villarreal, Patricia Marie Villarreal, Justine Wahlert, Terry Walsh, Majorie Whittington, Tamara Wilkinson, Joe Yates, Bonnie Youngman



FIRST READING

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:46b-47a)

PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) or Alleluia

SECOND READING

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3-9)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:19-31)

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

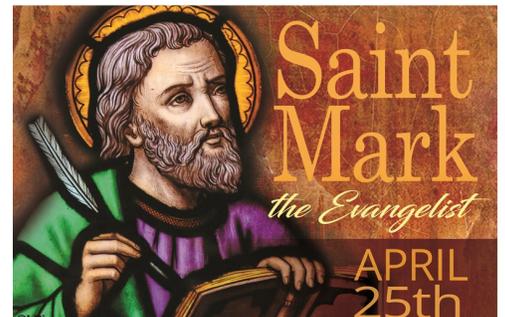
According to Luke, the original community of believers in Jerusalem met daily to pray, break bread, and commit themselves to the teaching of the Apostles. When have you experienced a similar level of communal harmony?

Second Reading

The First Letter of Peter opens with a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings received from the resurrection of Jesus. In what ways do you show gratitude for Jesus' resurrection from the dead?

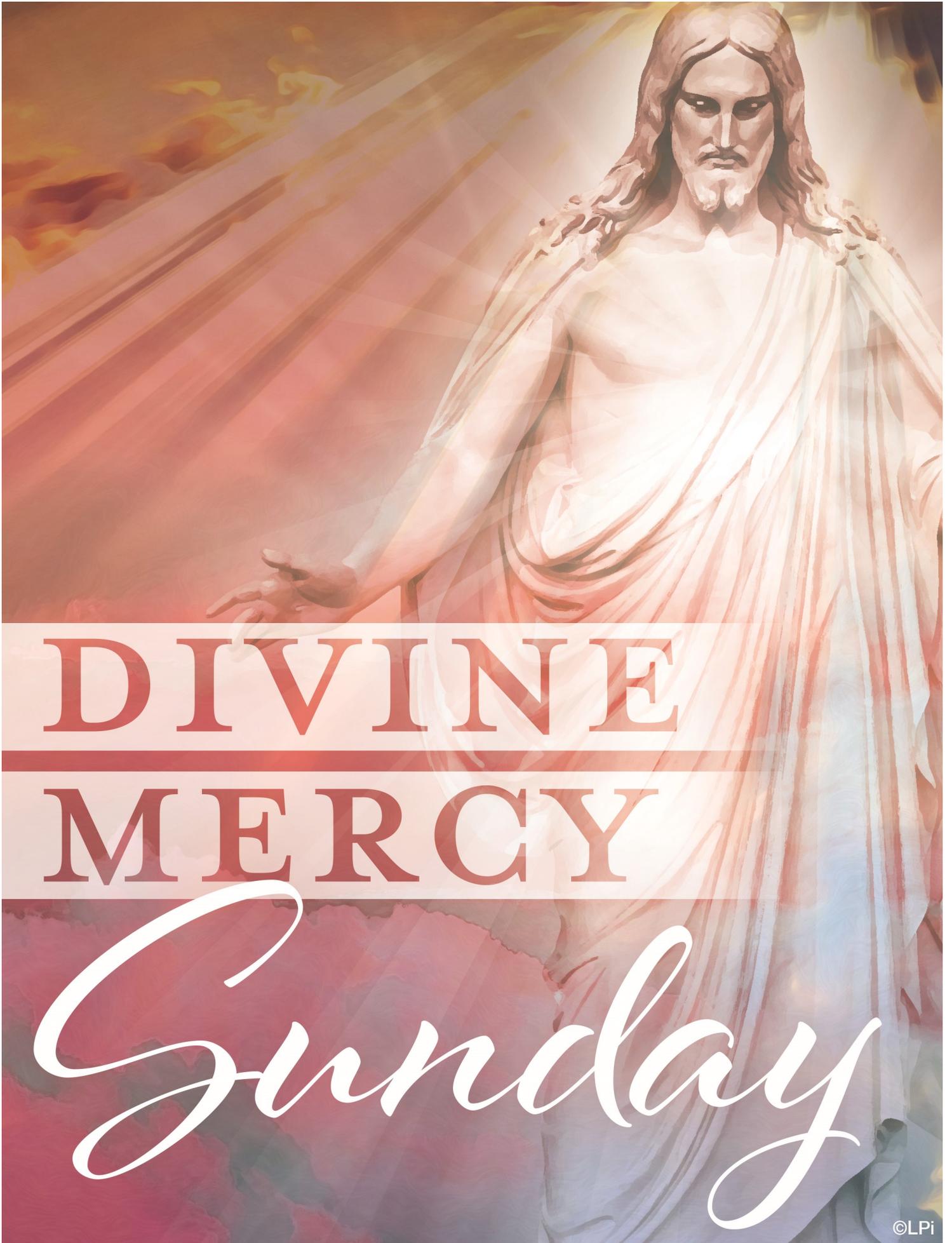
Gospel Reading

John is the only evangelist to record the episode of Thomas' initial doubt in Jesus' resurrection.? What role does doubt have in your spiritual journey?



"Embracing his cross means finding the courage to embrace all the hardships of the present time, abandoning for a moment our eagerness for power and possessions in order to make room for the creativity that only the Spirit is capable of inspiring. It means finding the courage to create spaces where everyone can recognize that they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity. By his cross we have been saved in order to embrace hope and let it strengthen and sustain all measures and all possible avenues for helping us protect ourselves and others. Embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope: that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope."

Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi Address on March 27th, 2020



DIVINE

MERCY

Sunday

Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

It was probably the most difficult week in Thomas's life. On the one hand, the enthusiastic Apostles who, with glowing faces, tell how they saw the Risen One, and on the other, his thoughts that do not allow him to believe. He probably tried to make an effort to believe in their stories about the Resurrection, but immediately the rational thoughts came to mind: "it's impossible; they probably experienced some sort of hallucinations because they miss their Teacher so much, that made them see Him". I wouldn't be surprised if he had an argument with the other disciples. An argument that might have ended up with the ten Apostles rejecting Thomas for not believing in an obvious – to them – fact. Maybe he was called some appropriate names: disbeliever, renegade, rationalist, and maybe a fool. And probably Thomas himself was not passive calling them haunted, dreamers, succumbing to emotions, seers. And each of these words hurt him deeply. Because deep down in his heart he wanted to believe like them, but he couldn't! He wanted, but the more he wanted, the more he worked his mind and found further arguments, which clearly negated the possibility of resurrection. And so over and over again, hour after hour, day after day, for seven days!

And today Thomas kneels before the Risen Christ. He doesn't need to touch Him. He experiences the emotions that are difficult to describe, sadness and joy, doubting and believing, limiting and liberating. Perhaps this is where the experience of St. Thomas finds a connection with the Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter. This Gospel passage was read on the Second Sunday of Easter for centuries, while the Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated only for 20 years now. We have learned through Sister Faustina that Jesus willed the Feast of His Mercy to be celebrated on that day. As if it were a bit of an indication: "this Sunday speaks of My mercy."

Looking at Thomas, we can describe the experience of mercy as an encounter with Jesus that cleanses, frees, and creates anew. Thomas suddenly sees all the nonsense and absurdity of his own thinking. All these indisputable arguments become so empty and ridiculous that it is a shame to even think about them. The very mention of them penetrates deeply with pain. And the thought of wanting to put his fingers in Jesus' wounds makes him disgusted with himself. One may need to experience something like this to open themselves to God's mercy. Such an encounter with Jesus, in which we see our behavior as completely ridiculous. At the mention of these supposedly wise arguments we used to justify our sin, pride, selfishness, doubt, unbelief, we feel embarrassed and ashamed. He is the only one who remains in all His obviousness. "My Lord and my God" and my shame, and my pain, and my sorrow... And now I'm cleansed. And my heart is ready to be set on fire by His Divine Mercy.

