



SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Indoor Vigil

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m. Indoor

Come Join Us

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30p.m.

By the East Church

Door parking lot





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Jesus came and stood in their
midst and said to them,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19

FAITH

What a difference faith makes! The faith of the early community of believers led them to rise beyond the selfishness that so many of us struggle with as they grew in communion with Christ and one another. Their selflessness was a living sign of the impact of their faith in Jesus Christ. They did not find the commandments burdensome, but rather centered their lives on the love of God and neighbor that Jesus taught through his life, death, and resurrection. It is good for us to remember that faith is a gift. The journey of faith is not always straightforward and is often marked by doubt and moments of weakness. The apostles' faith grew as they experienced the risen Jesus. Jesus surely knew they needed the peace he offered and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as do we who have not seen the Lord and yet have come to believe in him.

FROM DOUBT TO BELIEF

The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and "Doubting Thomas" shows us how to move from doubt to belief, knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesus' time with them. Thomas' doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered him physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.

LIVING FAITH

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas' lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

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Did you know?

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

“Let us find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated.” - Pope Francis

[Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure](#)

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the *2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse* brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online at:

lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month

Meditation Group

St. Joseph's Meditation Group now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information and to receive the Zoom log on information, please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at frmckown@gmail.com or 310-633-1744

Movement For A Better World

“The things we pray for Lord, give us the grace to labor for.” St. Thomas More

Easter Food and Book Distribution: A huge Thank You! to everyone who helped and contributed to our food and gift distributions for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! We brought hope and gratitude to 80 families and over 175 children. The compassionate heart and determination of our parish during this extraordinary holiday season was on full display!

April 14, 7:00 PM Committee Meeting:

Join our online gathering to help us to celebrate and LEARN from possibly the **ministry's MOST extraordinary program year.** Refocus on the status of current ministry needs and personal and financial stewardship.

Special Needs Ministry: We have an active ministry of providing essential needs (refrigerators, stoves, beds, etc.) to our supported families. May we keep you informed of those opportunities? Can you help with a COVID-safe delivery of items? Please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385





RCIA

Welcome to our Catechumens who were baptized and initiated into the church last weekend. This week we welcome our candidates as they make a profession of faith in the church.

RCIA

Catechumens:



Shan



Amy



Justin



Sara



Zachary

Candidates:



Charleen



Anthony



Marin



Matt



How to pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*



On each of the large beads:
 Eternal Father, I offer you the Blood and Water, shed and poured out for me (Point to your heart) and for those of the whole world.

On each of the small beads:
 For the sake of His merciful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

AFTER PRAYING ALL 5 DECADES

Concluding Oration (repeat 3x)
 Eternal God, Most High God, Most Merciful God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Closing Prayer
 Eternal God, in whose mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in all our necessities we might not despair, we beseech you, O God, who are beyond all understanding, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

REPEAT FOR REMAINING DECADES

FOR THE SAKE... 10x

- 1 SIGN OF THE CROSS
- 2 OUR FATHER
- 3 HAIL MARY
- 4 APOSTLE'S CREED
- 5 ETERNAL FATHER

blessed is He

RCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the RCIA process who journey to you.

Strengthen their faith.
 Open their hearts to the fullness of your love.
 Deepen their understanding.
 Set their hearts on fire for the kingdom of God.

We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.
 Amen!

JESUS

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

Presented by MARCELLINO D'AMBROSIO,
JEFF CAVINS, and EDWARD SRI

THE DEFINITIVE STUDY OF **JESUS CHRIST**

The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us know a lot about him already, how well can we say that we really know him?

JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way.

DATES - TIMES - LOCATION

Thursday's starting April 15th (11 weeks) on Zoom from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Study materials are ordered in advance so please register by emailing msanty@verizon.net or calling 562-370-0769 to reserve your materials by April 9th.

COST - REGISTRATION

\$25 for Materials

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