

WELCOME!

Our Lady of the Mountains and All Saints Catholic School



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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 19, 2020



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

Mass Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am

Wednesday 5:30pm

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Spanish) & 5:00pm

**All daily & Weekend Masses are cancelled until
further notice. Weekday Mass at 10am is
livestreamed at www.standrewsv.org**

Other Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick ~ After Mass on First Friday or by
Appointment

Baptism ~ By appointment only. Registration & Baptism
classes required. Please call Parish Office.

Marriage ~ Minimum 6 months advance notice. Please call
Parish Office.

Confessions ~ Saturday 4p.m. or anytime by appointment.



April 18, 2020 ~ Saturday

5:00p.m. ✠Cliff Bondarek, Barbara & Kelly O'Brien
by RayAnn Bondarek

April 19, 2020 ~ Sunday

7:30a.m. ✠Thomas Canter by Jeanette Canter

✠Sal Jaime by Ann Lee

9:30a.m. ✠Joe Pais by Bill & Bobbi Clark

11:30a.m. For the people of the Parish

5:00p.m. ✠Edward Petrovic by Danielle Petrovic

✠John & Philobena Bickler Family by
Gloria Bickler

April 20, 2020 ~ Monday

8:00a.m. ✠Consolacion Balbuena by Wanda Balbuena

April 21, 2020 ~ Tuesday

8:00a.m. Int. for Teresa Mullen by Ann Lee

April 22, 2020 ~ Wednesday

5:30p.m. ✠Jean Davis by Ann Lee

April 23, 2020 ~ Thursday

8:00a.m. ✠Melanie Morrison by Richard Morrison

✠Bernie Jans by Betty Jans

April 24, 2020 ~ Friday

8:00a.m. Int. for Julia Habas by Betty Jans

April 25, 2020 ~ Saturday

5:00p.m. ✠Bill Whitlock & Brooke Coates by
Monica Whitlock

April 26, 2020 ~ Sunday

7:30a.m. ✠Thomas Canter by Jeanette Canter

✠Bob Bennin by Barbara Adric

9:30a.m. ✠Jay Hylsky by Vera Hylsky

11:30a.m. ✠Teresa Aguirre by The Romo Family

5:00p.m. For the people of the Parish

NOTICE

Due to the current situation with the Corona Virus, all daily & weekend Masses are cancelled indefinitely as well as meetings, prayer groups and other activities that would normally go on here at church. Please continue to check our webpage & also at www.diocesetucson.org for current updates. May God bless you all and keep you safe.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes & Confirmation classes are postponed until further notice.



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*

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Adoration I wait for you An Invitation

24 hour Adoration is the Thursday before First Friday of each month. Come and spend an hour with our Lord. Adoration is postponed until further notice.



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The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home of Yolanda Zeugner until April 26th.

Weekly Calendar



All meetings, prayer groups & activities have been cancelled until further notice. We hope to have more information after April 6th.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter

Tuesday: St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day;
Earth Day

Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen;
National Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Mark

SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109)

April 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed church-state issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule's balanced "prayer and work," this monk-scholar, called from his abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today's *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: "Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!" "Faith seeking understanding" was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed "A Prayer for My Friends" and "A Prayer for My Enemies," reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS...

If we become Available and Vulnerable,
we can Expect great things!

We welcome the addition of names of parishioners and family members who are HOSPITALIZED or CRITICALLY ILL. Names of CHRONICALLY ILL PARISHIONERS and FAMILY are in the back of the church. You and your loved ones are in our prayers daily.

Virginia Padia (sister of Barbara Adric) #116, Cesaer Nicolas Herrera (grandson of Esperanza & Nicolas Avitia) #107, Jim Mabery #105, Ted & Mary Alice Adamczyk #109, John & Greta Kimbell #101, Judy Carroll #111, Karen Cox #113, Robert Gunthner (brother of Cecilia Coleman #119), Gregory Coleman (son of Cecilia Coleman #119), MaryLou Esquivel #101, Mark Pottebaum #105, Grace Neal (cousin of Lorene Shough #116), Hipolito Ocasio Perez (brother of Irma Ramos #124), Jim & Julie Hill #107, Arlene Chepinski #108, Cynthia Cary #124, John Knight (brother of Mary Kay Holcomb #101), David Gaston Smith (grandson of Barry & Jean Gaston #124), Alex Jon Neitring (grandson of Daryl Lynn Funke #125, Irma Ramos #124, Juan Lozano #103, Janet Smith (sister of Suzanne DeRosier #119), William Patrick Young (brother of Jerry Young #116), Marie Sloup #110, Boston & Shay Lamoreaux (great grandson & grandson of Teresa Mullen #114), Angela & Antonio Mancillas (friend of Lupe Rulapaugh #109), Bill & Linda Wallace (sister & brother in law of Lupe Rulapaugh #109), Michael Martin (nephew of Phyllis Ballard #103), Terri Plummer (sister of Phyllis Ballard #103), Sandy Martin, Maria Harty & Luisa Limon (friends of Lupe Rulapaugh #109), Lupe Rulapaugh #109, Olga Janchosek #106, Laura & Leon Vander-Heyden #113, Palmer Drews #118, Chloe & Carter Fox (great-grandchildren of Bunnie & Palmer Drews #118), Hans Schaflein (brother of Christa Day #107), Tim Burge Family (friends of Calle Kindred #105), Renee Escamilla (daughter in law of Jesse & Ana Escamilla #114), John & Mike Butler (sons of Calla Kindred #105), Calla Kindred #105

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Weekly Readings, 20 – 26 Apr 2020

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: **St. Anselm**
Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: **Sts. George & Adalbert**
Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**
Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: **St. Mark, Evangelist**
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: **3rd Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21;
Lk 24:13-35



OLM MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 2020

April 1-7	\$7,588.00
April 8-14	\$7,268.00
April 15-21	\$
April 22-28	\$
April 29-30	\$

*Total Church Contributions \$14,856.00

OLM Special Contributions-incl. online giving

Building Maint Fund/Capital Imp.	\$984.00
Rectory Building Fund	\$50.00
Support Our School	\$7,029.00
*Other Church	\$2,438.39

Fiscal Year Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

* Total Church Contributions	\$260,042.23
** Total Other Church Contributions	\$25,177.96
Total Parish Activities/ Other Income	\$20,668.62
Total YTD Contributions/Income	\$305,888.81
YTD Expenses	\$323,412.80
Total year to date income	- \$17,523.99

Annual Fiscal Year Goal

Monthly: 35,000.00 X 12= \$420,000.00
72.83%

Contribution % to date of goal

Current No. of OLM Families: 1010

Easter Sunday Collection as of: 04/14/2020 \$1,345.00



Marriage Tip of the Week

Choose to love everyday, especially in these difficult times "Praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength!" (Pope Francis) Do you pray the rosary as a family? Try it!

MorningOffering.com

You can subscribe free of charge to receive daily via email (these are not all inclusive) meditations for the day, Mass readings to include a homily, verse of the day, Liturgy of the Hours, Saint of the Day, and prayer for the Holy Father.

Fr. Mike has the 10am Mass on Tuesdays via
livestream on the St. Andrew's website. Please see

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19 de Abril de 2020
Segundo Domingo De Pascua
(Domingo De La Divina
Misericordia)

Ministros de la comunión y lectores para
la próxima semana
Programa De Ministerios De Eucarista
Programa De Lectores

Consejo Matrimonial de la Semana



Elija amar todos los días, especialmente en estos tiempos difíciles. "¡Rezar el Rosario juntos, como familia, es muy hermoso y una fuente de gran fortaleza!" (Papa Francisco) ¿Rezan el rosario en familia? ¡Inténtalo!

Misa Transmitida en Vivo

La misa será transmitida en vivo, en español, desde la parroquia de San Andrés Apóstol todos los domingos a las 12 del mediodía hasta nuevo aviso. Acompañanos: <https://standrewsv.org/> o <https://www.youtube.com/c/StAndrewTheApostleRomanCatholicParish>

El grupo de el Rosario de Nstra.Sra. de las Montañas iniciará el Lunes 13 de Abril



La coronilla a la Divina Misericordia a las 3:00pm y... El rezo de el Santo Rosario a las 6:00pm En vivo via Facebook. Todos estan invitados a participar.

Se ofrecerá por todo lo que estamos viviendo, si tienen alguna petición que desea agregar... Por favor llame a Esperanza Avitia al: (520) 249-4623 Gracias Dios les bendiga.



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you give your gift to St.

Vincent de Paul you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.



OLM Council 10799
Grand Knight ~ Aeneas Anderson
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Lady of the Mountains Council 10799
Educational Grant Program

School Year 2019-2020

Our Lady of the Mountains (OLM) Knights of Columbus Council 10799 has established an Educational Scholarship/Grant Program aimed at providing financial assistance to high school seniors or students in college, who are members of *Our Lady of the Mountains Parish* or *Holy Family Catholic Community*, that are pursuing higher education. The Council intends to award **two \$1,000.00 grants** to selected applicants in the Spring of 2020. The Application Packet, which includes selection criteria and application details, can be obtained at the OLM office or from the Program Chairman.

Application Packets must be postmarked (address below) or hand delivered to the Our Lady of the Mountain Parish Office no later than **May 1, 2020**. Note that **application packets received or postmarked after that date may not be considered**. Information furnished in the application packet, or given at any time during the selection process, will be held in strict confidence and will not be returned. Address for Application Packet submittal is as follows:

Knights of Columbus, OLM Council 10799

ATTN: Educational Grant Program

1425 E. Yaqui Street

Sierra Vista, Arizona 85650

Please, contact Patrick Ledger, Program Chairman, at (520) 559-4449 or <mailto:pfledger@gmail.com> with any questions you may have. OLM Council 10799 extends our best wishes to all graduates and students, especially to all applicants, and we pray you have a very successful future

Wheelchairs & walkers are available to anyone in need of one. Please contact Chuck at 234-4120.

All Saints Catholic School



Open enrollment is now open for all grades. Scholarships are available. Please call the school office or check the website at www.ascsaz.org

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the school is closed until the end of the year. Teachers are emailing students with their assignments. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this very difficult time.

A special **"Thank You"** to the teachers who come in daily to work on assignments and get them to our students.



RCIA Corner

Today is the Sunday of Divine Mercy, it is the eighth day of Easter, the day that completes the Paschal Octave.

Scripture is replete with examples

of divine mercy, foremost among them Christ's sacrifice on the cross, let us give praise and thanks for God's mercy. For more Information please contact Deacon José at jhnunez@diocesetucson.org.

Family Faith Formation

GOSPELS AND QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

2nd Sunday of Easter, John 20: 19-31

Encouraging Others

April 19

Adults: *We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty. What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?*

Children/Youth: *What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?*

Next Week's Gospel Preparation

3rd Sunday of Easter, Luke 24: 13-35

Recognizing The Lord

April 26

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. From 1928 to 1938, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska and urged her to spread devotion to his Divine Mercy. He taught her the chaplet of Divine Mercy and encouraged her to pray it especially for sinners and for the sick and dying. Although prayers are appropriate at any time of the day, it is suggested that the Divine Mercy Chaplet be said at 3:00 p.m. or during the three o'clock hour in memory of the hour in which Christ died on the cross.

Christ asked that the chaplet be recited as a novena and gave St. Faustina specific intentions for each of the nine days. The novena is usually prayed beginning on Good Friday, leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday.

On April 30, 2000, the day he canonized St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II established this feast for the universal Church. Christ promised St. Faustina that those devoted to his Divine Mercy would receive great mercy at the hour of death.

The chaplet may be said at all times of the year and may be especially appropriate during this time as a prayer for those sick and dying of the coronavirus.

To pray the Chaplet use a rosary. Make the Sign of the Cross then pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed.

On the Our Father bead of each decade pray;
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten beads of each decade, pray:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

After praying each of the five decades conclude by reciting the following prayer three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.



Reflection for the Second Sunday of Easter

Poor Thomas. He always gets a bad rap as being the doubter. To tell the truth, all the apostles were having trouble believing that the Lord is Risen. Jesus had to convince them that he was not a ghost by asking them give him food, by touching him and examining his hands and feet. Thomas was just a latecomer who struggled with believing the testimony of the others. Thomas, when he did see the Lord, made the greatest profession of faith of all time: **"My Lord and My God!"** This is the prayer so many of us pray when we see Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The risen Lord is truly among us.

However, as important as Thomas' reaction to seeing Our Lord is for us to read and reflect on, the first part of the Gospel in many ways is more important. The Apostles being the first Bishops and priests who had received their ordination at the Last Supper, now were given a share in Our Lord's healing ministry to forgive sins. This is the origin the Sacrament of Reconciliation and of Divine Mercy Sunday. We see Our Lord preparing his new priests to be able to go out into the world to share his love and healing and forgiveness.

We can learn from the apostles that like Thomas, Our Lord has patience with us. He gives us chances to repent, to learn, to be healed and to grow. As Christians we are all given the power to forgive one another. Just listen to the words of the *Our Father*: *"forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."* As we have received the Lord's forgiveness through our Baptism, we are able to know the Lord's mercy by our forgiving one another.

Finally, as this time of quarantine wears on and sometimes nerves get frayed, let us draw from the well of Divine Mercy to help us forgive and heal one another that we may always reflect the love and mercy of Our Most Merciful Lord in our lives.

*In Christ,
Fr. Mike*

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME



American Samoa, an archipelago of seven islands in the South Pacific and the only United States territory south of the equator, is located over 500 miles closer to New Zealand than it is to Hawaii. Over 97% of the territory's population lives on the largest Island, Tutuila, leaving the small number of residents in the outlying Manu'a islands to be served by one catechist and one priest, who visits monthly to celebrate Mass and to bring sacraments to the faithful. Despite these limited resources, the residents of Manu'a are growing in faith, with more becoming interested in being baptized and welcomed into the Church.

Your generosity has helped sustain this invaluable ministry to the faithful in the isolated environment of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago. By supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), you continue a tradition of support for mission dioceses in the United States dating back to 1924.

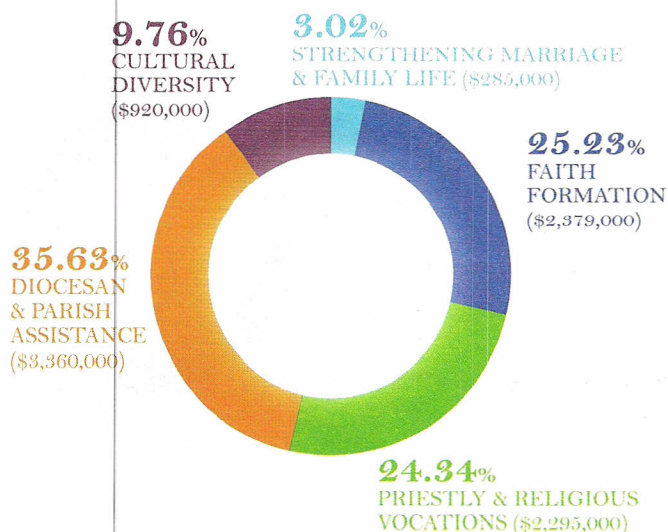
Support CHMA and strengthen the Church at home.

For more information about the Catholic home missions, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

What Is a Home Mission Diocese?

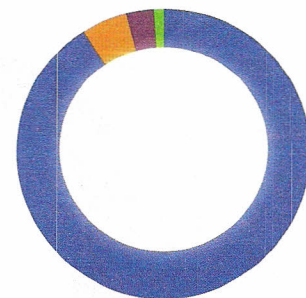
Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and the other sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Right now, over 40 % of dioceses are considered home missions.

WHAT DOES YOUR GIFT FUND? 2018 FINANCIALS



• Grants and Donations:	\$9,656,709
• Program Costs:	\$569,822
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses:	\$280,078
• Administrative Expenses:	\$85,008

Total Expenses: \$10,591,617



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Strengthening the Church at Home

FORTALECIENDO LA IGLESIA EN CASA



El archipiélago de siete islas en el Pacífico sur, llamado Samoa Americana y único territorio estadounidense al sur de la línea ecuatorial, se encuentra a más de 500 millas más cerca de Nueva Zelanda que de Hawái. Más del 97% de la población de ese territorio vive en Tutuila, la isla más grande, dejando a un pequeño número de residentes en las islas periféricas de Manu'a quienes solo tienen un catequista y un sacerdote que les prestan servicios allí. El sacerdote visita a los fieles una vez al mes para celebrar la Misa y llevarles los sacramentos. A pesar de los limitados recursos, los residentes de Manu'a están creciendo en la fe y muchos

están interesados en ser bautizados y ser recibidos en la Iglesia.

Su generosidad ha ayudado a mantener este invaluable ministerio para los fieles en esa zona aislada de la Diócesis de Samoa-Pago Pago. Al apoyar al Llamado de las Misiones Católicas (CHMA), ustedes continúan con una tradición que empezó en 1924 de brindar su apoyo a las diócesis misioneras en los Estados Unidos.

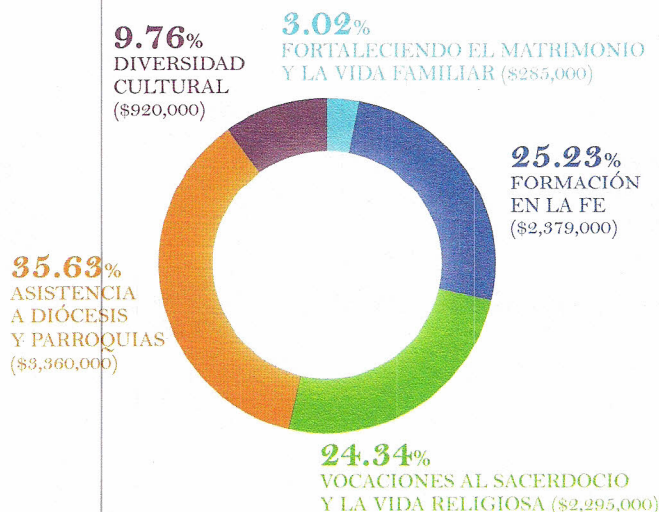
Apoyen a CHMA y fortalezcan la Iglesia en casa.

Para más información acerca de las misiones católicas, visiten www.usccb.org/home-missions.

¿Que es una diócesis Misionera?

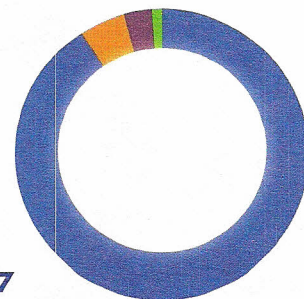
Las diócesis misioneras son aquellas diócesis en los Estados Unidos, en sus territorios y antiguos territorios, que no pueden proveer los servicios pastorales básicos a católicos sin recibir ayuda de fuera. Los servicios pastorales básicos incluyen la Misa y los otros sacramentos, la educación religiosa y la capacitación en el ministerio para sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosas y laicos. En el presente, más del 40% de las diócesis es considerada diócesis misionera.

¿QUÉ FINANCIA SU DONATIVO? DISTRIBUCIÓN RECIENTE DE LOS FONDOS



- Subvenciones y donaciones: \$9,656,709
- Costos del programa: \$569,822
- Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos: \$280,078
- Gastos administrativos: \$85,008

Total de gastos: \$10,591,617



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Do not fear: I am with you;
do not be anxious:
I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
I will help you,
I will uphold you.
~ Isaiah 41:10



Treasures From Our Tradition

One of the great Easter traditions is “mystagogy,” an ancient word meaning “reflection on the mysteries.” It is a style of catechesis, or passing on the faith. People who have shared an experience, in this case those who have been baptized at Easter, are urged to recall their experience, reflect on its meaning, and apply their insights to their new way of life.

There is an aspect of an experience that is simply not available until you’ve had it. For example, you may think you know weddings inside out; you’ve been to dozens, seen hundreds in the movies or on television, but until you’ve said “I do” to another, there is a certain knowledge unavailable to you. Those who go down into the waters of baptism as adults have similar experiences; they have all taken baths before, but not like this one! Mystagogy helps such persons to uncover the deep meaning of the experience, their sense of a new beginning, of God’s abundant love, of forgiveness, of community.

It takes time for the power of the Easter Vigil to work its wonders for us. Those who are newly baptized are called “neophytes,” meaning “newly planted.” The tender buds of spring need care and nurturing, and our new brothers and sisters need your prayer and your faithful example.

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Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

You Should’ve Been There!

Most of us have had the misfortune of missing something important simply by being absent, and then hearing about what happened. In today’s reading, unique to John’s Gospel, Thomas is the only apostle who was not around when Jesus appeared to his friends for the first time after his death and resurrection. They were frightened and grieving, not knowing what would happen to them.

Remember, they found themselves to be fugitives, seemingly guilty by association with a criminal executed by government officials. Suddenly, Jesus was with them, beaming peace and mercy to his fragile followers. What joy! What a shock, too!

We will never know why Thomas had left their hiding

Divine Mercy Prayer

You expired, O Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for souls
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole
world.

O Fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world
and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us,

I trust in You.

Amen.

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place. All we know is that he returned to wild stories about Jesus being alive after dying a brutal death. He must have thought that the other apostles in their grief had a shared delusion of what they wished were true. When Thomas finally saw Jesus, he gave what is considered the most profound profession of faith: “My Lord and my God!” In his tender mercy, Jesus ministered to Thomas by helping him to see for himself.

We Walk By Faith

But what of us? The early Christian community could only trust the words of these same apostles, the ones Thomas couldn’t believe, when they preached Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Who could believe what they said? The Holy Spirit, breathed upon the disciples in that first encounter, emanated so powerfully from them that they were able to convene seemingly utopian communities of faith. Filled with “divine mercy,” their lives became an evangelization to the world.

And this is how we too are sent out, like the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit and bearing the Lord’s peace and mercy to a troubled, suffering world. The wounds of Jesus are very real today in the needy and broken. May we always work to bind up those wounds wherever we find them.

Today’s Readings: Acts 2:42–47; Ps 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 Pt 1:3–9; Jn 20:19–31

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