

Show Me

In many areas of life, we indulge our natural cynicism, pessimism and doubt. It's easy to be a skeptic because there is so little we can be absolutely certain of. Whether we're talking about history, science, love or even our faith, doubt is always there. Thomas the Apostle, the center of attention in today's gospel passage, gives a classic example of uncertainty, about the most fundamental fact of his faith: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this instant, Thomas, truly earns that nickname of "twin," to us. We can relate with his reaction to the stories of Christ's Resurrection, because we, too, are a mixture of fear and doubt, of cynicism and trust, of belief and unbelief. We have all been swamped by the same deadly doubt. But joyously as well, we can be twinned with Thomas as his faith is made new. As he kneels before Jesus proclaiming "my Lord and my God" may we too find that the doubt which first shakes our faith, can be the very stuff which strengthens it as well.

Answers to What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. (c) Zechariah (or Zachary) was the father of John the Baptist. After John's birth Zechariah praised God in a song of praise called the "Canticle of Zechariah," or the "Benedictus" (Luke 1:68-79) which is prayed each day by the Church as part of Morning Prayer.
2. (a) The Dead Sea Scrolls represent a portion of the library of the Essenes, a group that lived a highly structured life in the desert from the second century B.C. to the second century A.D.
3. (c) The English word comes from the Hebrew word pesah, and refers to death passing over the homes of the Israelites when the rest of Egypt was struck down (Exodus 12:13).
4. (b) After Jesus' challenge, John's Gospel (8:3-9) reports that everyone walked away.
5. (a) From 1981 visionaries reported seeing the Virgin Mary at Medjugorje. The shrine there continues to attract pilgrims.

NEXT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

- May 6: Collection for Lazarus
- June 2: Catholic Communications
- June 16: Seminarians
- July 7: Peter's Pence
- July 21: Mission Co-op



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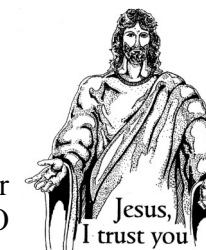


"Every Catholic an Apostle"

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28, 2019

Divine Mercy



O God, Your mercy knows no bounds and the treasure of Your goodness is infinite ..." (Prayer after the Te Deum Hymn) and "O God, You reveal Your almighty power above all by showing mercy and forgiveness ..." (Prayer for the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time), in these prayers, Holy Mother Church humbly and faithfully sings of Divine Mercy.

Indeed, God's great patience with the human race in general and with each individual person shines out in a special way when sins and moral failures are forgiven by Almighty God Himself and the guilty are readmitted in a father like way to His friendship, which they deservedly lost.

Duty of honoring Divine Mercy: The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. They clearly understand the supreme benefit, indeed the duty, that the People of God have to praise Divine Mercy with special prayers and, at the same time, they realize that by gratefully performing the works required and satisfying the necessary conditions, they can obtain spiritual benefits that derive from the Treasury of the Church.

"The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world" (Encyclical Letter Dives in misericordia, n. 7).

It is God's mercy that grants supernatural sorrow, and resolution to amend. Indeed, Divine Mercy knows how to pardon even the most serious sins, and in doing so it moves the faithful to perceive a supernatural, not merely psychological, sorrow for their sins so that, ever with the help of divine grace, they may make a firm resolution not to sin any more.

Such spiritual dispositions undeniably follow upon the forgiveness of mortal sin when the faithful fruitfully receive the Sacrament of Penance or repent of their sin with an act of perfect charity and perfect contrition, with the resolution to receive the Sacrament of Penance as soon as they can. Indeed, Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us in the parable of the Prodigal Son that the sinner must confess his misery to God saying: "Father I have sinned against heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son" (Lk 15:18-19), realizing that this is a work of God, "for [he] was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found" (Lk 15:32).

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday: And so with provident pastoral sensitivity and in order to impress deeply on the souls of the faithful these precepts and teachings of the Christian faith, the Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II, moved by the consideration of the Father of Mercy, has willed that the Second Sunday of Easter be dedicated to recalling with special devotion these gifts of grace and gave this Sunday the name, "Divine Mercy Sunday"

(Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Decree Misericors et miserator, May 5, 2000).

OFFICE HOURS AND STAFF:

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MASS SCHEDULE (EST)

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9am

Wed: 12:05pm Followed by Adoration

WEEKEND MASSES (EST)

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. English

Sunday: 8:30, 11:30 a.m., and 5p.m.

7:00 p.m. En Español

Holy Days—as announced

PARISH COUNCIL: Second Monday of the month in the Parish Hall, 5:30 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Every other month on the Third Monday of in the Parish Hall, at 5:30 pm

OUTREACH SCHEDULE: Wed. & Fridays 9 to 11:30am **THE THRIFT STORE** open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10a.m.—2p.m.

SACRAMENTS: For preparation and available dates for the sacraments: Baptisms, Matrimony, or a special Mass, please speak directly with Fr. David or call the office.

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Helpful Numbers

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Regular Collection: \$ 4,469.30
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PRO-LIFE ROSARY, Every Saturday 5p.m.
Mass Intentions for this week
Saturday, April 27, 2019: 5:30pm Mass Dorothy Beetz (+)
Sunday, April 28, 2019: 8:30 am Mass (English)
 11:30 am Mass (English)
 5:00 pm Mass (English)
 7:00p.m. (Spanish)
Tuesday, April 30, 2019: 9am Mass
Wednesday, May 1, 2019: 12:05 Mass Joe Liss (+)
Thursday, May 2, 2019: 9am Mass
Friday, May 3, 2019: 9am Isabel Salort; Rolando Marrero; Pedro Marrero; Manuel Marrero; Orlando Colón; Gregorio Colón; Hortensia Alfonso; Andrea Silva; Jose Luis Silva; Carlos Juan Colón; Marcos Joel Rivera.

Scriptures for April 28—May 5, 2019

Apr 28: Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-13,17-19; John 20:19-31
Apr 29: Acts 4: 23-31, Ps 2: 1-3. 4-7a. 7b-9, Jn 3: 1-8
Apr 30: Acts 4: 32-37, Ps 93: 1ab. 1cd-2. 5, Jn 3: 7b-15
May 01: Acts 5: 17-26, Ps 34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9, Jn 3: 16-21
May 02: Acts 5: 27-33, Ps 34: 2 ,9. 17-18. 19-20, Jn 3: 31-36
May 03: Acts 5: 34-42, Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14, Jn 6: 1-15
May 04: Acts 6: 1-7, Ps 33: 1-2. 4-5. 18-19, Jn 6: 16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

ALTAR FLOWERS: Call the office to reserve a date for your floral offering to God in memory or honor of a love one (334) 298-9025.



EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS:

Father David: (229) 205-8520
 Father Marco: (334) 540-1445
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For all other inquires please call parish office during



April 28, 2019 John 20:19-31

What are we locking out?

So often in our lives, we put our faith in a strong door and a trusty bolt. The feeling of being safe and secure is based on those physical or emotional walls we can build for ourselves, like children creating blanket forts under the dining room table. We pile up barricades against the things we fear, and believe in their protection, forgetting the power and the presence of God. Just as Jesus appeared in the upper room to His disciples, while they huddled behind locked doors in fear, he appears in each of our lives, behind our false walls and defenses. He is suddenly in our midst, saying "peace" to fearful hearts. He reveals his risen self to us, as he did to the disciples that day, reminding us that we are never alone, and that He is the only true security. The power of the resurrected Christ means we have nothing to fear once we stop hiding behind locked doors, and open our hearts to Him.

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LAZARUS: We are in need of the following products: can vegetables, soup, and fruit, tooth paste and adult tooth brushes, toilet paper, ladies feminine products. God bless you for your generosity!

Child Protection Policy:

The clergy, religious, and laity who serve in the ministries of the Diocese of Mobile are committed to making Church ministries safe for young people. Allegations of misconduct with minors are reported as the law requires and an internal investigation is conducted. A copy of the diocesan policy is available on the diocesan website (www.mobarch.org) or by contacting your pastor. A complaint of misconduct may be reported directly to civil authorities. In addition, a complaint may be reported to the Diocese of Mobile by calling the phone number on the diocesan website at 251-434-1559.

BLESSING OF AGING: Everyone is invited to join us every Wednesday from May 15 thru June 12 @ 10am in the Parish Hall. For questions please contact Claudette Burque: caburque@bellsouth.com.



Marriage Minute

Finances aren't always fun, but they can be! Take a date night to look at the budget and share some dreams. End it with a favorite dessert.



PARISHIONERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS:

Jake Ryan, Jed Hardy and Greg Craig are deployed please keep them in your prayers.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Hermenegildo Benitez, Carmela Lugo, Roxana Navarro, Hannolore Davis, Harry Sellers, Jim Lowery, Gary Nearhoof, Emerson Horner, Roger Sigmon, Sr. Judy Jones, Carol Blythe, Thomas Walton, Donna Hershey, Maria Laura, Oscar & Betty Horton, Eugenie Konde-Ayinde, Carol Blythe. Your love one's name will appear on our list for at least four consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please renew your request by calling the office. Thank you.

PRAYER CHAIN: We want to help you storm heaven with special requests. Call Irene at (706) 888-1684.



- **Happy Birthday!**
- **May 11: Miguel Lopez**
- **May 16: Barney Herrera**
- **May 18: Urbano Benitez Cruz**
- **May 19: Ralph Green**
- **May 25: Gary Nearhoof**
- **Chase Guermonprez**
- **May 31: Fr. Rigoberto Chavez S.T.**

- **Congratulations on your Wedding Anniversary!**
- **April 28: Ron & Joan Lowery**
- **May 28: Betty & Will Alexander Wedding Ann.**
- **May 31: Pam & Roger Sigmon Wedding Ann.**
- **Fr. Tom Weise Ordination Anniversary!**

• **Have a Birthday or Anniversary**



Religious Education: Many exciting things happening in our Parish! Have you been thinking about volunteering for something? Consider volunteering for the RE programs Catholic VBS, and Cooking Class! It is a great time! Call: 334-540-5329 for more information.

Confirmation is being held on 13 July 2019. The RE school year ends in May, therefore; we have added addition dates for your confirmation student to attend. They are: 26 May, 9 June, and 7 July @ 4:00 pm, lasting until 6:00 pm. If you have any questions please let me know. God is Good!

- **11 May 2019 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Retreat – Mandatory.**
- **18 May 2019 – 12:00 pm (noon) – 1st Holy Communion Arrive 1 hour early for pictures.**
- **25 May 2019 – Confirmation Interviews.**
- **17 – 21 June 2019 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) Catholic VBS – ROAR**
- **13 July 2019 – 11:30 am – Confirmation – Must arrive 1 hour early.**
- **14 -19 July 2019 – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) Kids Cooking Class.**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)! Its for anyone that would like to learn more about our Faith. Adult Formation meets every Thursday from 6:45 pm, until 8:00 pm. All are welcome!

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

1. The parents of John the Baptist were Elizabeth and (a) Amos; (b) Peter;(c) Zechariah; (d) Zerubbabel
2. The community of Jews described in the Dead Sea Scrolls is known as the (a) Essenes; (b) Sadducees; (c) Herodians; (d) Maccabees
3. The Jewish feast that remembers Israel's release from slavery in Egypt is (a) Hanukkah; (b) the Feast of Booths; (c) Passover; (d) Yom Kippur
4. Jesus said that the one to throw the first stone at the woman who had been caught in adultery should be (a) her partner in adultery; (b) the one without sin; (c) the chief priest; (d) the oldest rabbi present
5. In the late 1900s a group of young people reported having visions of the Blessed Mother in (a) Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina; (b) Lourdes, France; (c) Fatima, Portugal; (d) Knock, Ireland

Answers are in the back!